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NEWSLETTER – 8 Autumn Term 2010

5th November 2010

Welcome back!

Welcome back! We hope that you had a relaxing and enjoyable half term holiday. The children have settled well into the new half term and are enthusiastic to get on with their learning. A special welcome to Joonas who joins us in Yellow Class and Jarod and Hanan in Turquoise Class

Good News!

We are delighted to announce that Mr Byrne has now been appointed as a permanent member of the teaching team at Strand Infants. Mr Byrne will continue to work in Year 1 with Purple Class. We are sure that you would like to join us in congratulating him on his appointment.

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you for your donations so far. I know lots of you are still keen to support this charity. A reminder that boxes need to be back by 12th November at the latest to guarantee delivery in time for Christmas. Please do not seal the boxes.

Orange for Orangutan Day

Next week is Orang-utan awareness week and we have decided to take part by holding an Orange for Orang-utan day on Wednesday. Children can come dressed fully or partly in orange for the day for £1. The money we collect will be donated to Orang-utan Foundation. If you want to know more about the charity, visit www.orangutan.org.uk.

Friends Firework Event

Many thanks to the Friends for organising such a fantastic event last night. It was lovely to see so many of you enjoying the show...

Remembrance Day

The children had an assembly this week where they found out more about the purpose of Remembrance Day and enjoyed hearing about School Council's trip to the poppy factory. This week, we have begun to sell poppies before school each morning to support the Royal British Legion so look out for the sellers near the office each morning.

Year 1 trip to Richmond Museum

Blue class are off to Richmond Museum on Wednesday to learn about toys from the past. They will have the opportunity to dress up, handle old toys and draw what they see when they visit. Yellow and Purple will also be going on the trip in the next couple of weeks. 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.

Book Fair

Book fair is definitely coming to Strand next week so please try to find time to make a visit to see what is available and purchase some Christmas presents nice and early! The book fair will be open from Monday afternoon (3:30-3:45) – Friday morning (8:45-9:00). If you are able to offer some time to support us in running this event then please let Wendy know as soon as possible.

Parent Consultation Evenings

Parent consultation evenings start on Thursday. These are important events for you to talk to the class teachers about your child's progress so please make sure that you take the opportunity to make an appointment to come in. We look forward to seeing you!

Class Photographs

Please return your school photograph orders in the envelopes provided by Wednesday 10 November. Please make sure you complete all the relevant details including information on the envelope itself.

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 - Stranger Danger

We are very lucky to have a session on Stranger Danger from Imran Shiek, our Community Police Officer, on Tuesday 9th November at 9am in the Junior School. The session will cover how to help keep your children safe when they are out and about and what to do if they are approached by strangers. He will also touch on the tricky area of Internet Safety and give some useful tips on how to ensure your children are safe when they are online. The session is open to all parents and it would be great to see lots of you coming along.

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.

Estate Agent Boards

We are once again being sponsored by Oliver Finn to put up boards to advertise 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 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 the Christmas Fair.

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

YELLOW: Oilly, Kassia, Ayub PURPLE: Amber, Solomon, Isla

BLUE: Nusrudin, Ellie, Serine LIME: Delesha, Livvy, Oliver G

PINK: Nicole, Mariam, Joshua TURQUOISE: Evie, Jarod, Anna

Remember 8.56 am is LATE for school!