



# STRAND NEWS

## STRAND NEWS

### NEWSLETTER –1 Summer Term 2010

23rd April 2010

#### **Welcome Back**

We hope everyone had a restful two-week holiday and we look forward to the term ahead. As usual we have lots of enjoyable and exciting events ahead – please see the dates list attached to this newsletter.

#### **Holidays in Term Time**

May we remind all parents and carers that we do not authorise holidays in term time and we are monitored closely for our attendance levels. Many families are choosing to ignore our request not to take time off for family holidays. Our attendance is currently between 94-95% and has dropped from this time last year. Ofsted views schools with less than 94% unfavourably and this could be a limiting factor in overall judgements made about the school despite other excellent work in other areas. This is because good attendance is proven to impact on progress and attainment of individuals. We understand the recent volcanic ash will have meant that some children were unavoidably delayed in their return to school.

#### **General Election 6<sup>th</sup> May**

We would like to remind parents/carers that the general Election takes place on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2010. Our Nursery is always used as a polling station on these occasions. Nursery parents/ carers please note there will be no Nursery AM or PM sessions on this day.

#### **Office News**

We were delighted to welcome Lianne Green back from maternity leave. She has returned on a part time basis, working Monday, Tuesday (all day) and Weds morning. Toni Vance was successful in gaining another permanent full time Office Role. Gill Coke and Wendy Boucher continue with their current roles. You may have noticed the reorganisation of the Office and Medical Room and we hope this will mean the continued efficiency of our busy Office.

#### **Barbara Beauflis**

Mrs Beauflis commences her maternity leave at the end of next week and we wish her all the best for her maternity leave. We are looking forward to welcoming Mr Byrne who will be stepping in over the course of next week.

#### **Katherine Stevens**

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Stevens is expecting her second baby. She will continue to work with her PPA cover classes until the end of the Summer Term.

#### **Rhythm of London Week**

We are delighted to have participated in our first Rhythm of London Week. Many thanks to Mr and Mrs Chappell (Tara's parents, Blue) who have played and organised a wonderful String Quartet and Harp Group to play throughout Wednesday and Thursday. The children have been absolutely absorbed and inspired by what they saw. We were also fortunate to have Andy (Oliver's Mum, Purple) who sang whilst classes visited the hall – it was a delight to hear such beautiful live music which could be heard throughout our school.

## **Kew Gardens**

Year 1 had a fantastic sunny day at Kew Gardens learning about plant growth. The Kew staff led a variety of learning activities for the children which included seed dispersal and role-playing this through drama activities. Many thanks to the Year 1 staff and parents who made this possible.

## **Reception Class Assemblies – Date Reminders**

Please join your child's class for the following Assemblies:

Orange	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 9.10 am
Red	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 9.10 am
Green	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 9.10 am

## **Bike Breakfast**

Once again we are organising an Infant and Junior Bike Breakfast to celebrate this sustainable and healthy way to travel to school. Anyone who cycles to school on Friday 30 April will be entitled to join in eating a healthy breakfast. You will receive a letter at the beginning of next week and you will be asked to indicate attendance. This is crucial as the numbers attending has risen each year and we need to cater accordingly. If your child does choose to cycle then they will receive a sticker (that shows they are entitled to breakfast). They will be shown where to park their bike and will be picked up from class at some point during the morning.

## **Toilets**

We are extremely close to completion and we are very pleased with the quality of the final stages. We are now awaiting the custom made fire doors and these may hold us back another week or two as due to fire regulations we are unable to occupy the space until they are installed. That means that we are looking at using the building from the second week of May.

## **PE Kit**

Please make sure your child has a clearly labelled PE bag with shorts, t-shirt and plimsolls which can be left on their peg for the term.

## **Junior News - Second Hand Book Sale**

Miss Sharma, our Literacy coordinator, organised a second hand book sale on Wednesday to raise funds for our forthcoming author visit and raised a fantastic £110! The event was so popular that we are holding another sale on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April in the Junior playground at 3:30. We would like to invite you along as we have some great books that may appeal to younger readers. All books are priced at £1. Why not pop over after pick up and grab a bargain?

## ***\* S T A R A W A R D S \****

**Purple:** Joshua, Delesha, Emma L   **Yellow:** Abdibasid, Cade, Sophie

**Blue:** Haris, Jaya, Princess   **Lime:** Derin, Claudia, Charlie

**Pink:** Blessing, Oli, Adele   **Turq:** Chloe, Natalia, Joshua

**School begins at 8.55 am**

Remember 8.56 am is LATE for school!