



# STRAND NEWS

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NEWSLETTER – 5 Autumn Term 2010

8<sup>th</sup> October 2010

### Consultation on Clubs

We apologise that it seems that some parents/ carers did not receive our consultation letter on clubs last week so we have sent out another copy this week. Please do let us know how you think we should allocate club places so we can ensure we have the fairest system possible.

### Harvest – LAST DAY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS IS MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> October.

We are asking Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children to collect tins/ non perishable food in the brown paper bags that have been distributed. The donations will be taken to The Upper Room, a shelter that provides up to 500 meals a day for homeless people in West London. Suitable food could include tins of tomatoes, baked beans, tuna, soup or other canned goods. You have one more weekend to shop for contributions.

### Book Week

This week has been Children's Book Week! This special week is designed to support children to develop a pleasure in reading and stories. The theme for this year has been 'Books Around the World' which links very well to the launch of Black History Month. In class and Assemblies we have been celebrating our love of books and we are delighted that so many of you have been able to help us with reading some bilingual texts. We really enjoyed our African Workshop performances, however we do need to ask parents and carers to contribute towards the cost of these if you haven't already done so. We have received less than half of the contributions we have requested.

### Reading Buddies Meeting

Thank you to all the parents and carers that have committed to helping with our reading buddy system this term. As usual we will be targeting some children that need additional reading help in Years 1 and 2.

### GSK Global Handwashing Day 15<sup>th</sup> October

We will be working with children to remember to wash their hands next Friday as we participate in Global Handwashing Day! Many of you will already know about our involvement in this pilot project to promote hygiene last year. Children graduated as 'Handy Heroes' and once again we would like to promote this important message across the school.

### 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.

### 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.

### **Friends of Strand Fireworks Event, Thursday 4th November**

#### **Friends Fireworks Poster Competition**

If you haven't already submitted your entry, please get drawing or painting this weekend, as all entries need to be in to the Offices by Monday 11th October. A reminder that entries should be on A4 paper, protrait layout and in colour. Please don't put any writing on, as we will do that, and don't use a dark background or glitter as they may be difficult to reproduce nicely. Winner gets a free family ticket to the fireworks.

#### **Friends Welcome Night**

Advance notice that this will take place on Thursday 21st October, from 7.30-9.30pm - all are welcome! Further details will be sent out next week.

### **Estate Agent Boards**

We are once again being sponsored by Oliver Finn to put up boards to advertise Fireworks night and the Christmas Fair. They will pay us £10 per board, so this is a welcome source of easy money for us and it also advertises our events, so we get a double benefit. If you would like to register for a board, please e-mail Jane Whittaker asap: [jane@logjam.co.uk](mailto:jane@logjam.co.uk) If you are on our list already, but have moved in the last few months, please let Jane know, also if you would like to be taken off the board list.

The boards will go up at the beginning of October, and remain in place until after the Christmas Fair (the fireworks information will change to Christmas fair information after the 5th November.)

### **Pantomime Meetings: Thu 14th or Tue 19th October 7.30 pm in the Junior School Hall**

You'll be great in Panto, OH YES YOU WILL!!!! Every year Friends of Strand work together to put on a pantomime. The performances are scheduled for the week of 21<sup>st</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> March. We are looking for cast members and helpers (set painters, costumes, music, etc).

Please let me know when you want to come along (Thu 14<sup>th</sup> or Tue 19<sup>th</sup> October) to one of the informal Panto meetings (wine served!) to talk through what you would be interested in doing to help. Jacobijn Scorer – 07795 332662; [jacobijn.scorer@cashscore.co.uk](mailto:jacobijn.scorer@cashscore.co.uk)

### **Second Hand Uniform Sale**

This is a reminder that we will be holding a Second Hand Uniform Sale on the last Friday of this half term ( 22<sup>nd</sup> October). Please bring in good quality, clean uniform as soon as possible and leave at the school office. We are running very low on supplies so any donations would be very welcome.

### **Good Luck Miss Purser**

Finally we say 'Good Luck' to Miss Purser as she commences her maternity leave today. Miss Purser will return to Strand in July and as you already know Miss Bradburn will take on her role of Deputy Headteacher and Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator for the rest of this academic year.

## **\*\*\* KS1 STAR AWARDS\*\*\***

**Turquoise:** Max, Kyle, Cleo    **Lime:** Tom, Elise, Shamim

**Pink:** Sadaf, Connor, Diondre    **Purple:** Ibrahim, Gabriella, Zak

**Yellow:** Cassie, Matthew, Naomi    **Blue:** Anisa, Damian, Luke

**Remember 8.56 am is LATE for school!**