



Newsletter No 032 – 8 June 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

The School Council enjoyed a very interesting visit to the House of Commons this week. A tour guide took them round and explained what goes on and some of the history of the building. They were also fortunate to see the speaker John Bercow who gave them a wave as he entered the Chamber. They were able to take up position in the House of Lords while the tour guide explained the rituals and significance of aspects of the House.

Stephen Lloyd took the time to come and have a chat with them after their tour and answered their questions. The children were very pleased to see him there after he had come to talk to them at the British Values Enrichment Day.

The children's behaviour was outstanding throughout the day which has been commented on by a member of the public on Stephen Lloyd's Facebook page.

It was an absolute privilege and delight to have been given this opportunity. I am sure the children will remember this for a very long time.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Monday 11 June	Flamingo Trip
Tuesday 12 June	Y1 Sports Day – 9.15am Y2 Sports Day – 10.45am
Thursday 14 June	YR Den Day – in aid of Save the Children Y2 Swimming

Muffi Day

Thank you for your donations towards the Rockinghorse Children's Charity today. We have raised £272.35. Thank you for your support as always.

Attendance

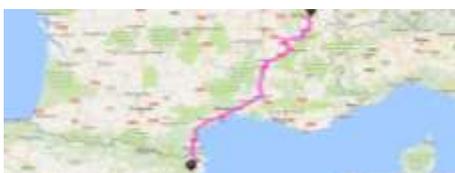
Our current attendance figure is 95.82%.

Congratulations to Starfish and Giraffe class who both have 100% attendance this week! Fantastic!

Daily Run

This week we have run 311 laps of the playground in total which makes our "running" total approximately 690 kms.

The amazing news is that we have made it all the way to Spain! We have run a grand total of 3086 laps and are still going.



YR Handball Tournament

YR had lots of fun with Ratton students this morning when they came to visit and ran a Handball Tournament with them.

KS1 Sports Day

Y1 and Y2 children must come to school in their PE kit with their team coloured t-shirt. Please remember their water bottle and also a sun hat/sun cream if necessary.

World Make Music Day 2018

On Thursday 21 June it will be World Make Music Day - a worldwide celebration of music making. On Midsummers day each year people all around the world get together to enjoy making and listening to music. As the children at Motcombe are such talented and enthusiastic singers we thought it would be great to be part of this global event by getting together to do what we do best - singing together as a whole school.

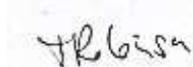
To make the event even better we'd like you to join us - just to listen, or even better to join in. Please come to the main playground at 2.40pm on Thursday 21 June to be part of our World Make Music event. Below are links to find out more about the day and to listen to the song that the children have started learning in preparation. It's very catchy and they all love it. Ask them to teach it to you. We hope to see as many of you as possible on the day.

<https://makemusicday.co.uk/>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Snl_XRNpDq0

Packed Lunches

We have noticed that some children are bringing food containing nuts (including Snickers, Bueno etc) and sweets in their lunch boxes (including Haribo). Please remember we are a nut free school and we encourage healthy lunchboxes. Please do not send these items in your child's lunch box.



Tracy Robinson, Head Teacher

Friends of Motcombe

Thank you for all the jumpers and donations for a Motsy Bear. We are now closed to any new requests. The Motcombe craft group is going to be very busy making each and every bear by hand. We aim to have all bears completed by the end of term and delivered to their new owners. You will be contacted via the contact details you provided if for any reason your bear is delayed and needs to be delivered at a later date.

Raffle tickets for the summer fair will have come home in your child's book bag this week. We have some fantastic prizes being donated including family days out, theatre tickets, afternoon teas, restaurant meals, gym passes, and shopping vouchers to name just a few! Please give generously and return your ticket stubs and money (and any unsold tickets) to the school office or the Friends red post box by the closing date to be in with a chance of winning a great prize.

We will be inviting external stall holders to join us for the summer fair this year. Please get in touch at motcombefriends@hotmail.com if you, or someone you know, is interested in having a stall. I look forward to hearing from you.

Clair

Chair of the Friends

YR News

We have been learning about environments this week. We have read the book, 'You Choose' and talked about the different kinds of environments we could see in one of the double page spreads. We spotted deserts, cities, jungles, forests, beaches and lots more! We talked about the features of these different environments and what made them special. We also talked about what different animals might live in the different environments.

Then we had a great time walking up the big hill behind Pashley school! This was a perfect place to extend our learning about environments as we could see so much from the top - houses, blocks of flats, woods, fields, train tracks, roads... It was a bit misty and we couldn't quite see the sea but we knew it was there!

Thank you to all the helpers who were able to come with us up the hill. We really appreciate you giving up your time and we couldn't do these trips without you!

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

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, little and what.

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

Den Day

Next week the Reception children will be taking part in Save the Children's Den Day. We will be finding out about children's lives in other parts of the world, building dens and raising money to help make sure that children around the world have a safe place to sleep and play. Please bring in £1 for Den Day on Thursday 14 June. For more information please go to:-

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/how-you-can-help/events-and-fundraising/den-day>

Home challenge

We have been learning about environments this week. Look out of your bedroom window. What can you see? How have people improved, changed or affected this environment? Who has looked after it? How have they looked after it? Draw a picture or take a photo and put it on Tapestry.

Please write what your child says about the environment in their own words. Thank you!

Y1 News

This week the children wrote about their holidays in the past tense. We were very excited and confused as we had a mystery parcel in our rooms and the address was all smudged so we didn't know who it was for. The children discussed whether we should open it or not.

We learnt about and used contractions, such as I'm for I am, and at the end of the week we opened our parcel and described the objects we found.

In Maths we have been learning and exploring measure. Each week we will be focusing on one of the measurements - capacity and volume, mass/weight, height and length, position and direction and problem solving. The children have really enjoyed exploring their measurement focus this week.

In topic we have been look at different countries and using atlases.

Y2 News

We have started our exciting new topic this week; 'Journeys'. Each class has chosen a focus country in the world to learn about. Ask your child about the country their class has chosen! We have been comparing this country to the UK and looking at the similarities and differences between them.

In Science we have also been looking at the weather in our two countries and will be keeping a daily weather diary recording the temperature, wind speed and type of weather we are having. We have also investigated some extreme weathers such as tornados and monsoons.

In Maths we will be going over everything we have learnt in Y2 including shape, money, addition, subtraction, 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.

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