



Newsletter No 031 – 25 May 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

The school was full of superheroes for Y2 Expert Day today.

We hope Y2 and YR parents enjoyed finding out what the children have been learning this term.

Have a lovely week and we look forward to seeing you next term!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Monday 4 June	Term 6 Begins Koala Class trip
Thursday 7 June	YR Walk up the Hill Y2 Swimming lessons – first session
Friday 8 June	Mufti Day in aid of the Rockinghorse Charity (this is a non-uniform day in return for a donation to the charity)
Monday 11 June	Flamingo Class trip
Tuesday 12 June	Y1 Sports Day – 9.15am Y2 Sports Day – 10.45am

Good Manners Cup

This week Buster the Good Manners Dog went to Sun Bear Class. There were no KS1 assemblies this week.

Well done to Sun Bear Class!

Attendance

Our current attendance figure is 95.79%.

Congratulations to Sun Bear class who has the highest attendance this week at 99.44%. Well done Sun Bears!

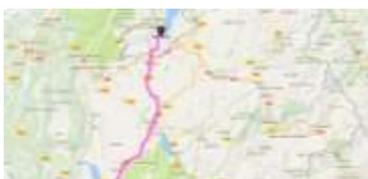
100% attendance

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 305 laps of the playground in total which makes our "running" total approximately 646 kms.

We have run a grand total of 3086 laps which is amazing! We have left Geneva and are continuing on down to Spain.



Y2 Swimming

A reminder that swimming lessons start on Thursday 7 June. Please remember to send your child with their swimming kit each Thursday (7, 14, 21 & 28 June).

KS1 Sports Days

This year we have grouped the children into team colours for sports day. To make their teams easily identifiable we are asking that you send your child to school in a t-shirt of that colour (you will have received a text today).

Please send your child to school on the day ready for sports day in their shorts, t-shirt and trainers.

GDPR

With the new GDPR regulations coming in to force today, our updated Privacy Notice is now on the school website.

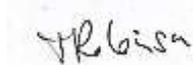
Parking

Milton Grange has reported that parents are parking in their car park and this week a parent was very rude to a member of staff who works there. Please do not use Milton Grange's car park at drop off and pick up times.

Cars are also parking very close to the dropped curbs outside of Milton Grange and this makes it difficult for their ambulances to get in and out of the car park.

Parents are double parking outside of school which also causes traffic issues.

Parking is becoming an issue once again and I would like to remind you to be respectful to each other and allow more time to park safely and considerately.



Tracy Robinson, Head Teacher

Friends of Motcombe

Thank you for all the support shown for our cake sale today. Whether you baked, trawled the supermarket, or came along to buy a treat or two you have helped to raise money for Motcombe School.

The countdown to our big Summer Fair will begin properly after the half term holiday. Look out for your raffle tickets that will be coming home in bookbags during the first week back to school. Our prizes have started coming in and we have some exciting ones! To find out how you can get involved, either chat with your class representative or email the Friends on motcombefriends@hotmail.com. You can also follow our Facebook page to stay up-to-date with upcoming events.

Clare

Chair of the Friends

YR News

We had a fantastic time at Spring Barn Farm this week. Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to help – we couldn't do trips like these without you. The children have been doing some super writing about their farm trip since we have been back.

Thank you also to those of you who were able to come to school this afternoon for our Expert Day. The children have been learning to be scientists this term, as well as throwing and measuring, and we have all had the opportunity to have a go at riding a two-wheeler bike with pedals. It has been wonderful to watch some children riding a two-wheeler bike with pedals for the first time at school. We hope you enjoyed watching them demonstrate their new and developing skills.

In Letters and Sounds this week we have learnt to read the 'tricky' words 'were' and 'little'.

We have also learnt to spell the tricky word 'all'.

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, one, were and little.

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

Home challenge

What have you enjoyed at school this term? Have a chat at home about all the things you have enjoyed playing and learning at school this term. What things have been easy? What things have been more challenging? When have you really persevered with something tricky?

Let us know through Tapestry about any special moments of playing and learning during half term.

Y1 News

This week the children wrote about their weekends in the past tense. We then linked our phonics and English sessions together and the children got to have a go at lots of different phonics activities. They have been making sure they spot the digraphs and trigraphs in words first before sounding them out and blending them back together. It would be great if the children could carry on practising this at home over the week and share lots of stories with you. Thank you for your continual support with reading at home, it makes so much difference to the children.

In Maths we have been learning about fractions. We explored finding $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of shapes first then moved onto finding $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of amounts.

In computing the children have been recording their own audio of the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk', using different instruments to create the sound effects.

Thank you to the volunteers that have helped with their class' trips so far to Puddingham Forest. The children have had a fantastic time and learnt lots of new skills.

Next term, please can your child bring in a photo or souvenir from somewhere you have been, either abroad or in this country.

Y2 News

In English we have been exploring the differences between writing in the past tense and the present tense. We used the past tense to write about our exciting weekends. We then used the future tense to write about where we would like to go on holiday.

We have also been practising our superhero poems ready for Expert Day. We hope you enjoyed them.

In Geography we have been looking at different features of the local area and finding these on a map. We tried to identify these features when we went on our walk up the hill. Thank you to all the parent helpers who came with us.

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/>