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Scoot to School Day VI

Once again, the children have been delighted by the scootering excitement at school. Everybody had a go and earned a proficiency certificate by demonstrating safe, skilled and controlled scootering. We were also very impressed by some of those Superhero scooters – they were very imaginative!

'Living Eggs' at Strand !

Eight of our ten eggs have successfully hatched this week and we are all greatly enjoying looking after our chicks. Both staff and children are very keen to care for the babies and we are delighted to see them 'fluff up' and leave the heated incubator. Particular thanks to Mrs Coombes who had to be a 'Mummy Hen' this week bathing and supporting one of the chicks who really struggled with the hatching process!

Staffing News

We are delighted to announce that Miss Purser is expecting a baby in November. Miss Purser will continue in her role as Deputy Headteacher until early October 2010 and plans to return to the same role in July 2011. Miss Bradburn (currently Year 2 Team Leader and Senior Leader) is going to cover Miss Purser's maternity leave for this duration. Mrs Curtis will lead the curriculum in Y2 for next year. We are sure that you will join us in congratulating Miss Purser on her news.

Toilets

The finishing touches are being made to the toilets and the contractors are currently opening up the divides between the Reception and Year 1 corridors and the new build itself. We are a matter of days away from completion. As soon as we are confident that the new block is ready to be inhabited we will be organising new lines and access arrangements for Year 1 children in the mornings – we will let you know about this. We will also be arranging for the collection of the temporary toilets and putting our exciting plans in place for the continued development of the playground space.

Homework Club

Our KS1 homework club is up and running. 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). The school will be writing to all parents of KS1 children who do not regularly complete homework to invite them in particular to the sessions. Remember we expect all children to do some home learning and we are very happy to support parents/ carers in providing this.

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).

Green	Thursday 20 th May 9.10 am
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Bikes at Strand

We are thrilled to see children cycling to school. However, 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.

Y2 West Wittering Meeting for parents/ carers

Many thanks to those of you who were able to attend this meeting this week. We hope it was useful. If you were not able to attend and have any questions around the visit please feel free to ask Y2 staff or Miss Purser.

Junior News

Strand Juniors achieves Quality mark

Strand Juniors has achieved the Quality Mark for the second time! This has been awarded after rigorous scrutiny of evidence by assessors and is in recognition of our improving provision, practice and performance in respect of the 'basic skills' of literacy and numeracy. We are very proud when the super standards Strandites achievements are recognised. Well done everyone. A special thank you to Kate Shafi who had the unenviable task of collating the mountain of paperwork.

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.

School Uniform Clearance Sale

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

****STAR AWARDS****

Purple: Anka, Oliver, Georgia **Yellow:** Cleo, Eliza, Luka

Blue: Tara, Amin, Stevie **Lime:** Taylor, Ben, Sofiya

Pink: Isha, Daniel, Calum **Turq:** Holly, Charles, Olivia

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