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### **Newsletter 002 – Friday 21 October 2022**

Wow! This term has gone so quickly!

Our Foundation Stage children have settled in beautifully! Look out for their class photos in the Herald newspaper's First Class feature on 31 October!



Thank you for all the donations for the Foodbank this week. The School Council has been to the Foodbank depot this afternoon and have learned what happens to the food that is donated.



#### ***Giving Garden Greenhouse***

Thank you so much to the Friends for our amazing new greenhouse! It is already filling up with seedlings to be planted in the Giving Garden!



Don't forget to keep up with our 'Giving Garden Growalong' on social media!



**Macmillan Coffee Morning** - We had a very successful coffee morning in September.

The School Council iced cakes for the whole school and we raised £240 for the charity. Thank you for your support.





**Y1 & Y2 (KS1) Learning Showcase** – thank you for coming to your child's Learning Showcase today. We hope you enjoyed finding out more about what your child has been learning this term!

Once again apologies for the short notice for this one. Here are the rest of the KS1 Learning Showcase dates for the year (these are also included in the attached dates for the year).

<b>Thursday 15 December</b>	<b>Friday 10 February</b>	<b>Friday 31 March</b>	<b>Friday 26 May</b>
Y2 – 9.15am Y1 – 2.15pm	Y1 – 9.15am Y2 – 2.15pm	Y2 – 9.15am Y1 – 2.15pm	Y1 – 9.15am Y2 – 2.15pm

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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

The East Sussex 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

#### **Online Safety**

Here are some useful links to online safety stories to share with your child at home. (We use these stories at school.)

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/smartie-the-penguin/>  
<https://www.childnet.com/resources/digiduck-stories/>

Information for parents on online safety topics

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Age-appropriate online safety activities

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

**School Lunch** – The new Autumn/Winter menu is being emailed to you today with the newsletter. You can also access it on our website – [Autumn/Winter menu](#).

If your child has a special diet menu, this has been emailed to you recently.

**Free School Meals (Pupil Premium)** – All infant school children receive a school lunch for free, however, some families are entitled to free school meals (Pupil Premium). If your child is entitled, school will receive funding to provide additional support/resources where required. School will also contribute towards the cost of school trips etc. It will also be beneficial for when your child leaves Motcombe to go to junior school as that is when you start paying for their school lunches.

Please see the criteria below click this link to check eligibility – [Apply for Free School Meals](#).

- [Universal Credit - GOV.UK](#) – 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)
- [Income Support - GOV.UK](#)
- Income-based [Jobseeker's Allowance \(JSA\) - GOV.UK](#)
- Income-related [Employment and Support Allowance \(ESA\) - GOV.UK](#)
- Support under [Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 - GOV.UK](#)

- The Guaranteed element of [State Pension Credit -GOV.UK](#)
- [Child Tax Credit - GOV.UK](#), only, if your annual household income (assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) isn't over £16,190.

[Anyone who gets [Working Tax Credit - GOV.UK](#), 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.



**Midday Supervisory Assistant** – We are looking for bank staff Midday Supervisory Assistants to join our team of bank staff to cover staff absence at lunchtime. If you are interested in this position, please contact the school office or download an [application pack](#) from our website.

This is a claims only position and the hourly rate is £9.25.

### After School Clubs -

**Nature Adventures** - There are some spaces available on Wednesday and Thursday Nature Adventures after school club, for Y1 and 2. Explore nature, develop bushcraft and woodworking skills, cook on the campfire... If you would like a taster day, there are some opportunities to join us for a day in December. For more info, please email [sarah@cherrywoodadventures.co.uk](mailto:sarah@cherrywoodadventures.co.uk)



There are some places available in SAMA Karate (Wednesday) and Rhino Rugby (Friday). For details on how to book a place for your child, please see the [After School Club](#) page on our website.

Details for Breakfast Club and Fireflies After School Club are also available on this page.



**Motcombe Marketplace** – thank you for all your donations for the shop. This has been hugely successful!

Please keep sending your unwanted, good condition, items in to school.



**Let's Rocket** – there is a themed menu on Thursday 3 November for Bonfire Night.

Sausage & Mash or Vegetarian Sausages & Mash  
Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans  
Sticky Toffee and Banana Pudding



# University of Brighton

**Become a Host Family with the University of Brighton** - Are you Interested in hosting newly qualified teachers from Illinois State University in the USA? Due to the popularity of this programme we are recruiting new host families for Spring 2023.

These students come to the University of Brighton on a 10 week placement from mid-Feb until end of April. If you have a spare room and would be interested in welcoming 1-2 students into your home please get in touch. The rate is £125 per student per week for Bed, Breakfast and Evening meal. Please email Mary Jones on [Mary.P.Jones@brighton.ac.uk](mailto:Mary.P.Jones@brighton.ac.uk) if you would like to have a chat about this.

## Free Half Term Activities -



St Wilfred's Hospice is running 'Where's Wilfie Bear' over half term.

It is a map with clues that locate where a Wilfie Bear is hidden, in all sorts of shops and businesses around Eastbourne town centre.

The first four correct answer sheets pulled out of the hat will win a Wilfie bear. So please spread the word about this free activity and get as many children as possible out and about in half term on the hunt for Wilfie!

The information is being emailed to you today with the newsletter.

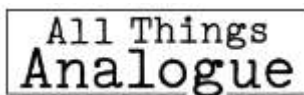
If your child would like to raise a few pounds for the Hospice, a sponsor form is included.



National Trust

The National Trust is offering a free family pass for one visit (valid until 30 November). Our local sites are Sheffield Park which is amazing in Autumn, Bateman's and Bodiam Castle.

Click [here](#) to order your free family pass.



Is running a free [Halloween Drawing Competition](#) at their shop in Grove Road.



## Have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing the children on Monday 31 October!

### **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/>