



**Newsletter No 029 – 11 May 2018**

Dear Parents/Carers

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
<b>Monday 14 May</b>	Dolphin Class trip
<b>Tuesday 15 May</b>	Y2 - Butterfly Mosaics
<b>Wednesday 16 May</b>	Y2 – Butterfly Mosaics

**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 Puffer Fish Class.

Well done to those classes!

**Attendance**

Our current attendance figure is 95.75%.

Congratulations to Stingray class who have 100% attendance this week! Excellent! Look out for their photo outside the school office.

**Daily Run**

This week we have run 213 laps of the playground in total which makes our "running" total approximately 556 kms.

We have run a grand total of 2460 laps which is amazing and are heading down towards Spain.



**Tracy Robinson, Head Teacher**

**Reminders**

A reminder that children must bring their water bottles and a hat to school, especially now that the weather is getting warmer.

If you wish to speak to your child's teacher, please make an appointment with them via the school office. There is always a member of staff on the door in the morning so you may pass a message to the teacher via them. Teachers are busy with the children's early learning from 8.50am.

**Friends of Motcombe**

A reminder that we are busy preparing for the Summer Fair. Class Representatives will be coming round with rotas for your class stall or game.

All help is much appreciated.

Orders for the Y2 Motsy Bears are now being taken until Friday 8 June.

*Claire*

### **Chair of the Friends**

#### **YR News**

Our caterpillars have turned into chrysalides! We have been thinking about how long it will take for them to turn into butterflies. We are waiting very patiently!

Thank you for the healthy snacks you sent in. We have used our maths skills to share them with our friends, cutting things in half, sharing them out equally and checking that we all have the same amount and even using some of our counting in 2s, 5s and 10s skills.

In Letters and Sounds this week we have learnt to read the 'tricky' word, 'there'.

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, was and there.

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

Home challenge. We have been talking about ways to stay healthy. What healthy things will you do this weekend? Perhaps exercising, getting a good night's sleep or eating healthily. We would especially like to know and understand what the children are thinking about ways to keep healthy.

- Perhaps you could film your child telling us about what you do to be healthy and why it helps us to stay healthy.
- You might write the words that they say, in quotation marks, for example, 'I had a healthy snack at the park. I had grapes and breadsticks. Healthy snacks make me strong!'
- Perhaps your child could even type onto tapestry about the healthy things they do, listening to the sounds in the words and typing the letters. (You might need to write a 'translation' alongside what they have typed, to make sure that we understand what it says!).

#### **Y1 News**

During Phonics sessions this week, we have been revising how to read words with adjacent consonants in (more than one consonant that go together in words). e.g. stripe (str), hutch (tch), nest (st). It would be great if children could look out for these in their reading books at home and make sure they sound and blend the words carefully.

In English we have been retelling the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. The children made their own lovely story maps and used these to rewrite the whole story.

In Maths we have carried on exploring money. We have practiced recognising each coin and their value by trying to find as many ways as possible to make a given amount. e.g. 42p. Some children also got to have their own shop, taking turns to be the shop keeper and a customer.

In Science we labelled the basic parts of a flower and looked very closely at the flowers we brought in. Thank you to all those that gave your child flowers to bring in. They had a lovely time sharing these with each other.

Next week some children will be making their own sock puppets, using the materials they brought in the maths shop activity. We would be very grateful if your child could bring in an adult sized sock on Monday to use for their sock puppet.

## **Y2 News**

We have been creating our own superheroes this week and thinking about what special powers they would have. We have been remembering to use our adjectives to describe what we would look like and what our costume would look like.

In Maths we have been exploring shape, space and measures. We have been looking at lines of symmetry within shapes and investigating whether they have more than one line of symmetry. We have been looking for 2D and 3D shapes in and around the school and discussing the properties of these shapes with our talk partners.

### **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](mailto:govsclerk@motcombe.e-sussex.sch.uk).

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