



**Newsletter No 034 – 22 June 2018**

YR Sports Day went really well this week. Thank you to all who came to support.

Another thank you for coming along to join in the World Make Music Day session yesterday afternoon and thank you to Mrs Evans for organising it.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
<b>Monday 25 June</b>	Giraffe trip to the woods
<b>Tuesday 26 June</b>	Y2 children to Ocklynge music concert – AM
<b>Wednesday 27 June</b>	Y1 All Around the World Day
<b>Thursday 28 June</b>	Mufti Day for Summer Fair contributions
<b>Friday 29 June</b>	<b>INSET Day – school closed</b>

**YR – Den Day in support of Save the Children**

YR had their Den Day on Thursday 14 June and raised £58.00 for the charity. Thank you for your support.

**Attendance**

Our current attendance figure is 95.82%.

Congratulations to Koala class who have the highest attendance this week!

**Daily Run**

We will update you at the end of each term on how far the children have travelled.

**Strike Action**

You may be aware that there will be school closures next Wednesday due to strike action. Motcombe will be open as usual, however, if this changes we will text you as soon as we know.

**Menu Change**

As it is INSET day on Friday next week, Thursday's menu will be:-

Fish & Chips

Veggie Hot Dog with Chips

Shortbread

**New violin lessons starting soon**

This afternoon Motcombe Violin Group played a recital to their friends, proudly showing all that they have learnt in their school violin lessons. In September, new lessons at Motcombe School will begin for children currently in Reception and Y1. Children currently in Y2 will be able to join violin lessons at Ocklynge School and Cavendish.

For information about the lessons, instruments and fees please contact the teacher Conni Rogers on

[cornelia.rogers@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:cornelia.rogers@eastsussex.gov.uk)

**Tracy Robinson, Head Teacher**

## **Friends of Motcombe**

A big thank you to those who have already paid their contribution towards the Y2 Leavers Party. There is still plenty of time to contribute towards this event. Please place your £2 donation in an envelope stating your child's name and class and deposit in the Friends red post box outside of the main office entrance by Friday 6 July.

There are only 2 weeks to go until the Summer Fair. Please see your class representative to volunteer a short amount of time on your class stall – every class has one. In addition, the Fair needs more face painters as this is a popular activity and we like to have as many volunteers as possible to keep waiting times down. You don't have to be amazingly talented, just willing.

The Friends have arranged a Muffi Day on Thursday 28 June. Children may wear their own clothes to school in exchange for donations towards the Summer Fair. We would particularly welcome wine & gifts for adults, good quality toys & games, small McDonalds toys or similar, and teddy bears & cuddly toys in good condition. Trolleys with boxes and bags to leave your generous donations in will be at the school gates on the morning of Thursday 28 June.

As we approach the end of the school year the Friends prepare to say goodbye to many of our members and regular helpers and volunteers as their children leave Motcombe and move up to junior school. I am very keen to meet some new faces that would like to become more involved with the Friends for the 2018-19 school year. Whether you are willing to give a little or a lot, I can guarantee that you will find being a part of the Friends fun and rewarding. Please get in touch via the email [motcombefriends@hotmail.com](mailto:motcombefriends@hotmail.com).

*Claire*

## **Chair of the Friends**

### **YR News**

We had a great time at Sports Day this week! Thank you so much for coming to watch us demonstrate our skills!

Thank you for all the pirate books you sent in to share with us this week – we have enjoyed listening to lots of pirate stories and have been using ideas from these stories to act out our own pirate adventures.

We have also started to learn the songs and dances for our end of year show! Spectacled Bears and Black Bears parents are invited to watch the year group show on Tuesday 10 July at 9.30 am. Sun Bears and Pandas parents are invited to watch the show on Wednesday 11 July at 9.30 am. We will be sending tickets home nearer the time.

In Letters and Sounds this week we have learnt to read the 'tricky' words 'when' and 'out'. We have also learnt to spell the 'tricky' word 'her'.

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, what, do, when and out.

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

### **Home challenge**

Have a look at all the tricky words we have learnt so far. How many can you read? Practise the ones you find tricky! Let us know on Tapestry how you get on!

### **Y1 News**

In letters and sounds sessions this week the children have been learning the sounds for 'dge' (j), 'ge' (j), 'tch' (ch), 'ture' (chur), 'gn' (n) and 'kn' (n) in words. It would be great if they could try to spot these in their reading books at home.

In English/Topic we have been finding out about each of our chosen countries ready for our All Around the World Day next week. We have been learning to take short notes and then

expanding them to put into full sentences. We have been finding out lots of interesting facts about that country, including the animals that live there. Thank you to all those that have sent in some lovely photos, information and/or souvenirs already. Please feel free to send some in if you would like to.

In Maths we have carried on 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.

### **Y2 News**

In English we have been recounting what we did at the weekend, focusing on using the correct tense. We can't believe how many of you watched the England game! We have also been re-visiting all of our phonics that we have done throughout the year. We edited our well known stories which we planned last week and wrote them out using our best handwriting.

In Maths we have been practising our mental calculation skills to solve problems. We have been adding, subtracting, dividing and multiplying using apparatus to begin with and then just using our brains.

In Science we have planned an exciting investigation involving celery. We have put sticks of celery in different coloured water and predicted what will happen. Some children even wanted to find out what would happen if we split one stick of celery and put half in one colour and half in another!

We had our last ever music session with Mrs Lindsey this week. We sang all of our favourite songs and impressed her with our knowledge of musical vocabulary such as tempo, dynamics, pitch and rhythm. We will miss our sessions with Mrs Lindsey...they were so much fun!

We have been busy practising our songs and dances for the show. We also held auditions for the speaking parts this week. Please could you continue to practise the songs and any words which your child brings home.

### **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/>