



**Newsletter No 036 – 6 July 2018**

Dear Parents/Carers

Congratulations to Adam Robinson and family on the arrival on their new son Ted William Stamford Robinson!

Thank you to the parents who came in at the very last minute with their younger child today to be part of our Reading Enrichment Day! Thank you also to St Gregory's Montessori for bringing some of their children along to join in. It was a wonderful celebration of books and reading.

<b>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY</b>	
<b>Tuesday 10 July</b>	YR Show (Black Bear & Spectacled Bear parents) - 9.30am
<b>Wednesday 11 July</b>	YR Show (Sun Bear & Panda parents) – 9.30am Current YR parents to meet new teachers for Y1 in their classrooms – 3.00-3.30pm (please come to the current Y2 entrance – signs will be on the classroom doors)
<b>Friday 13 July</b>	Y1 Expert Day – 9.15am (invitations are being circulated with the newsletter today) Y1 Beach Trip (after Expert Day) Y2 Leavers' Party – 12.00

**Attendance**

Our current attendance figure is 95.80%.

Congratulations to Turtle class who have the highest attendance this week at 98.67%!

**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!

**Reading/Library Books**

Please can your child return all school reading books and library books by Wednesday 11 July. Thank you.

**Foodbank**

The Foodbank in St Elizabeth's Church is open every Tuesday morning between 10.00-12.00. Advisors are there to talk to about benefits, housing and debt advice. Tea and coffee available. Sessions run throughout the year.

**Diarrhoea and Vomiting**

A reminder that if your child has had either of the above they must be kept off school as this spreads so quickly. For Diarrhoea your child must be off for 48 hours after the last episode and for vomiting for 24 hours. These are instructions from the Health Protection Agency and are also school policy.

**Second Hand Ocklynge Uniform**

There will be a second hand sale for Ocklynge uniform at the end of the day next Thursday, 12 July, here at Motcombe School. All items 50p.

**Summer Reading Challenge**

Please have a look at the following link in conjunction with this year's Summer Reading Challenge.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=33gKg8d3Rhs&feature=youtu.be>

### **Fireflies**

Don't forget to book your places at Fireflies holiday club. We are open from Monday 23 July-Friday 17 August from 8.00am-6.00pm at a cost of £30 per day. That's 10 hours of child care plus breakfast and supper! We are planning lots of crafting activities, outings and time to play! Come and join in!

### **SAMA Karate**

There will be places available at SAMA Karate on Wednesday afternoons starting in September. Please contact them directly - Angie Baker, Tel: 01273 580577, Email: [info@samamartialarts.co.uk](mailto:info@samamartialarts.co.uk)

### **Pick-up Time**

We have received a phone call from a local resident saying that parents are arriving at school very early to collect their child and sitting in the car with the air conditioning on. This means that for residents with their windows open, car fumes are drifting into their homes and it is not environmentally friendly. Please be mindful of this and perhaps find a shady spot to sit in so you don't need to keep the engine running.

TR Robson

### **Tracy Robinson, Head Teacher**

### **Friends of Motcombe**

**Summer Fair** - We look forward to seeing lots of you at tomorrow's Summer Fair. The good weather has been booked as well as lots of fun activities for the children and the grown-ups, food and drink, and even shopping opportunities with stalls from the 'Motcombe Crafters' and some external stall holders. In support of the special footballing day we will also be selling England flags, so please come to our fair, have a great time and some food with us, and then purchase your flag to take home and support England in style!

Volunteers are still thin on the ground for this event. Please do get in touch via the email [motcombefriends@hotmail.com](mailto:motcombefriends@hotmail.com) to find out how you can be of help. If a lot of people give a small amount of time these large scale events can run smoothly AND be enjoyed by all.

If you forgot your cake donations today do not panic! We will happily receive your cakes on Saturday during the Fair.

**Leavers Party** - Please ensure that all £2 donations for the Y2 leavers party are in this week no later than Thursday 12 July. Money can be posted in the Friends red post box in an envelope stating your child's name and class. Thank you to all those who have already contributed.

Claire

### **Chair of the Friends**

### **Foundation Stage News**

This week has been all about transition to Y1. The children had a great time meeting their new teachers on Tuesday. The new teachers are popping into the classes frequently, to say hello and to read stories, so the children will be very familiar with them by the end of term.

We have also been practising our songs and dances for our show. Your child has brought home a ticket for you today. Spectacled Bears and Pandas parents and carers are invited to the performance on Tuesday 10 July at 9.30am. Sun Bears and Pandas parents and carers are invited to the performance on Wednesday 11 July at 9.30am.

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

We have now learnt to read all these digraphs and trigraphs:

sh, ch, th/th, ng, oo/oo, igh, ai, ee, 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, there, one, were, little, what, do, when, out, come, some. Please help us to look out for them in our books when we are reading at home and to practise using these tricky words and digraphs in our writing at home! Thank you!

### **Pirate Day**

Next Friday is our Pirate Dressing Up Day! Can children please come into school disguised as pirates for extra pirate fun? Please ensure that pirate accessories are clearly labelled with your child's name.

### **Tapestry**

Thank you for all your contributions to Tapestry this year. It has been great to see how much the children have been learning outside of school. The children's Tapestry learning journals are now closed for the year – we will not be adding any more observations to them. They will still be available for you to look at online as usual. We will let you know shortly how you can go about downloading your child's learning journal as a keepsake of their first year at school.

Home challenge Get your pirate costume ready for Pirate Day! (Except for Black Bear class whose pirate costumes are already in school for our show!) Draw or paint a picture of yourself in your pirate costume.

### **Y1 News**

In letters and sounds sessions this week the children have been recapping the sounds they have learnt and trying to apply these in their writing.

In English we have been looking back at our key text Meerkat Mail and focussing on speech. We wrote our own speech bubbles for some of the characters and then put these into exciting sentences using speech marks and alternative words to said.

In Maths we have carried on learning and exploring measure. The children have also continued building up their number and problem solving skills.

In topic we have been finding out about the Jewish celebration Shabbat and discussing why people have different celebrations. The children also completed a project designing their own country using what they have learnt throughout the term about different countries. They really enjoyed this and created some fantastic booklets.

### **Y2 News**

We have had such an exciting time this week. We all enjoyed our transition day at our new schools and came back full of enthusiasm and excited to start our new adventures in Y3. We have been having lots of circle times focused on the changes that are happening and thinking about our futures.

We had an amazing time at Knockhatch on Wednesday! We had fun exploring The Lost World, Froggies, Chestnut Wood and outdoor adventure play parks. The children were fearless going down the drop slides! We also visited the owl sanctuary and learnt all about the different owls which are kept at Knockhatch. All of the children were impeccably behaved and followed the Golden Rules at all times. Thank you to all the parent helpers who joined us on our trip.

We are getting excited about performing our show to you at the end of term. We are practising the songs every day and our actors are rehearsing at every available opportunity. Please keep practising at home with your child.

### **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/>