



# STRAND NEWS

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**NEWSLETTER – 11 Autumn Term 2010**

**26<sup>th</sup> November 2010**

### **Baby News**

We are delighted to announce that Miss Purser gave birth to a baby girl, Florence, on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Mum and baby are doing well and hoping to visit us very soon.

### **Welcome Back**

We wish to say welcome back to Miss Oldman who will be returning to work next week after her maternity leave. She will be working Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday covering staff PPA and other release time.

A warm welcome back to Khalid who used to be in Nursery and has now rejoined us in Yellow.

### **Year 1 trip to Richmond Museum**

Yellow class had a great time at Richmond Museum today. We hope that they will give you some great feedback about their experiences! The children were able to sketch some of the old toys, work out which might be toys Victorian children played with, test some of the toys out and dress up as Victorian children too.

Many thanks to all the parents who have supported the Year One classes over the last three weeks, you have helped us to ensure all the children are safe, happy and have been able to make the most out of this learning experience.

### **Nursery Learning Journal Meeting for parents and carers**

We were really pleased to see so many of you at the Nursery Learning Journal meetings on Tuesday. We hope that you have found these informative about how we assess your child and support their development across the six areas of learning. As mentioned in the meeting we strongly believe that working together with you is most effective for your child's development and we look forward to receiving your information and observations from home to add to the school journals.

### **Maths Information Meetings**

Mrs Moxom will be leading our **Early Years** Maths Information meetings in the hall on **Tuesday** 30<sup>th</sup> November at 9:10 in the morning and again at 2:30pm.

Mrs Dwyer will be leading our **KS1** Maths Information meeting on **Wednesday** 1<sup>st</sup> December at 9:10 in Pink Class.

We expect that the meetings should last about an hour, we do hope that you will be able to attend.

### **Christmas Dinner 2010**

Christmas Dinner is on Wednesday 15 December. Please return the slip at the bottom of the letter sent out yesterday by Friday 10 December to let us know if your child will be having a Christmas dinner. Please note if your child usually has school dinners you **do not** need to pay an additional fee, **however** please do complete the form in order for us to advise our catering staff of the numbers required for that day in advance.

### **Save our school sports partnership**

Mrs de Lange will be in the playground before school on Monday morning collecting signatures for 'Save our school sports partnership.' Please support us because this loss will have a big impact on the sports available for our school.

### **Talk and Toast for Nursery PM**

Brentford Children's Centre is offering a 'Talk and Toast' session for Nursery afternoon children and parents on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November from 9.15-10.30 am. This is a great opportunity for you to see the new Centre and find out about the facilities and types of support that is able to offer you. A morning snack will be provided in a fun and friendly environment.

### **School Drop Off in the mornings**

Please make sure that your child is handed over to the class teacher or teaching assistant after the bell each morning. Under no circumstances should children be left on the school premises unaccompanied by a parent or carer.

### **Winter Vomiting Illness**

We have been made aware of several outbreaks of diarrhoea and vomiting in Hounslow schools. The advice given by the Health Protection Unit is that all children who have had diarrhoea and/or vomiting should not return to school for 48 hours after symptoms have ceased.

### **Second Hand Uniform Sale**

Please continue to bring in clean good quality second hand uniform for our next sale.

### **Junior News - Cygnet Club Raise £370 for Children in Need**

A huge well done to Loraine and the team at Cygnet Club who have raised a massive £370 for Children in need last week. The children braved the cold and were out in the playground with their buckets both before and after school. In addition to this Loraine also ran a 'Dress a Pudsy Bear' competition, which was judged by a panel of parents. The winners were:-

Infant Room			
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	
Zahra Chowdry	Sofia Walter	Kirstie Mallon	
Junior Room			
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Catherine Jackson	Aaron Noel	Gillian Clarke	Billie White

Thank you to Lorraine, Maria and the team for organizing the event and helping to raise funds for such a worthy cause.

### **Friends Coffee Mornings**

Friends coffee mornings continue every Tuesday after drop off, in the Community Room in the Junior playground. These are not formal meetings, but a chance for a chat and a drink. You are very welcome to bring younger siblings with you.

### **Strand Toddler Playgroup**

Each Monday morning in term time (9am - 11am) parents can meet for a coffee and a chat (including a discussion on the possibility of setting up a crèche) whilst their toddlers play in the Community Room in the Junior Playground. The charge is £1 to cover the cost of refreshments.

### **Strand Christmas Fair Update and Raffle Tickets**

Please make sure the date is in your diaries – Saturday 4th December 2010 11.00 – 3.00pm. We will have lots of stalls so please come and have a look for Christmas present ideas.

We hope you all received tickets in your child's book bags for this year's Christmas Fair Raffle draw. Please buy or sell as many as you can and follow the instructions regarding payments and return of the raffle stubs. Please, please, please return any unsold tickets to the school office as soon as possible so that we can re-distribute tickets and sell as many as possible. Watch out early next week for details of some exciting **New Prizes** and also how to bid for our brilliant **Auction Prizes**.

### **Urgent Plea for gift wrappers**

At the Friends Coffee Morning this Tuesday in the Community Room (after drop off) we will be wrapping gifts for the Christmas Grotto. If you are able to come and help, please contact Eileen on 07930 372 941 or just come along.

### **Urgent Plea for Face Painters**

If you are able to help with our face painting stall please call Suzanne on 07932 220 847. It would be great to have enough helpers to get a rota going.

### **Request for volunteer helpers**

We need a small army of volunteers after school on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> to help us set up for the Christmas Fair. If you are able to volunteer please call Eileen on 07930 372 941.

### **Mufti Day – Friday 3 December**

Next Friday is Mufti Day when your child can wear their own clothes in exchange for bringing in a decorated Sweetie Jar/bottle. We are also looking for biscuit/cake decorating materials and bottles of drink (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) for the Tombola Stand

Please bring in your cakes (made or bought) next Friday ready for the cake stall at the Christmas Fair on Saturday. Please be generous as this is a very popular stall!

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

**YELLOW: Iain, Rohan, Cassie PURPLE: Charlie, Theo, Alan**

**BLUE: Naomi, Quresha, Shiloh LIME: Anka, Ashleigh, Ramla**

**PINK: Jernade, Sasha, Isabella TURQUOISE: Youcef, Ali, Abdibasid**

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