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**NEWSLETTER –13 Autumn Term 2009**

**18<sup>th</sup> December 2009**

### **Christmas Performances**

Well done to all the children and the staff for fabulous Christmas Performances this week. Great singing, acting and speaking from all of our Reception and KS1 children.

### **A Christmas Challenge – Guess the weight of the Cake**

Thank you to everyone who had a go at guessing the weight of the cake, donated from Grove Park Deli. The actual weight was 2.48kg and the nearest guess was 2.5kg by two separate entrants. Congratulations to Rosa's Mum and Anisa's Mum (both Orange parents). They win the beautiful Christmas Cake and the children's cake too – they will decide just how they split the prizes at the end of the day! Thank you to Amber In Der Reiden (Dana's Mum) for organising this!

### **Flying Pizza Christmas Show**

Yesterday the children enjoyed a brilliant performance by the Flying Pizza Company. The show was well received by the children who joined in with the fun.

### **Winston's Wish – Our Christmas Charity**

Once again, we would like to thank you all for your kind donations for Winston's Wish, the charity for bereaved children. We have raised hundreds of pounds and they will be absolutely delighted with our contribution.

### **Christmas Lunch and a Christmas Flood**

We really enjoyed our Christmas Lunch. All the staff and the children ate and sang their way through lunch time! Unfortunately while we were all enjoying ourselves with the children in the hall we had a flood that originated in Yellow but affected most of the Reception and Year 1 classrooms and corridor areas. We had to evacuate Y1 to the Community Room and Reception to the Nursery. We would like to apologise once again to PM Nursery parents and thank them for their understanding in us cancelling the afternoon session.

### **Christmas Parties**

All the children have had great fun at their Christmas Parties. We ate lots of healthy and some unhealthy food and enjoyed some dancing and singing!

### **End of term Attendance Assembly**

Many thanks to Ezi Williams (the Chair of Governors) and Ulrika (a long standing Strand governor) for presenting our certificates and badges to children who have achieved 100% attendance. Mr Newton asked the successful children to give the rest of the school some tips on getting to school everyday and they were able to share why good attendance is so important for learning.

### **Toilet Update**

The first fix for the electrics is now installed and the suspended ceilings and stud partitions are under construction.

### **Golden Ticket Results**

We were also pleased to announce the winning KS1 classes. These classes earned the most Golden Tickets from following the golden rules. They win a Community Treat – something that is fun that helps other people!

<b><u>Year 1 Winners</u></b>	Fish Feeding monitors for the half term. The helpers will feed the fish every day and take responsibility for checking the health of the fish.
<b><u>Year 2 Winners</u></b>	Making New Year cards for the local shops and businesses and hand delivering them with Mr Newton and Miss Purser

### **Junior Open Day**

If you have not yet had a chance to visit the Juniors, we have a dedicated Open Day coming up on 28<sup>th</sup> January and would love to see you there so watch out for your individual invitation at the beginning of the new term.

### **Spring Term Teacher Led and External Clubs**

There has been an overwhelming response to teacher led clubs again and these were mostly 'sold out' within a day! We have just a couple of places left for Year 2 Book Club (Miss Bradburn and Miss Watkinson). This club will be creative – responding to really good stories through Music, Art and Drama. If you are interested please fill in the form (available from the Office).

### **New Club for Spring 2010**

London Athlete have offered to run a football club on Thursday evenings beginning 14<sup>th</sup> January. Please contact Paul at London Athlete on 07886 302963 for more information.

### **Bottle Tops and Sweet Wrappers**

We need your help to build up a large number of bottle tops for an upcoming art project. Please bring in all shapes and sizes of tops/lids and caps from bottles and jars (shampoo tops/washing liquid caps, vitamin caps etc). There will be a large container in the office area from Monday, please rinse the tops/lids and caps and drop them in there for us! Thank you once again for your support (don't forget to save them up over the Christmas holidays as well. A wide selection of shapes, sizes and colours are needed!).

We are also looking for sweetie wrappers for another Art project.

### **Goodbye Miss Chatten and Welcome to Mrs Stevens**

Miss Chatten has now embarked on her World tour, heading to teach in Australia. We wish her luck and thank her for all her work as classteacher and most recently as PPA teacher. Mrs Stevens joins the PPA team next term and will be working with Lime Class, Yellow Class and Green Class. She will also be releasing class teachers for Subject Leadership work so you will all meet her eventually!

### **Exciting Staffing News**

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Beauflis (Year 1 HLTA) is expecting a baby. The baby is due in the early Summer and Mrs Beauflis will commence her maternity leave in early May.

### **Request for children's tights**

The school office is desperately short of spare children's tights. Any donations in the new year would be gratefully received.

**\*\*\* KS1 STAR AWARDS \*\*\***

**All children are stars this week for their excellent  
Christmas performances.**

**100% Attendance  
Autumn Term 2009**

**Lime**

Aiden Aherne  
Catherine Jackson  
Iona Peterson  
Ruby Cline

**Turquoise**

Aya Dabaja  
Gabriel Armstrong  
Rachel Elliot

**Pink**

Emile Campbell  
Ruby Dickson  
Constance Halliwell  
Vincent Thompson  
Georgia Williams  
Louis Hess

**Yellow**

Sophie Benson  
Cleo Campbell  
Max Donaldson  
Evie Morris  
Delila Samuel  
Orla Santos

**Blue**

Isabella McCalmont-Woods  
Mariam Samadi

**Purple**

Isobel Burnett  
Joshua Nwafor  
Jude Sze  
Ben Taumsiri  
Delesha Walker

**RETURN TO SCHOOL**

We return to school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January. Have a restful and safe Christmas holiday.

**Remember 8.56 am is LATE for school!**