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**NEWSLETTER –3 Summer Term 2010**  
**7<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

### **Orange Class Assembly**

Congratulations to Orange Class for their first ever Assembly. The children told us all about growing from seeds and amazed everybody with their clear voices. They role played different types of beans and sang a great song! Thank you to all those parents/carers who were able to attend.

### **Homework Club**

Our KS1 homework club started this week. Remember this is a drop in session for advice and support with home learning, open to all KS1 parents. It is held on Wednesday afternoons in Lime Class (from 3.40pm).

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

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

***(Please note Red Class Assembly has been postponed as Miss Millington has been unwell. A new date will be announced shortly).***

Red	Postponed, new date to be confirmed
Green	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 9.10 am

### **Toilets**

The long awaited fire doors have arrived on site and the contractors are busy fitting them and making the last finishing touches on the project. We are very close to completion.

### **Scoot to School Day**

As part of our ongoing School Travel Plan we are holding another Scoot to School Day next Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> May. Please take a look at the letter in your child's school bag which gives all the details.

If your child has taken home another child's scooter by mistake, please return it to the school as soon as possible.

### **Bikes at Strand**

Please leave bikes in the bike racks in the Junior school outside Year 2 classrooms and NOT in the infant playground where they block access to the PE shed.

### **Staffing News**

We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Timba back from maternity leave after half term. However sadly, Mrs Timba has decided that she will not be returning permanently and will be leaving at the end of this year in order to look after her baby. Mrs Coombes has worked extremely hard in covering the maternity post in the Nursery and we are delighted that she has been successful in obtaining the permanent post so she will return in September as a classteacher.

We would also like to announce that Mrs Ross has decided to retire at the end of this year. Mrs Ross has worked at Strand for over ten years and has taught every year group across the school so this is another sad loss for the school, but an exciting opportunity for Mrs Ross. We are really pleased that Miss Chapman has been successful in obtaining this permanent position which will commence in September– Miss Chapman is currently covering Sarah Oldman's maternity cover in Yellow Class.

### **Midday Role (School Midday Supervisor role) 11.55am - 12.25pm**

We are currently advertising for relief 'midday teachers'(SMSAs). This role entails covering short term or sometimes longer term absence for our permanent midday teachers. Our dedicated team of SMSA's take responsibility for supervision of children whilst children eat and play at lunchtimes. The role involves full participation in play, lots of energy, high expectations of behaviour and a positive supportive role towards all of our children. If you are interested please see the Office for further details.

### **'Living Eggs' arriving at Strand !**

We are extremely excited about the prospect of our eggs arriving and hatching next week. You should have all received correspondence this week about Science project around chicks. They will be in the Nursery but all the children will have a chance to visit them. If you would rather that your child did not partake in this experience then please inform the school in writing.

### **Y2 West Wittering Meeting for parents/ carers Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May 3.00pm**

You will receive a letter today explaining the arrangements for the Y2 visits to West Wittering in June. We have set an informal meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> May to explain the structure of the day and the safety precautions that are in place for this visit. We hold this meeting annually so that all parents/ carers know a little more about the day before their children head off to the seaside! Everyone is welcome – it will be particularly useful if you have been asked to accompany the visit.

### **Junior News - Liberal Democrats take the seat of Strand Juniors**

Campaigning for the Mock Election reached fever pitch in Year 5 this week as the four main parties tried to gather as many votes as they could. Posters and rosettes were displayed and the Party Political Broadcasts were shown across the school. Leaders' Debates were held in all year groups, with the children having the chance to question the party leaders on their policies. All four candidates showed great confidence and gave fantastic answers whilst thinking on their feet! Voting took place yesterday and there was great tension as the results were announced in assembly! Congratulations to Dilan, the leader of the Liberal Democrats, who emerged victorious. Well done to the other candidates, Rachel, Effie and Sanela, who were worthy opponents. The whole process was fantastic and gave us a brilliant opportunity to share the importance of the democratic process first hand!

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:jane@logjam.co.uk) Also please contact Jane if you have previously had a board but no longer wish to.

Many thanks.

### **School Uniform Clearance Sale**

Friends of Strand will be holding a school uniform clearance sale in the infant playground next Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> May at 3.30 pm. All items will be £1 each.

### **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.

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

**Purple:** Izzy, Harvey, Robinique **Yellow:** Evie, Ali, Cade

**Blue:** Nicole, Jayden, Alessia **Lime:** Morsal, Daisy, Paulo

**Pink:** Martha, Sakshi, Samah **Turq:** Sam, Matilda, Jabril

**School begins at 8.55 am**

Remember 8.56 am is LATE for school!