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NEWSLETTER – 10 Autumn Term 2010

19th November 2010

Operation Christmas Child

Mrs Coombes, our RE Co-ordinator, would like to send another big thank you to everyone who supported the Shoebox appeal, we had more than 70 gifts to send off. They have now been delivered to a collection point in Staines where they will be collected by a lorry to begin their journey overseas. If you still want to make a donation visit <https://occ.samaritans-purse.org.uk/donate>.

Year 1 trip to Richmond Museum

Purple class had a great time at Richmond Museum this week. We hope that they have given you some positive feedback about their experiences! The children were able to sketch some of the old toys, work out which might be toys Victorian children played with, test some of the toys out and dress up as Victorian children too! On Friday, Yellow will have their turn to go to the museum. Thank you to those of you who have already made a contribution towards this trip. If you have not, please make sure that you put your contribution in a labelled, sealed envelope with your permission slip and hand it to the office before your child's class is due to go. NB. Without a signed permission slip your child will not be able to attend.

Year 2 Violin Lessons

Reminder - Violin lessons will resume on Wednesday 24th November.

Parent Consultation Evenings

We were really pleased to welcome so many of you to the Parent/Carer consultation evenings over the last two weeks. We hope that you have found these informative about how your child has settled into class and how they have progressed since September.

School Drop Off in the mornings

Please make sure that your child is handed over to the class teacher or teaching assistant each morning. Under no circumstances should children be left on the school premises unaccompanied by a parent or carer.

Nursery Learning Journal Meeting for parents and carers

Mrs Coombes will be leading our Nursery Learning Journal meetings on Tuesday 23rd November. These are at 9:10 am for morning Nursery parents and 2:30pm for afternoon parents. The meetings should last about an hour and will take place in the hall. We do hope that you will be able to attend.

Prospective Parents Meetings and Tours 2011/2012

If your child is starting Nursery or Reception classes in September 2011 you are welcome to come to one of our parents meetings followed by a tour of the school on Wednesday 24 November. The first meeting and tour begins at 9.15 am and the second at 1.45 pm. Please come to the most convenient one – no need to book.

Picnic and Play

Brentford Children's Centre is offering a 'Picnic and Play' session for Nursery morning children and parents on Thursday 25th November. Staff from the Centre will come to meet those interested in going and at 12:00 walk with you to the centre. The session will last until about 2:00. This is a great opportunity for you to see the new Centre and find out about the facilities and types of support that is able to offer you. There is further information on the Nursery notice board and if you want to find out more, Amy Vale from the Centre will be visiting the Nursery on Tuesday morning and will be available to meet you at the end of the morning session. The Centre is hoping to run a similar venture for afternoon Nursery. Details to follow.

Winter Vomiting Illness

We have been made aware of several outbreaks of diarrhoea and vomiting in Hounslow schools. The advice given by the Health Protection Unit is that all children who have had diarrhoea and/or vomiting should not return to school for 48 hours after symptoms have ceased.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

Please continue to bring in clean good quality second hand uniform for our next sale.

Junior News - Strand Team win Borough Sports Day

On Tuesday 16th November a Strand team took part in the Annual Hounslow Borough Sports day at the Fountain Leisure Centre. Along with 47 other schools, the team competed in events such as basketball dribble, hockey dribble, obstacle relay, rugby relay, hurdles, tennis ball relay and a straight relay with a baton. The group phase of the competition proved to be a nail-biting affair with Strand needing to win the last two events to tie on points with St Michael and St Martins.

Both these events were unbelievably tight finishes but were won by the Strand team. This meant that both schools had 37 points. However because Strand had won more events [4 against 3] we progressed into the semi-final. Eight teams contested the semi's with 2 teams from each going through. Strand won theirs to make it through to the final. In the final, a relay, Grove Road School took an early lead but Strand slowly clawed it back until the two final legs, run by Mia Smith and Jordan Clarke, powered the team to victory. The team of Tom F, Damian, Ryan G, Ryan N, Sophie, Effie, Sara, Kensie and Mia thoroughly deserved their success and are worthy Borough Champions!

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.

Strand Toddler Playgroup

Each Monday morning in term time (9am - 11am) parents can meet for a coffee and a chat (including a discussion on the possibility of setting up a crèche) whilst their toddlers play in the Community Room in the Junior Playground. The charge is £1 to cover the cost of refreshments.

Strand Christmas Fair Update and Raffle Tickets

Please make sure the date is in your diaries – Saturday 4th December 2010 11.00 – 3.00pm.

Separate letters will be coming out to all Year groups detailing class stalls and help required later today. We will have lots of stalls so please come and have a look for Christmas present ideas.

We hope you all received tickets in your child's book bags for this year's Christmas Fair Raffle draw. Please buy or sell as many as you can and follow the instructions regarding payments and return of the raffle stubs. Please, please, please return any unsold tickets to the school office as soon as possible so that we can re-distribute tickets and sell as many as possible.

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

YELLOW: Beatrice, Tamisha, Shantaine PURPLE: Phoebe, Yasin, Frances

BLUE: Bob. Chloe, Ella LIME: Cameron, Jude, Etienne

PINK: Isobel, Abdulrahman, Princess TURQUOISE: Abdibasid, Rabbi, Orla

Remember 8.56 am is LATE for school!