



Newsletter No 028 – 4 May 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

This week Y1 have performed their show Jack and the Beanstalk. I hope parents/carers enjoyed it. The staff and children worked so hard and it was wonderful to watch!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Monday 7 May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 8 May	Phil the Bag collection (see details in the Friends section)

Good Manners Cup

This week Buster the Good Manners Dog went to Sun Bear Class, the Good Manners Shield went to Koala Class and the Good Manners Cup went to Turtle Class.

Well done to those classes!

Attendance

Our current attendance figure is 95.74%.

Congratulations to Stingray class who have 100% attendance this week! That is 2 classes in a row with 100% attendance! Who will it be next? Look out for Stingray class' photo in the gallery by the school office!

100% attendance

Thank you for your continued support with your children's attendance. Today we celebrated those children who have had 100% attendance this month – they have come home with special stickers. Some children have a different special sticker because they have 100% attendance for the whole year so far! Well done!

Daily Run

This week we have run 229 laps of the playground in total which makes our "running" total approximately 525 kms.

We have are still heading to Spain and aim to be there shortly.



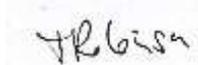
Sports Events

In the past few weeks we have taken part in tournaments against other local schools, Y1 in handball and Y2 in football. It was a good experience for all involved and Motcombe did well in both tournaments, coming 3rd and 4th in the handball and both football teams coming second in their competitions. Thank you to all the children that represented Motcombe brilliantly in these events.

Mr Devlin

Lost Property

The lost property box is filling up fast. Please remember to label your child's clothing so that it can be returned to them.



Tracy Robinson, Head Teacher

Friends of Motcombe

Don't forget it's 'Phil the Bag' on Tuesday 8 May. Have a sort out over the bank holiday weekend!! Fill as many bags (bin liners, carrier bags, pillow cases, etc) with the following items: clothing, belts, hats, bags, shoes, sheets, bedding and towels. Please do not include curtains, pillows, duvets, sleeping bags or tent canvas. There will be a collection point at the main school gates or, in the event of rain, under the shelter by the office. Every bag and every item counts – the more our donations weigh, the more money we receive for our school.

We need your help! If you shop online, please could you sign up to easyfundraising.org.uk to support Motcombe School?

It's a really easy way to raise money for us – you just use the easyfundraising site to shop online with more than 3,300 well known online stores like Amazon, eBay, Argos, John Lewis, M&S, ASOS, Booking.com, and the major supermarkets. When you make a purchase, the retailer sends us a free donation, at no extra cost to you.

We want to raise as much as possible, so please visit our easyfundraising page at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/motcombeschool/> and click 'join us'.

Clare

Chair of the Friends

YR News

We have had lots of fun this week looking at all your baby photos! We have been talking about how we have changed since we were babies and thinking about what babies need to keep them healthy.

In Maths this week we have learnt the counting in 5s pattern. We will keep practising this and will begin to use it next week to make tally charts.

In Letters and Sounds this week we have learnt to read the 'tricky' words, 'like' and 'was'.

We have now learnt to read all these digraphs and trigraphs: sh, ch, th/th, ng, oo/oo, igh, oa, ar, ow, or, ur, er, oi, air, ear, ure.

and these 'tricky' words:

I, to, the, no, go, he, she, was, my, you, they, her, are, all, said, so, like and was.

Please help us to look out for them in our books when we are reading at home! Thank you!

Home challenge

Next week we will be using the maths skills we have been learning recently to halve and share healthy snacks with our friends. Please bring in a healthy snack **on Tuesday** to share with a few friends (for example, an apple, an orange, some grapes, a box of raisins, some carrot or cucumber sticks, breadsticks etc). Please remember that we are a nut-free school.

We have been thinking about how we grow and we have also been learning to count in 5s. Can you and everyone in your family each do a handprint. Compare the sizes of your different hands. Whose hand is biggest? Whose is smallest? Who has the longest hand? Who has the shortest hand? Can you put the handprints in order of their size? For an extra challenge, can you count in 5s to find out how many fingers are in your family? Put your work and your thinking and talking on Tapestry to show us.

Y1 News

The children have had a very busy but fantastic week performing their show three times. Once to the whole school and twice to parents and visitors. We are so incredibly proud of them for all their hard work and amazing performance. Well done Y1!

During Phonics sessions this week, we have been revising all the 'ow' and 'oa' families and trying to remember which 'ow' or 'oa' digraph or phoneme to put in each word - boat (oa), snow (ow), rope (o-e), oe (toes), pony (o).

In English we had another phone call from George the giant, telling us he was lonely and needed a friend. The children thought of which traditional tales character would make a good friend and wrote about their character using adjectives and conjunctions.

In Maths we have been exploring money. It would be great if children could help when going shopping and be shown the different coins and notes at home.

In Science we are looking at plants and flowers. The children went on a lovely walk around the school seeing what plants they could spot and name. Next week we will be looking carefully at the parts of a flower and would be very grateful if your child could bring in a flower Wednesday morning.

Y2 News

In English this week we have continued our work on superheroes. We have read the book 'Eliot Midnight Superhero' and thought about how to describe his character using adjectives and adverbs. We have also thought about which superhero we would like to be and which powers and skills we would have.

In Maths, we have continued our work on problem solving using +, -, x and \div . We have also revisited 2D and 3D shapes and have been exploring their properties, such as how many sides, faces and vertices they have.

We have been continuing our science experiment this week and observing the effects the different liquids are having on our daffodils. We have had some very surprising results! Please ask your child about which liquid we concluded was the best to keep flowers fresh for longer.

Motcombe School Governing Body

If you would like to find out about the role of the Governing Body or wish to contact a member, please contact the Clerk to the Governing Body via email govsclerk@motcombe.e-sussex.sch.uk.

Alternatively, please follow this link for further information
<http://motcombe.e-sussex.sch.uk/the-governing-body/>