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'Living Eggs' at Strand !

Our eight chicks are growing steadily. The children have been delighted to observe them change over this last week, becoming plumper and fluffier everyday. The chicks were picked up today for their new free range home on a farm.

Staffing News

Next week we say a temporary Goodbye to Mrs Coombes as Mrs Timba returns to the Nursery after her maternity leave. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Coombes for her commitment and hard work this year. The Nursery children are extremely settled and progressing well thanks to the whole team. We know Mrs Timba is really looking forward to getting to know the children over the course of the last half term. Mrs Coombes will be released for most of this week, writing reports and handing over paperwork. Mrs Timba will meet the children and parents/carers on Thursday and the children will say Goodbye to Mrs Coombes on Friday 28th May.

We are pleased that Mr Byrne has been successful in securing our term of maternity cover (September- December). After half term we will be carefully considering where teachers and support staff will be placed and we look forward to sharing this news with you later in the term.

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Beaufls gave birth to another son this week. Baby Thomas was born healthy and well at 3.4kg just 40 minutes after Mrs Beaufls arrived in the hospital!

Outstanding School Travel Plan Award

This morning Vanessa Purser (Infant Deputy Headteacher) and Ruth Woods (Junior Deputy Headteacher) went to the Hounslow Healthy Schools Conference and were awarded a national Outstanding Accreditation for Strand Schools Travel Plan. This is in recognition of the impact of our initiatives like Walk to School Week, Scooter Days, Bike Breakfast on reducing car travel.

Toilets

The Building Inspector is making the final visits and although the final touches are taking a little longer than expected – we are nearly there. The temporary toilets will be removed at some point next week. Pink Class will be the first to use the toilets as it is their Community treat and then the rest of the school will take up residency soon after!

Class Photographs

Please return your class photograph order forms with payment to the school office by Wednesday, 26th May at the latest. The school is unable to process orders after this date.

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 has written to all parents of KS1 children who do not regularly complete homework to invite them in particular to the sessions – this means we have written to nearly 25% of KS1 parents/carers. 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 – New dates for your diaries

Green	Weds, 26 th May 9.10am
Red	Friday, 18 th June 9.10 am

National Family Week 31st May – 6th June

National Family Week is the UK's biggest celebration of family life, encouraging families to spend more quality time together and enjoy the benefits of a positive, healthy lifestyle.

Thousands of different events have been organised over the May half term holiday including picnics, film days, story-telling sessions, games nights, sports days and family cook-ins. Visit www.nationalfamilyweek.co.uk for further information, competitions and loads of money-off vouchers too!

Our Family Week tree shows how important families are to Strand children.

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 and make it difficult for children to get to their scooters.

Junior News

Mini Fair

The Year 6 mini fair was the usual combination of wild and whacky stalls today. Year 6 continue to amaze us with their ingenuity and resourcefulness when dreaming up the ideas for the stalls. The rest of the school spent their hard earned tokens at the fair this afternoon and it was lovely to see the Year 2 children as their transition to the Juniors begins. Thank you to the Year 6 staff who have put in many hours arranging the fair and clearing up the debris afterwards! All money raised will go to the School Trips and Events Funds.

Summer Fair News Travel Plan / Second Hand Bike Stall

We are running a second hand bike stall as part of our travel plan stall at the summer fair. Bikes should be roadworthy and in good condition. We will price them competitively and any bikes unsold will be returned to you or if you prefer we could pass them onto colleagues in schools around the borough who are developing cycle pools or bike maintenance courses. Bikes should be brought to school on Friday 11th June and no earlier (storage issues!). If you are interested then please leave your details at the office.

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.

BYO (Stapler) Party

On Tuesday 25 May, the Coffee Morning will have a fun party where we staple the raffle tickets and the letters. All are welcome! Just bring your own stapler and settle down for some stapling, a cup of coffee (or tea) and pleasant conversation. Thank you!

Lost Property

Please look through the lost property on display in the playground. At the end of the school day on Monday any lost property left behind will be put into recycling.

Summer Weather

Now that there is the possibility of the weather getting warmer could you please make sure that your child comes to school with a labeled sun hat and suncream. Please do not let your child come to school in open toe sandals. Can we also remind you that jewellery is not allowed in school.

****STAR AWARDS****

Purple: Shamim, Oliver V, Elise **Yellow:** Delila, Ben, Chelsea

Blue: Tom, Aniela, Isabella **Lime:** Catherine, Toby, Bradley

Pink: Adele, Constance, Liam **Turq:** Hiba, Leo, Jamie

School begins at 8.55 am

Remember 8.56 am is LATE for school!