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**Newsletter 001 – Friday 9 September**

# Welcome Back!

I hope you had a lovely summer!

The children have settled beautifully into their new classes!

I would, however, ask that once you have said goodbye to your child, please do not knock on the window to wave to them again. This can be unsettling for them and can take them longer to get to their class and ready for learning.

Our Foundation Stage team has been carrying out the home visit appointments this week for our new intake. We look forward to welcoming the new children over the next week!

Thank you to a lovely Chalk Hill Blue grandparent for donating lots of vegetable and flowers seeds for the Giving Garden.

In assembly this morning, I spoke to the children about Queen Elizabeth II. I explained that we now have a king called King Charles III and explained the role as Head of State.

We will let you know as soon as we are informed of a school closure for the day of the Queen's funeral.



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**A full list of dates for the year is being circulated today.  
Please make a note of relevant dates for your child in your diary.**

Term dates are always available on the East Sussex County Council website -  
<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/education-learning/term-dates>

## **INSET DAYS FOR 2022-2023**

Friday 16 December 2022 – half day (school finishes at 12.00)

Monday 17 April 2023

Thursday 20 July 2023 – half day (school finishes at 12.00)

Friday 21 July 2023

**A reminder that the newsletter will now only be produced on the first and last week of each term. You will remember that we asked parents for their feedback regarding the newsletter and only received one reply! Information will continue to be communicated via text message, email and our social media pages.**



### Motcombe Marketplace

With the rising cost of energy and food bills that we are all experiencing, we have decided to run a 'shop' with donated pre-loved items. This will be open on Thursday afternoons in the Foundation Stage Phonics Room, from 2.15pm until the end of the school day. All items will be free of charge.

We would be very grateful for good condition second hand uniform, shoes, wellies, lunchboxes, games, toys, Christmas jumpers, t-shirts and dressing up clothes.

We have two lovely parents who have volunteered to run the shop and once it is open for business we will let you know!

### Golden Time

We are now calling this 'Thrive Together Time'. Thrive is our support programme for emotional and mental health.

The key learning focus for these sessions are:



- Collaborative Play
- Cooperative Problem Solving
- Leading and Following
- Understanding the Difference between Fantasy and Reality
- Strengthening Children's Stress Regulation System



The teachers will be playing alongside children who need support with the above.

### New Classroom

From Monday, Mrs Ansell will be leading an additional class in Y2 for four mornings each week. This was trialled last year to support children who would benefit from working in a smaller group. The trial was very successful and we are pleased to be able to run it again this year. Your child may be identified to take part in this session and I am sure they will tell you all about it! Each session will include Phonics, Reading, Writing and Maths.



**PE Days** – On the day your child has PE, please send them to school in their PE kit (appropriate for the weather).

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| Holly Blue      | – Thursday  |
| Peacock         | – Wednesday |
| Purple Emperor  | – Friday    |
| Apollo          | - Wednesday |
| Tortoiseshell   | – Wednesday |
| Grayling        | - Friday    |
| Saturn          | - Friday    |
| Monarch         | - Thursday  |
| Chalk Hill Blue | - Thursday  |



**After School Clubs** – Some clubs have already started. Football (Tuesday), SAMA (Wednesday) and Rugby Club (Friday) will be starting next week.

All club information is on our website - <https://motcombe.e-sussex.sch.uk/parents/school-clubs/>. Please contact clubs directly if you are interested in booking a place for your child.

Details for Fireflies after school club can also be found on this page. Fireflies offer wraparound care every day after school until 6.00pm and costs £12.50 per session.

A Choir letter has been sent out this week. If your child would like to join, please complete and return the registration form by the end of the day on Monday 12 September. Choir starts on Thursday 15 September.

### **A Few Reminders –**

- If your child needs medicine administered during the school day, please complete a consent form at the office. **Please remember, we are only able to administer medicines prescribed by the GP.**
- If your child needs an asthma pump or epi pen, please make sure that there is an in date one in school and that you have completed a new Medical Administration form for this year.
- When emailing school, please email [office@motcombe.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@motcombe.e-sussex.sch.uk)
- If your child is going to be absent for any reason, please inform the school office, even if you have informed your child's teacher. The absence line is 01323 728989.
- If your child is going to be late to school for any reason, please inform the school office and order their lunch by 9.30am.
- Please do not park in the staff car park (unless you have a disabled badge).
- If you are going to be late to collect your child in the afternoon, you must let the school office know. If your child is not collected by 3.15pm, they will be taken to Fireflies After School Club and you will be charged £12.50 for the session.

**Clerk to the Governors Vacancy** - The Governing Board is looking for someone who is reliable, confident, good with people and with an interest in school governance.

You will need skills in good administrative practice and experience of minute taking. You will also need to be confident in the use of Microsoft Word, Excel and email and have access to a computer and the internet.

Responsibilities will include working effectively with the chair of governors, headteacher and other governors to secure the continuity of governing board business. To advise on procedural and legislative matters to ensure the Governing Board works to the legal framework. An understanding of confidentiality is essential for this role.

Tasks include the preparation and circulation of papers, attendance at meetings and minute taking; maintaining a business calendar including policy reviews.

It is recommended that applicants either hold a relevant award (BTEC level 3 in Clerk to the Governing Board or equivalent) or be prepared to work towards the East Sussex Clerk to Governors Accreditation Scheme.

School visits are welcomed. Please telephone or email the school office if you would like to arrange an appointment.

Please download an application pack from the school website.

<https://motcombe.e-sussex.sch.uk/about-us/job-vacancies/>

### **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/>