



Newsletter 011 – Friday 19 November 2021

Children in Need fever hit Motcombe today! We have raised £300 So far! Thank you!



A huge thank you to Chalk Farm Nursery who gave us a discount on the lovely plants for our Sensory Garden!

Thank you for all your recommendations for a Landscape Gardener, requested last week via our Facebook page!



Prospective Parent Sessions – spread the word! It's our open morning tomorrow! An opportunity to come and see our school and have a look round our extensive grounds! Drop in between 10.00 – 11.30am.

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	
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
Wednesday 1 December	FS Height, Weight & Vision checks
Thursday 2 December	Art Enrichment Day
Wednesday 15 December	Christmas Jumper Day Children's Christmas Lunch
Thursday 16 December	Christmas Party Day
Friday 17 December	Candlelight Assembly (school community only) Y1 & Y2 Learning Showcase – 11.00am End of Term – school closes at 12.00

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

Peacock	100%	Apollo	95%	Blue Morpho	98%
Purple Emperor	91%	Tortoiseshell	92%	Saturn	97%
Holly Blue	89%	Grayling	90%	Chalk Hill Blue	91%
				Monarch	91%



St Wilfred's 'Paint the Town Red' – St Wilfred's contacted us to thank us for the money raised on 'Paint the Town Red' day! £277.27! Thank you.

COVID – Although we are continuously striving towards good attendance in school, if your child is displaying any COVID symptoms, ie. a cough or temperature, please have a PCR test done for them as COVID numbers are on the increase.

Please remember, a lateral flow test is only for use if there are no COVID symptoms.

School Photographs – sibling photos before school from 8.00am. Please come in through the school hall for these and leave through main entrance. Please note, siblings who are in school will have their photographs taken during school time so this session is only if you also have children who do not attend Motcombe.

Your child may wear their own clothes instead of uniform if you would prefer. Please do not send them to school in their PE kit if it is usually their PE day.

Drop off and Pick Up – Please do not let your children play on the field before and after school as the staff spend time clearing and tidying it for the next day.

Pupil Premium - Supermarket Vouchers – You will be aware that the government have been providing funding, since lockdown, for supermarket vouchers for families eligible for Pupil Premium (free school meals). They are continuing to do this up to the end of the Easter holiday next year, as detailed below:-

- two week Christmas holiday - **£50** per eligible pupil in recognition of the increased costs of providing food over Christmas
- February 2022 half-term - **£15** per eligible pupil
- two week Easter holiday 2022 - **£30** per pupil

If you are in receipt of any of the following you may be eligible:

- Universal Credit
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, only if your annual household income (assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) isn't over £16,190

Please note, anyone in receipt of Working Tax Credit will not get free meals regardless of income.

- Working Tax Credit run on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

Please follow this link to check your eligibility.

<https://eyeeonline.eastsussex.gov.uk/Synergy/Parents/default.aspx>

Please remember that all infant school children are entitled to Universal Free School Meals. Pupil Premium (free school meals) provides additional funding to schools for other things including help with additional learning support for children and help with paying for school trips.

Foundation Stage – Vision & National Child Measurement Programme – The team will be in school on 30 November and 1 December to carry out these checks. Please see email sent earlier this week with further information and details of how to opt out.

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/>