



Newsletter 005 – Friday 6 January 2023

Welcome back! I hope you had a wonderful Christmas!
Wishing you a healthy and happy 2023!



Our choir took part in a singing event at the Beacon on 17 December!

This event raised £1200 for the Mayor's chosen charities – Mencap and the Foodbank! Well done to Mrs Evans, Mrs Barnes and the choir!



On 26 and 27 January each child will plant a tree in Macmillan Park with the help of some members of the voluntary organisation, Treebourne. What a wonderful opportunity to make a contribution to the environment... the children will be able to watch their tree grow over the years!

<https://treebourne.org/>

INSET DAYS FOR 2022-2023

Monday 17 April 2023

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

Friday 21 July 2023

Menu Changes

Census Day - Thursday 19 January

The menu will be Fish Fingers and Chips or Quorn Dippers and chips.

Friday 20 January

The menu will be Beef Bolognese or Chinese Vegetable Rice.

Chinese New Year - Tuesday 24 January

The menu will be Chinese Chicken Noodles or Chinese Vegetable Rice

Lost Property – The lost property box has been overflowing as always and there are so many unnamed items in there. We have decided to remove the box as the items tend to stay in there for such a long time.

In future, as always, we will try our best to return named items to their owner as soon as we can.

Unnamed items will go straight to Motcombe Marketplace in a lost property box so you will need to go there on a Thursday afternoon if your child misplaces anything.

Please label your child's belongings so that they have a good chance of being returned to them.

Diary Dates - Please remember to check your diary dates (these are circulated at the beginning of the year and at the beginning of each term with the newsletter). Term start dates are also published on our social media pages to remind parents of their child's first day back in school (please see links to these at the top of this page).

Several children were not in school on Tuesday as it was assumed our INSET days are the same as Ocklynge School. Unfortunately, we cannot always schedule these to be on the same days as other local schools.

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/>



Motcombe School
Flying high together

A reminder that
the deadline to apply for your
child's infant, junior or primary
school place is
15 January 2023

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/education-learning/schools/admissions/apply-primary>

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ATTENDANCE

Although we know there has been lots of bugs around recently, we still have a duty to constantly monitor attendance. If your child's attendance is under 90% you will receive a letter over the next few weeks. This is to give you an awareness of your child's attendance level and to support you in ensuring your child maintains a good level of attendance.

Good attendance and punctuality are essential if your child is to succeed at Motcombe School. In fact research shows that there is a direct link between good attendance and academic progress and achievement.

MISSING SCHOOL MEANS:

**YOU ARE MISSING OUT ON FUN PROJECTS AND
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
STRUGGLING TO CATCH UP ON WORK**

GOOD ATTENDANCE MEANS:

**YOU ENJOY SCHOOL MORE AND HAVE BETTER
FRIENDSHIPS AND MENTAL WELLBEING**



PERCENTAGE ATTENDANCE	NUMBER OF DAYS IN SCHOOL	NUMBER OF SCHOOL DAYS MISSED
100%	190	0
95%	180	10
94%	178	12
86%	163	27
85%	161	29
75%	143	47

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/>