



**Newsletter 015 – Friday 7 January 2022**



At the end of last term, we said goodbye to Julie Hunter who has worked at Motcombe School for many years as a Teaching Assistant and Midday Supervisory Assistant. Good luck Julie, we will miss you!

<b>INSET DAYS FOR 2022</b>	
<b>Friday 1 April 2022</b>	
<b>Wednesday 20 July 2022 – half day (finishing at 12.00)</b>	
<b>Thursday 21 July 2022</b>	

<b>DIARY DATES</b>	
<b>Thursday 13 January</b>	World Religion Enrichment Day
<b>Wednesday 19 January</b>	Science Enrichment Day
<b>Friday 11 February</b>	End of Term
<b>Monday 21 February</b>	Term Begins Fairtrade Fortnight

**Well done to Apollo class who has the highest attendance this week!**

Purple Emperor	95%	Apollo	97%	Chalk Hill Blue	96%
Peacock	89%	Grayling	95%	Blue Morpho	96%
Holly Blue	87%	Tortoiseshell	91%	Monarch	95%
				Saturn	94%

**Free School Meals** – a reminder to please check your eligibility for free school meals. Although all infant children receive free lunches, this eligibility provides extra funding for schools and also assists with payment for trips etc. You may also be entitled to supermarket vouchers for the school holidays if the Government is still providing them.

- [Universal Credit](#) - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- [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. [Anyone getting [Working Tax Credit](#) **won't get** free meals regardless of income]
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Please follow this link to complete and submit an application:

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

**Absence Line** – If your child is absent from school for any reason, please ensure you call the absence line to inform us of the reason for absence. **Absence Line - 01323 728989**

**Lost Property** – Please name all of your children's items so that they will have a much better chance of being reunited with your child if they are lost!

**Drop off & Pick up** – School starts at 8.50am and finishes at 3.00pm. Please drop your child off and collect them promptly. They miss valuable learning time if they come to school late in the morning. If your child is not collected by 3.15pm, they will be taken to Fireflies After School Club and you will be charged £12.00 for the session.

**Medicines** – We can only administer prescribed medicines in school. If your child needs to be given medicine during school hours, please bring it to the school office and complete a Medicine Administration Form.

Asthma inhalers must also be brought in via the office and a form completed.

Please do not send any medication in to school with your child.



### **Friends of Motcombe**

**Happy New Year from the Friends!** We want to apologise for the issues we had with the WhatsApp group over the holidays, please delete the old group and we will start a new one soon to help us prepare for our next event.

We are really hoping to be able to hold the children's discos the week before half term. Let's keep everything crossed!

**Kara – Chair of the 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](mailto:govsclerk@motcombe.e-sussex.sch.uk).

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