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NEWSLETTER –2 Summer Term 2010
30th April 2010

General Election 6th May NURSERY CLOSED

We would like to remind parents/carers that the General Election takes place on 6th 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.

Bike Breakfast

We were delighted to see how many children cycled to school this morning – over 200 Infant children and 182 Juniors! We had a delicious healthy breakfast in the hall and the food lasted just until the end! Thank you to everybody who helped with this massive catering event – in particular Candy (Tyler's Grandma) who helped staff this morning. Junior monitors chose the 'bikes with the best bling' and there are some small prizes in the Junior Office for anyone who found a special label on their bike at the end of the day.

Planting around the Playground and other plans

You may have noticed our new look borders around the playground. We would like to say an enormous thank you to our team of Thursday evening helpers who joined Mr Newton and worked for hours on this massive task, turning the soil and adding new compost and finally planting in excess of 100 plants!

This is just the start of our playground and outdoor area plans. We have already purchased some child height planters for Reception digging and growing. We have also ordered some colourful sail shades to provide some protection against showers and the sun. Staff are busy designing other aspects of provision such as shelters for Reception, barked or landscaped areas and also the long awaited new climbing frame for the main playground!

Year 2 Walk to local park

As part of learning to write reports of events Y2 went to the Rec on Thursday. As usual, they were perfectly behaved and produced some really good writing today. Thank you to those parent/carers who were able to support the event by helping on the trip.

Homework Club

We are looking forward to our new homework club starting next Wednesday. The club is a drop in service for parents and carers who would like to ask advice on how to approach the weekly homework task or extend learning from the curriculum letter. This will be hosted by Harriet Morgan and initially attended by KS1 teachers too.

Reception Class Assemblies – Date Reminders

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

Orange	Thursday 6 th May 9.10 am
Red	Thursday 13 th May 9.10 am
Green	Thursday 20 th May 9.10 am

Class Group Photographs

Class Group photographs will take place this Wednesday, 5th May. Please encourage your child to look smart, preferably wearing uniform.

Headlice

Please can parents check their child's hair regularly for headlice.

Toilets

We are still anticipating a completion date of early May for the toilets. As you already know from last week's newsletter we are awaiting the delivery of custom made fire doors which are holding up the very final stages of the project.

Junior News - Free Adult / Family Cycle Training

The Junior school are part of the Bike It scheme which supports schools in developing a cycling culture in school. Bike It are offering adult/family cycle training sessions. The sessions will cater for complete beginners to more experienced cyclists and will be delivered in small groups every other Saturday. The locations vary but bespoke sessions could be set up at Strand if there is enough interest. For those of you who are new to cycling or don't have your own bike, bike hire is available. If you are interested contact Ruth Woods via the Junior office. One of our Year 6 staff, Mrs Caddick, attended a similar course last year and found it a great confidence boost before she took on London traffic – she now cycles daily from Kingston! There is a poster with more details on display in the playground.

Friends of Strand

Can you donate or arrange access to great prizes for our Summer Fair Raffle - one of our biggest fund raisers? Each year we rely on volunteers to donate or source prizes to help make our Summer Fair Raffle the BEST school raffle around! But this is only possible thanks to the help of parents and volunteers who make calls on our behalf.

If you have your own business, have access to company charity donations/prizes, can help approach donors or would like to donate a prize we would be immensely grateful. We are looking for all sorts of prizes from electronic to holidays to wine to experiences.

And of course don't forget to buy tickets when they arrive as this makes the money and you could be one of the lucky winners!

Please call or e-mail Louise Martin on louamartin@hotmail.co.uk or 07786 990685

And if you would like to rise to the challenge of taking the raffle on, we need a new leader/team for Christmas.

Summer Fair, Saturday 12 June

Summer Fair means it's poster time again! This year, we've got a World Cup Theme to the Fair. Remember, posters should be portrait, and we need bold, bright pictures, with space for us to put the words. There are prizes! The winner gets free family entry plus free goes on some of the stalls. Runners-up get free family entry, plus a free go on one stall of their choice. All entries will be displayed. Posters to be handed in by: Monday, 17 May. Judging will be Tuesday, 18 May during the Coffee Morning. Shortlist will be displayed in Junior corridor for general voting.

We are hoping once again to secure sponsorship for the Fair from one of the local estate agents. They will put boards up outside parents' houses to advertise the event, and to give themselves some publicity, and they pay us for each board. It is a very easy way for us to earn money - the boards that advertised the pantomime raised us over £500 - and to publicise our events around the local area.

The boards will go up around four weeks before the Fair, and will be taken down soon after the event.

If you have not previously had a board or sent in your details for one, but would be prepared to, please send your name, address and phone number to Jane Whittaker via either school office, or directly to jane@logjam.co.uk Also please contact Jane if you have previously had a board but no longer wish to.

Many thanks.

Sun Safety at School

We are hoping for some Summer weather this term and thinking ahead to protecting children's skin in the hot sun. If the temperature does start to rise please put sun cream on your child's face, arms and legs before school and send them in with a labeled sun hat.

School begins at 8.55 am
Remember 8.56 am is LATE for school!