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**NEWSLETTER – 7 Autumn Term 2010**

**22<sup>nd</sup> October 2010**

### **Consultation on Clubs**

Thank you again for your responses to our consultation about how Teacher led club spaces should be allocated. The majority of responses showed that you are happy with our 'first come – first served' basis. As a result, we will continue to use this method to allocate places.

### **Operation Christmas Child**

I know lots of you are keen to support this charity. A reminder that boxes need to be back by 12<sup>th</sup> November at the latest to guarantee delivery in time for Christmas. Please do not seal the boxes.

### **School Council Trip to the Poppy Factory**

School Council had a fantastic time on their visit to the Poppy Factory this week. They found out about why we wear poppies at this time of year then had the chance to join the production line in the factory where they made a poppy wreath and some individual poppies to wear. Before leaving the children were able to make a donation on behalf of the school to support the Royal British Legion.

### **Year 2 Gunnersbury Museum Trip**

Year 2 stepped back in time during their visit to Gunnersbury Museum on Tuesday this week. On their trip they had the chance to meet Florence Nightingale and find out about her life. While she told her story, all of the children had the opportunity to help her out by getting into role as her family, soldiers and nurses. Many thanks to the parent volunteers that supported the classes and helped to make the trip successful.

### **Parent Helper Workshops**

Thank you to those of you who have shown interest in supporting your child's classes through becoming a parent volunteer. We are looking forward to seeing you in school after half term.

### **Reception Parents and Learning Journal Meeting**

We have had a really good turn out for our Reception Learning Journal meeting this week. We hope it was useful and we look forward to inviting you to more information sessions throughout the year.

### **Friends of Strand Cheese and Wine Evening**

Many thanks to the Friends for organising such a fantastic welcome event last night. We hope that everyone who attended enjoyed themselves and is looking forward to other Friends Social Events and fundraising.

### **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.

### **Head Lice**

The school has had several cases of head lice reported. Please check your child's hair over the half term break and begin treatment before returning to school next half term.

### **Second Hand Uniform Sale**

Thank you to those parents/ carers who contributed and helped with second hand uniform sale today. As always your help is very much appreciated

### **Junior News - Harvest Supper**

Last Friday Y6 had their annual Harvest Supper for friends and family. The Y6 project on Africa and the science and design technology work they have done this term culminated in this enjoyable evening of entertainment and fun. Children throughout the school provided ingredients which the Y6 children turned into delicious soup under the expert guidance of Clare Day. Deborah Pryce rehearsed them to performance level and the children drummed and sang to entertain the diners. As ever, it was a team event and so we say a big thank you to everyone involved, especially our Y6 children and their teachers. £380 was raised for Water Aid and Save the Children.

### **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**

We are selling tickets in both schools at drop-off and pick-up times. Don't leave it too late to buy your tickets, as this event sells out every year, and no tickets will be sold on the door. If you are able to help out on the night, please let your Class Rep know, or contact Jo Duddy on 07841-876905.

### **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 remain in place until after the Christmas Fair (the fireworks information will change to Christmas fair information after the 5th November.)

### **Roll up roll up it's Raffle time!**

Are you in a position to donate a prize to the Christmas Fair Raffle?

We are looking for some main prizes, but we want to have lots of winners, so we need lots of smaller prizes too - from games consoles and holidays to experience prizes, chocolates and sweets.

The Raffle always raises lots of money for the school.

If you can donate a prize either through your company/ business or personally, please contact either Sarah Bubb on 07810 083603/[sarahjb74@hotmail.com](mailto:sarahjb74@hotmail.com) or Amanda Bond on 07747 [05299/aj\\_bond@hotmail.com](mailto:05299/aj_bond@hotmail.com)

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

**Everyone in KS1 were stars today for their superb effort throughout this half term!**

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