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NEWSLETTER –1 Autumn Term 2010

10th September 2010

Welcome Back

Welcome back to school for 2010 -11. We are really looking forward to the year ahead. New staff and new children have settled in well to KS1 and Reception children arrive on Monday.

Our New Look Playground

You will already have noticed our fabulous new Reception Learning area and the very popular playground equipment that was built over the Summer Holidays. The children and staff are delighted to be working in this fresh new environment. We would like your co-operation and your support please in reminding children not to play on the equipment, before and after school.

Clubs

As usual we have had an overwhelming response to our teacher led clubs. We know that a few of you are disappointed not to have been able to secure a place for your child this term but we are unable to provide any more places at this point. Please do remember that staff give up their time voluntarily to plan and provide these clubs. We have run a system of first come, first served with reply slips but we are aware that some parents/carers feel this system is unfair (for a variety of reasons). We will be sending a consultation letter out next week for parents/carers to let us know how they think we could better allocate places.

School Council

Congratulations to the following children who have been elected to School Council by their classes. They will be working closely with Mr Newton, Miss Purser and Miss Bradburn in school improvement and will have all sorts of responsibilities and jobs ahead. Once again we have decided that School Council will change in February to allow more children to have the opportunity to be involved.

Purple School Council	Kyran and Gabriella
Blue School Council	Marjan and Anisa
Yellow School Council	Jakub and Amelie
Turquoise School Council	Anna and Cade
Lime School Council	Anka and Henry
Pink School Council	Isabella and Haris

Eid Assembly

We are looking forward to holding a Special Eid Assembly next week for Year 1 and Year 2 children on Tuesday 14th September at 1.40pm. Miss Purser and Samina Shafi (Amber and Harris's Mum) will talk to the children about this important Muslim festival and give the children a chance to ask questions.

Dates

You will have received a list of dates for your diary for the year. As always we work hard to keep to these dates and we will inform you in advance of any unavoidable changes to the diary.

Curriculum Information Meetings for Parent/Carers

Early Years Speaking & Listening Meeting 9.10am -Thurs, 23 September

Reception Reading & Writing Meeting 9.10am – Tues, 28 September

Y1 Curriculum Information Meeting 9.10am - Wed, 29 September

Y2 Curriculum Information Meeting 9.10am – Thurs, 30 September

We are extremely keen for as many of you as possible to attend the Curriculum Information meetings. We will be sharing important information such as how the day will be structured, the learning planned for your child and homework routines.

Parent Reps

Mrs Moxom will be holding a Parent Rep meeting on Tuesday, 22 September at 2.45pm . Please do come along if you are interested – there is no limit on the number of parent reps per class so everyone is welcome. The role involves liaison between class practitioners and parents carers to organise events, class trips and helping in class. There are usually one or two meetings per term, usually held in the morning after drop off.

Punctuality and Wake Up Shake Up

We will continue to monitor punctuality closely in the mornings. Miss Bradburn and Miss Purser will be resuming checks on arrival times in the morning. The start of the day is essential as it settles your child well for the day ahead. Also please remember that every class will start their day with whole class teacher led sessions and if your child misses this they will find it much more difficult to understand and access the rest of the following lesson. Wake Up Shake Up exercise sessions continue every Friday at 8.45am just before the start of school. Please come early and join in with the children.

Contact Details

Can parents and carers please make sure they update the office if any of their contact details have changed over the Summer. We have run into a few problems when a child has become sick and the contact details that we have on file have been wrong because the parents or carers have forgotten to inform the school of any changes.

Payments to the School Office

When you are making payments to the school office for dinner money, school trips, milk money, clubs or for any other reason **please ensure that the correct money is placed in a sealed envelope clearly marked with your child's name, class and what the money is for. Please place it in the black post box inside the main entrance.** With the wide variety of payments being taken it is increasingly difficult when money is handed in loose and parents are asking for change.

Junior News – Transition Thoughts – Visit from Chiswick Headteacher

We are delighted to be asked to contribute to the Infant Newsletter and thought that we would start our regular slot by saying how well the Year 3's have settled in. They are extremely well prepared for life in the Junior school and have fitted right in showing super learning behaviour! Although Secondary School may seem a long way off at the moment for Infant parents the new Headteacher of Chiswick Community, Tony Ryan (an ex Strandite!) is visiting Strand on the 23rd September at 4 pm. The meeting, which will be held in the Junior Hall, is open to all parents and Tony will be happy to answer any questions you may have about Chiswick Community School. Why not come along and find out for yourself what Chiswick has to offer.

Friends Coffee Mornings

Friends coffee mornings continue every Tuesday after drop off, in the Community Room in the Junior playground. These are not formal meetings, but a chance for a chat and a drink. You are very welcome to bring younger siblings with you.

Friends Meeting

The Friends of Strand need YOU! After a very successful couple of years, our co-chairs Jane and Cecilia have stepped down, and we really need someone to replace them. They will remain on the committee to give lots of help and advice, and the Treasurer (Karen Brown) and Secretary (Jo Duddy) are also in place, as well as other helpers & class reps. Do you have ideas for new events? Are there things that you think we should be doing to raise money for our fantastic schools? Come and tell us; being part of the Friends is a team effort, and being Chair of the Friends works really well when shared too. If you would like to know more about what is involved, please call Jo on 07841 876905 or Karen on 07796 201267; let's keep a full programme of events going this year!

Shoe Boxes

Please save your shoe boxes (from your new school shoes) for a special charity project starting soon. Watch this space!

2nd Hand Uniform Sale

Please hand any old school uniform and other items of clothing (good condition only) to the school office for our 2nd hand uniform sale which takes place after school on Friday, 17 September.

Dogs

Please remember that if you have to bring your dog at pick up/drop off time you should settle them away from the school entrance (at the Thames Road end of Brooks Lane). Our school entrance is rather narrow and young children can be unsettled by dogs barking loudly whilst tied to the railings immediately outside the door.

***** KS1 STAR AWARDS*****

Lime: Henry, Georgia, Izzy
Turquoise: Jasmine, Eliza, Javon
Yellow: Rohan, Kalen, Mia

Pink: Hasan, Jayden, Stevie
Purple: Rhiannon, Freddie, Peter
Blue: Tecumseh, Teri, Sebastian

Remember 8.56 am is LATE for school!