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Walk to School Week

We have had a fabulous walk to school week, despite the fact that Debra (the walking zebra) chose to drive to school (and ended up missing her Assembly!) We used this as a learning point and all week the children have been passionate about explaining why you should limit driving and favour walking!

Thank you to those of you who were able to either sponsor or support our walking bus on Wednesday. All the Infant and Junior children and staff participated and it was a great whole school event. We raised money for Brake, a charity that supports victims and their families of road traffic accidents. Every year they ask thousands of school children to all walk at once on the same day to beat their previous numbers in the Guinness Book of Records for the world's longest walking bus!

Homework Club

Homework Club has now ended for this term. We hope that we have been able to support some of you in helping your child with home learning this term.

Skipathon Week 7th June

We are still collecting in the sponsorship money for this event. Remember, any donations are welcome and will be sent to support The British Heart Foundation.

School Council News

School Council met this week and are keen for all the parents and carers to know the good news about learning behaviour across the school. They have been monitoring behaviour, for example, whether children follow instructions or put their hand up rather than call out. The news about all these behaviours was very positive.

School Council also discussed the 'Grand Opening of the Toilets'. We have some initial ideas which involve choir singing and possible catering ideas for our guests of honour (the children are keen to invite the Mayor!). We will let you know the finalised details. Next week we are meeting to plan the new climbing equipment for the playground.

Red Class Assembly

Red Class ended our 'Assembly Season' with a very confident performance. They informed us all about life cycles in a truly Reception way! Great Fun!

Attendance

We would like to remind parents of the importance of regular attendance at school. Children who have good attendance achieve better in their learning than those who do not. Absence will not be authorised for holidays and is only authorised for sickness or very exceptional circumstances. Our attendance remains between 94-95% and this is too low. We would like to remind parents and carers that if our attendance slips below 94% and we are inspected by Ofsted this will be a limiting factor in judgements made. This means that no matter what other good things are achieved by the school and the children, poor attendance will bring down our overall judgement.

Confirmed Nursery Hours

After consultation with staff, parents/carers and the Local Authority we confirm our 15 hour provision in the Nursery for next September:

AM 8.45- 11.45am (pick up from 11.40pm)

PM 12.50 – 3.50am (pick up from 3.45pm)

Scooting in the Playground

It has been brought to our attention that children are still scooting in the playground at pick up and drop off time. This is extremely dangerous as the playground is a busy place and children and adults can get hurt. We will be reminding children in class and Assembly as well as being vigilant at the beginning and end of each day. We also ask that parents/carers ensure that their own children follow this rule.

Wake Up, Shake Up and Punctuality

We apologise that Wake Up, Shake Up did not happen this morning. Unfortunately Mrs deLange was unwell. However, we expect her to be fit and healthy for next week's session.

Junior News -Win Silver for Year 5 tag rugby squad

On Tuesday, the Year 5 mixed tag rugby squad of Hamzah, Jordan, Sophie, Ryan, Ryan, Sara, Damian, Szymon, Tom and Effy took part in the Hounslow Championship at Grasshopper's Rugby Club. The 16 teams were put into 4 groups. After narrowly losing their first group match, Strand romped the next two and finished 2nd thus qualifying for the quarter finals against St Mary's, Chiswick. A fine 9-7 win put Strand through to face Grove Road in the semi. In a pulsating game Strand Juniors came out winners by a tight 9-8 victory. The final, against St Mary's, Isleworth was another exciting encounter with Strand at one stage 4-2 up. However St Mary's rallied and were eventual winners 11-8. Team Strand's performance throughout was outstanding!! Well done!

Date Reminders for the rest of this term:

Monday 21 st –Friday 25 th June 2010		MADD Week (Music, Art, Dance & Drama)
Monday 21 st -Friday 25 th June 2010		Book Fair in School
Monday 21 st June 2010		Perform Drama Workshop in School- Fairytale Forest
Tuesday 22 nd June 2010		Year 2 Mini Olympics in school (children only)
Thursday 24 th June 2010	9:10am	New Reception Parents 2010/2011 Meeting in School Hall
Thursday 24 th June 2010	TBC	Year 2 Borough Sports Day at Brentford Fountain Leisure Centre
28 th June-2 nd July 2010		Geography / Cultural Week
Friday 2 nd July 2010	1:30pm	Dance Event on the Field
Tuesday 6 th July 2010	4pm-6pm	Parents Drop in to see Teachers following reports
Monday 12 th July 2010	All Day	Transition Day – including - New Start Assembly, New Classes to New Teachers, and KS1 Parents meet the Teacher in the school hall at 2:30pm
Tuesday 13 th July 2010	2pm	New Reception Children 2010/2011 Picnic on the field, for children who did not attend Strand Nursery
Wednesday 14 th July 2010	2pm	Year 2 Leavers Show to siblings
Thursday 15 th July 2010	6pm	Year 2 Leavers Show & BBQ (parents only no siblings)
Friday 16 th July 2010	2:45pm	Parent Helper Thank you on the Field
Monday 19 th July 2010	9:30am	Year 1 Sports Event – Parents & Carers welcome
Monday 19 th July 2010	1:30pm	Year 2 Sports Event – Parents & Carers welcome
Tuesday 20 th July 2010	9:30am	Orange Class, Green Class & AM Nursery Sports Event – Parents & Carers welcome
Tuesday 20 th July 2010	1:30pm	Red Class & PM Nursery Sports Event – Parents & Carers welcome
Wednesday 21 st July 2010	1:30pm	Last Day of Summer Term - School Finishes at 1:30pm

Summer Fair

Many thanks to everyone who came along to the Summer Fair last Saturday. We were very lucky with the weather and everyone seemed to enjoy the day. The African drumming was a great opener for the Fair, and the choirs sang beautifully and were a credit to the schools and to Mrs Dwyer and Mrs Pryce.

The Friends would like to thank the class reps for co-ordinating their stalls, and all parents, carers and staff who helped. The Fair raised £7900 which is a great result, and was only achieved by the hard work of everyone involved.

Particular thanks go to :

Cecilia Thwaites, who once again co-ordinated the entire event.

The Junput family, who again donated the delicious Thai food. If you can't wait until the Christmas Fair for your next helping of their curries, why not visit their restaurant, the Jasmine Thai, at 16 Goldhawk Road.

Nick Nearchou and his family, for our brand new barbecues and for manning the barbecue all day Mackens Butchers, who supplied meat for the barbecue and donated a fabulous raffle prize, even though they don't have children at the school any longer!

Louise Martin and her team, for organising the very successful raffle, with its wide range of amazing prizes.

Mrs Hassan, Gasira Ismai, Shakrah (mother of Omar in 3N and Lama in Red), Saudo (mother of Abdul in 3N) who cooked and sold delicious, traditional Somali dishes.

Simon Vendiger, who has sourced soft drinks for us at very competitive prices for the last couple of years.

Remember, we are looking for a new Fair organiser, so if last Saturday's event has inspired you to take on this task, please get in touch with Cecilia (ceciliathwaites@googlemail.com or 07817 892203) to find out more.

Friends thank you evening and AGM

Parents and carers are invited to the Friends thank you evening on Wednesday 30 June at 7.30. This is a free social event to thank everyone who has helped with Friends activities over the year and to welcome those who may wish to get involved next year. We also combine this with a very short AGM which we are required to hold once a year. This event will take place on the school field – assuming good weather – or in the Community Room. Please come along and enjoy cheese and wine with other parents and carers, the two school heads and some other teachers.

At this meeting we will vote for the three committee roles for next year. These are Chair (currently a shared role), Secretary and Treasurer. The present Secretary and Treasurer will stand for re-election but we would like to give other people a chance to take on these roles too. Our current co-Chairs are stepping down, so there is a vacancy for someone to take this on, on their own or as a shared role. If you would like to stand for election please let the school offices know, in writing, by 4pm on Monday 28 June, and come along on 30 June for the voting, which will be done by a show of hands. To find out more about the roles, please contact the current committee members (see below). There are also many other smaller roles which need to be filled too. If you'd like to get more involved with the Friends please come along to the thank you evening on 30 June or a Tuesday coffee morning, or contact one of the committee.

Friends Committee

Co Chairs:

Cecilia Thwaites ceciliathwaites@googlemail.com 07817 892203

Jane Whittaker jane@logjam.co.uk 07905 035615

Secretary :

Jo Duddy joduddy1@o2.co.uk 07841 876905

Treasurer :

Karen Brown jimkaren123@tiscali.co.uk 07796201267

End of year bonanza

Just a reminder that the End of Year Bonanza will take place on Friday 9 July, on the Infant school field, from 5pm until it gets dark. There will be entertainment, a bar and a barbecue, or you are welcome to bring your own picnic. There is no charge for entry to this event. More details will follow in the next few weeks, but for now, please keep the date free!

Friends of Strand

The Friends of Strand schools (PTA) raise a lot of money every year and provide a place for parents and carers to get to know each other. Recently, the Friends have financed, among other things:

Juniors: the mini-bus

Infants: Interactive white boards in every class.

New playground equipment, arriving very soon, for both schools

This only happens thanks to the planning and organisation by the Friends committee and other volunteers from both schools. Our joint Chairs, Cecilia Thwaites and Jane Whittaker, are standing down at the end of this term. Jo Duddy and Karen Brown plan to continue as Secretary and

Treasurer, but we are looking for someone to take on the role of Chair, either alone or jointly. The main responsibilities involve:

- Liaising with the school heads
- Ensure all events run smoothly and raise plenty of money
- Encouraging involvement from parents and carers across all year groups
- Chair the monthly Friends meetings.

If you are interested in this and want to find out more, please contact Cecilia or Jane.

Cecilia has also run the Summer and Christmas Fairs for the last few years, and we are now looking for someone to take over. This involves:

- Working with class reps to ensure all stalls are run effectively
- Liaising with the schools and external bodies, like St Johns Ambulance.

If you are interested in this and want to find out more, please contact Cecilia.

The raffle is a key feature of the fairs, and raises around £4000 each year. Our current organiser, Louise Martin, is standing down. The role involves:

- Working with a small team to source raffle prizes
- Co-ordinate the printing and distribution of tickets
- Running the raffle stall at the fairs.
- Thanking the donors

If you are interested in this and want to find out more, please contact Louise

The schools would like to thank Louise and the Friends committee for all their hard work. And thanks to all the other parents and carers who help with Friends events, making them successful financially and also great fun, thus enhancing the life of the schools.

Jane and Cecilia want to add that they have enjoyed their time as joint Chairs. It has been fun, they have met lots of new people and it has been very rewarding. They will remain involved with the Friends, and will provide as much support as they can to the new Chair(s).

Grovestock Saturday 19th June

We are looking forward to showing our support for this Saturday's local event in Grove Park. We will be taking our KS1 choir to perform with other school choirs from 5.30 pm in St Paul's Church, Grove Park.

Second Hand Uniform

Donations of good quality uniform and clothing are accepted all year round. Please leave your donations with the school office. There will be a second hand clothes sale on the first Friday back after half term.

Tesco/Sainsburys Vouchers

If you have been collecting the Tesco or Sainsburys vouchers can you please bring them into school as soon as possible.

Lost Property

Please reclaim your child's lost property from the sheltered area of the playground by Monday evening. Any items remaining will be sent to recycling on Tuesday, 22 June 2010.

Reminder to Year 2 parents/carers

Please collect any items bought to school for the recent West Wittering trips, eg. windbreaks, parasols, buckets & spades etc.

**** STAR AWARDS ****

Purple: Cameron, Juliette, Benny
Yellow: Orla, Anna, Dana
Blue: Laila, Mariam, Princess
Lime: Florence, William, Charlie R
Pink: Ella, Jemimah, Sakshi
Turquoise: Jibril, Gabriel, Earth Planet Group

School begins at 8.55 am

Remember 8.56 am is LATE for school!

By Claudia Abbott in Lime

