



**Newsletter No 030 – 18 May 2018**

Dear Parents/Carers

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
<b>Monday 21 May</b>	Class Photographs (Elephant Class will be first before their trip) Elephant Class trip
<b>Tuesday 22 May</b>	YR Trip
<b>Thursday 24 May</b>	Y2 Trip
<b>Friday 25 May</b>	Y2 Expert Day – 9.15am <b>Y2 children may come to school dressed as a superhero!</b> YR Expert Day – 2.30pm Friends Cake Sale – 3.00pm End of Term
<b>Monday 4 June</b>	Term 6 Begins
<b>Friday 8 June</b>	Mufti Day in support of the Rockinghorse Charity (see info below)

**Good Manners Cup**

This week Buster the Good Manners Dog went to Panda Class, the Good Manners Shield went to Elephant Class and the Good Manners Cup went to Turtle Class.

Well done to those classes!

**Attendance**

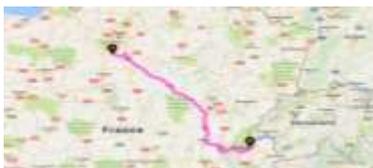
Our current attendance figure is 95.77%.

Congratulations to Puffer Fish class who have the highest attendance this week at 98.89%.

**Daily Run**

This week we have run 321 laps of the playground in total which makes our "running" total approximately 602 kms.

We have run a grand total of 2781 laps which is amazing! We have stopped in Geneva in Switzerland for a break.



**Y2**

**Walk up the Hill** - For our walk up the hill next Thursday, please send your child to school in long trousers and trainers or closed-in comfortable shoes. Please also remember to send their water bottle and if necessary a sun hat (please apply sunscreen to them before school).

If you have a pair of binoculars that your child can carry it would be lovely if they can bring those too!

**Y2 Expert Day** – We look forward to seeing you at our 'Superheroes' Expert Day next week at 9.15am. Your child may come dressed as a superhero on that day!

**Y2 Swimming** – A reminder that swimming lessons start on Thursday 7 June – you will have received a letter with details. A copy is available from the office if you require one.

**Drop off and Pick up time**

Please do not leave messages for the teacher on the list for pick-up arrangements. Please inform the adult on the door so that they pass this message on to your child's teacher straight away.

We are receiving an increasing number of phone calls from parents/carers during the day to ask for their child/children to go to another class to be collected by someone else. Due to this time of the day being very busy, unless you have the arrangement that your child goes to their sibling class on a daily basis, children must be collected from their own class at the end of the day.

**Lost Property**

The lost property box is full again so another reminder to label your child's clothes/belongings. It is very easy to return lost items to your child if they are named.

**Cool Milk**

If your child is entitled to Pupil Premium, school will provide them with milk each day. Please collect a form from the office if you wish to check if your child is entitled to Pupil Premium, or a milk form if they already are entitled to it.

**Rockinghorse Charity – Muffi Day**

This week we received this letter from a pupil at Ocklynge School. What a kind and thoughtful thing to do.

Dear Head teacher

Please can your school hold a muffi day for the rockinghorse charity

In 2015 my baby brother was born early and was poorly. He needs help from doctors that this charity supports.

I would like to say thankyou for saving my baby brother and raise money so they can help other children.

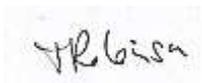
I am in year 3 at ocklynge school and we will also be fundraising for the rockinghorse charity.

I would be really happy if your school can could participate.

Thank you for reading from cian

The Rockinghorse Children's Charity brings hope to families in challenging times, improving the quality of life for the most vulnerable children in Sussex. <https://www.rockinghorse.org.uk>

We will be having a Muffi Day on Friday 8 June in support of Cian's fundraising request.



**Tracy Robinson, Head Teacher**

## **Friends of Motcombe**

### **Cake Sale**

We will be holding an end of term cake sale on Friday 25 May from 3.00pm outside the front of the school (or under the office shelter in the event of rain). Please bring in your delicious contributions on the morning of the cake sale and leave them on the trolleys located at the school gates ready for collection. We welcome all home-made and shop bought cakes. Please remember that Motcombe is a nut free school. If you are available to spare some time to help with the cake sale, please contact the Friends at [motcombefriends@hotmail.com](mailto:motcombefriends@hotmail.com). We would love to hear from you.

### **Summer Fair**

Our Summer Fair is happening on Saturday 7 July, 11.00am to 2.00pm. This promises to be a fun family event with activities including traditional games, a bouncy castle, pony rides, entertainment arena, and a fire engine courtesy of East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service. There will also be a BBQ and refreshments.

Every class is designated their own stall/game to run for the fair and in the coming weeks your class representatives will be coming to you all, armed with a rota, asking for volunteers. All we ask is for half an hour to an hour of your time during the fair and your children are welcome (and encouraged) to help too! Thank you for your support.

*Claire*

### **Chair of the Friends**

#### **YR News**

Some of our butterflies have hatched! We are waiting for the last ones to emerge – it is very exciting!

This week we have been reading the story, 'Bog Baby'. The children have listened to the description of the Bog Baby and have used this description to make their own Bog Babies from playdough and other resources. We have been writing about our Bog Babies and some of us have even written our own Bog Baby stories.

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

We have also learnt to spell the tricky words 'they' and 'are'.

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, there and one.

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

Home challenge What rules do you think we should have to keep us all safe and happy at the farm next Tuesday? Write them down or make a film of yourself telling us and put your work on Tapestry.

#### **Y1 News**

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

In English we have been retelling different traditional tales. The children each picked their favourite traditional tale and rewrote the story, making sure they remembered the correct punctuation and included some openers.

In Maths we have revisited division and been exploring both sharing and grouping as methods to solve division problems.

In Geography we have been looking at aspects of our local environment that have changed / are changing. We then thought about what area of the school we would like to improve and what we could have there instead.

On Monday the children will be writing a diary entry about their weekend, so we very much look forward to hearing about what they have done. They will also be creating their own flowers using recycled materials next week. Please could your child bring in anything (recycled materials) that they would particularly like to use to create their flower by Thursday. Thank you.

### **Y2 News**

In English we have been writing our own superhero stories. We used the characters we created last week and wrote an exciting adventure for them to go on. We have also created our own comic strips using our characters.

In DT we have begun to create our superhero bags. We have been using our fantastic sewing skills to stitch the pocket on to the front and will be finishing them next week. We have also been making model superheroes out of plasticine and seeing how far we can stretch them.

In Maths we have been recapping all of our learning from this term including multiplication and division.

### **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).

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