



Newsletter 009 – Friday 5 November 2021

The children have had a very busy first week back at school!

A huge thank you to Kara, Chair of Friends, for organising our spectacular Firework Fiesta! An enormous amount of work is needed to secure such a successful event and this is all done voluntarily.



Another thank you goes to John Sayers for making the beautiful planters for our outside Thrive area.

Our Speedy Reading team of volunteers started to come in this week to support the children with their reading. A huge thank you to you all!



There were lots of budding astronauts in Y2 today enjoying their NASA Space Day! They learned about how a rocket launches, being in space with no gravity and what it's like to be an astronaut!



We are pleased to be able to hold our Enrichment Days this year! Throughout the year, each KS1 child will have the opportunity to take part in one of these and will be a Leader of Learning for a subject!

Today the School Council participated in our British Values Enrichment Day. They had several visitors who came to talk to them about the work that they do!

Their first visitor was our local MP, Caroline Ansell. The children asked questions about her role and she spoke to them about what happens in Parliament.



Then Gareth Evers, whose children came to Motcombe, visited and spoke to them about his job as a policeman in the Dog Handling Unit.



Finally, the children were visited by Jo Ansell's husband, Sergeant James Ansell, who is a Musician from the Band of the Royal Air Force Regiment. Sergeant Ansell taught the children how to march and respond to orders!



A huge thank you to you all of our visitors for making the British Values Enrichment day so memorable for the children.

Messages from Y2 to World Leaders – Our children have been making paper Swallow birds with their messages for climate action on the bird's wings!



The birds are ready to travel to COP26, the UN Climate Change Conference, in Glasgow for world leaders to read their messages!

Mrs Burnett has been organising this for us and has sent her own message to the world leaders:-

"Being with children, family and friends, outdoors, in nature, around wildlife, breathing in and celebrating the beauty is how we are all going to educate ourselves and want to protect our precious world."

INSET DAYS FOR 2021-2022
Friday 17 December 2021 – half day (finishing at 12.00)
Tuesday 4 January 2022
Friday 1 April 2022
Wednesday 20 July 2022 – half day (finishing at 12.00)
Thursday 21 July 2022

DIARY DATES	
Wednesday 10 November	Y2 Trip FS Parents' Evening – 5.30-7.30pm Grayling Parents' Evening – 5.30-8.00pm
Thursday 11 November	Remembrance Service – 11.00am (school community only) FS Parents' Evening – 3.30-5.30pm
Monday 15 November	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 19 November	Children in Need
Saturday 20 November	Prospective Parents' Morning – 10.00am
Monday 22 November	Individual School Photos
Tuesday 23 November	Prospective Parents' Evening – 7.00-8.30pm
Wednesday 24 November	Prospective Parents' Morning – 10.00-11.30am
Tuesday 30 November	FS Height, Weight & Vision checks



Prospective Parent Sessions – Please share this information with friends and family!

Good Manners Awards - Well done to Grayling class who received the award this week.

Attendance - Well done to Peacock class who has 100% attendance this week!

Peacock	100%	Apollo	99%	Saturn	99%
Purple Emperor	97%	Tortoiseshell	99%	Blue Morpho	96%
Holly Blue	96%	Grayling	86%	Chalk Hill Blue	94%
				Monarch	92%

Governing Body - We are pleased to announce that Mr Kevin Hefferan is our new Parent Governor. Kevin works for the NHS and has a child in Foundation Stage. If you have any questions or want to contact the governing board please email the clerk to the governors govsclerk@motcombe.e-sussex.sch.uk.

Covid Curriculum - We all acknowledge the impact that lockdown has had on everybody. The DfE has provided funding to enable schools to provide academic support for children up until the end of July. This funding has to be used for a Covid curriculum.

Therefore, we will be using this money in Y2 to provide an additional class for four mornings each week. This will enable children to be taught in smaller groups for reading, writing, maths and phonics in order to ensure that they make the maximum progress before they leave us in July.

Mr Robinson and Mrs Ansell will be teaching the additional class group in a separate classroom. All classes will be covering the KS1 curriculum with the benefit of being in a smaller group.

In Y1 we will be operating a similar system for one morning a week and will be focusing on phonics and reading.

Bug Club – We have expanded the levels of books available on Bug Club to cover all levels available in school.

A reminder that you need this school code for logging in – **qllh**. If you have any problems with this, please let us know.

Poppies – We are hoping to have some poppies delivered for the School Council to sell for Remembrance Day.

Medication – If your child requires medication in school please bring it to the office and complete a Medicine Administration Form. Please note, we are only able to administer prescribed medication.



Eastbourne Foodbank - We received this from the Foodbank this week. Thank you so much for your generosity!

St Wilfred's Paint the Town Red - We are still waiting for the grand total from St Wilfred's for our Paint the Town Red Day and will let you know as soon as we hear from them!



Incident – We have had a complaint from a local resident following a collision outside school this morning involving several cars. Following this the people involved argued, using bad language while there were lots of children around.

Please drive considerately and be mindful that we are an infant school.



Friends of Motcombe

Firework Fiesta – It really went off with a (quiet) bang!

I have a long list of thank yous!

Thank you to everyone who came to the Firework Fiesta and made it such a successful evening.

Thank you to our parent volunteers, school and kitchen staff, our fabulous DJ, Neil Povey, Frontier Fireworks and Eastbourne Council for allowing us to use the park next to school to launch the fireworks.

Thank you to everyone who donated cakes!

Thank you for your patience with the queueing system that we had in place due to the one-way system.

The evening couldn't have been the success it was without you!

Cauliflower Cards – orders are now being processed and should be delivered soon.

Next Events - Our next events will be Christmas Discos for all the children on 9 December. More information will follow.

Kara, Chair of Friends



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/>