



Newsletter 031 – Friday 20 May 2022



A big thank you to Theo, Poppy and their parents for offering to come in and water the Giving Garden at the weekends! We are hugely grateful!



A full list of the remaining diary dates for the year is at the end of this newsletter.

KS1 Coffee Mornings – We will be holding coffee mornings in the school hall next week before our Learning Showcases. This is an opportunity to see how your child's learning reflects our school values. Please pop in after you have dropped your child off and before you go to see their learning for this term.



Monday 23 May at 9.15am – Y1

Friday 26 May at 9.15am - Y2



We look forward to seeing you for our Jubilee celebration next Friday at 2.15pm. (weather permitting!). Don't forget to help your child to make a crown to wear on the day!

After School Clubs – a reminder that details of all our After School Clubs, Breakfast Club and Fireflies are listed on our website. <https://motcombe.e-sussex.sch.uk/parents/school-clubs/>.

Nature Adventures after school club is adding an extra session on Wednesday along with Monday and Thursday in September. Book now for adventures with wildlife, bushcraft, camp cooking, games and crafts. Straight after school until 4.15pm, the club runs all year round, outside in the Enchanted Garden. Open to Y1 and Y2, it's £6.50 per session, payable termly. For more information and to book, please email sarah@cherrywoodadventures.co.uk or call or text on 07887 556336.



Homework and Activity Club - Eastbourne Library has recently launched a Homework Club for Primary aged children (5-11 years). All children from local schools can attend, including younger siblings and can access support for their learning, as well as take part in enrichment activities. The Clubs are also for parents/carers to ask for support and advice on their child's learning.

The club runs from 3.30pm – 4.45pm on Friday afternoons.

Free School Meals (Pupil Premium) - Although all infant school children receive a free school meal (Universal Free School Meals), some families may be eligible for Free School Meals (Pupil Premium) and for each child who is eligible, school receives extra funding to provide additional support in school.

If your child is entitled, this will also help with payments for school trips etc.

Your child may be eligible for Free School Meals (Pupil Premium) if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If you think your family may be entitled, please follow this link to complete and submit an application:-

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/education-learning/schools/school-life/school-meals/free-school-meals>



Friends of Motcombe

Annual General Meeting - The date for our AGM is Wednesday 25 May and it will be held in school at 7.00pm. All are welcome and we hope to see as many of you as possible.

This will be our first opportunity to start planning the Y2 Leavers Party Day and our first Summer Fair for three years!

The Fair has always been a wonderful family fun day for everyone at our school and the local community. But it can only go ahead if there are enough volunteers to help to plan and run it, so I urge anyone who is interested in helping at all to pop along and join us at the meeting.

Tea Towels – Your child will bring an order form home next week.

A reminder that we will be looking for a new Chair and Treasurer for September. These roles can be shared so you and a friend may want to take on this challenge together! If you would like to have a chat about what is involved, please contact me via motcombefriends@hotmail.com. Also, if you would like to be on the committee to help with the important fundraising events, we are always looking for members! If you would like to join our WhatsApp group please follow this link:-

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/LhAcBHCl8zp9GIMkYVX5Da>

Thank you

Kara, Chair of the Friends

Dates for your



DIARY DATES	
Monday 23 May	Coffee Morning for Y1 Parents (after drop-off) Y1 Learning Showcase – 9.15am
Wednesday 25 May	Friends AGM – 7.00pm
Friday 27 May	Coffee Morning for Y2 Parents (after drop-off) Y2 Learning Showcase – 9.15am FS Learning Showcase – 1.45pm Jubilee Tea Party – 2.15pm End of Term
Monday 6 June	Term Begins
Tuesday 14 June	Y2 Sports Day – 9.15am
Wednesday 15 June	Y1 Sports Day – 9.15am
Thursday 16 June	FS Sports Day – 9.15am
Tuesday 21 June	Purple Emperor Show – 9.30am
Wednesday 22 June	Peacock Show – 9.30am
Thursday 23 June	Holly Blue Show – 9.30am
Tuesday 28 June	Reserve Date - Y1 Sports Day – 9.15am
Wednesday 29 June	Reserve Date – Y2 Sports Day – 9.15am
Thursday 30 June	Reserve Date – FS Sports Day – 9.15am
Friday 1 July	Mufti Day – for donations for the Summer Fair
Monday 4 July	New Parents' Evening for September 2022 Intake – 7.00pm
Tuesday 5 July	Transition Day – Y2 Children to visit their new school September 2022 Intake - Story Sessions – 10.00am & 2.00pm
Wednesday 6 July	Y1 Show – Grayling Parents & ½ of Tortoiseshell Parents – 9.30am Y1 Show – Apollo & ½ of Tortoiseshell Parents – 2.00pm
Saturday 9 July	Summer Fair
Wednesday 13 July	Y2 Show – Blue Morpho & Saturn Parents – 6.00pm
Thursday 14 July	Y2 Show – Chalk Hill Blue & Monarch Parents – 6.00pm
Monday 18 July	Attendance Assembly (school community only) – 9.30am
Tuesday 19 July	Helpers Assembly (by invitation) – 9.30am Y2 Leavers Party - PM
Wednesday 20 July	Leavers Assembly – 9.30am (school community only) School finishes at 12.00 INSET - PM
Thursday 21 July	INSET – End of Term

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/>