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NEWSLETTER – 9 Autumn Term 2010

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Welcome

A special welcome to Youcef (Turquoise), Shantie (Pink) and Shantaine and Tamisha (Yellow) who have joined us at Strand. They have settled in very well.

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you for your shoe box donations. Some of you will have seen the enormous pile of gifts in the entrance to the school. We will now arrange for the van to come to take them and deliver them to children in need around the world.

Orange for Orangutan Day

Thank you for your kind donations, these will now be sent to the Orang-utan Foundation. We had a lot of fun learning about Orang-utans and thinking of ways that we can help.

Remembrance Day

Mr Newton did a special KS1 assembly this week to mark Poppy Day and the children watched a clip of the ceremony at Trafalgar Square in real time on the big screen before they respectfully stood for a two minute silence. EY children also experienced this in their classrooms.

Year 1 trip to Richmond Museum

Blue 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 Wednesday, Purple 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

There will be no violin lessons this Wednesday 17 November. Violin lessons will resume the Wednesday after. Please keep practising at home.

Book Fair

We hope that you were able to make a visit to the book fair this week! Many thanks to Louise, Mum of Chloe in Blue, for all her help setting up and managing the fair.

Parent Consultation Evenings

We were really pleased to welcome so many of you to the Parent/Carer consultation evening last night. If you haven't already seen your practitioners or arranged to do so, please make an appointment for next Tuesday as soon as possible.

Home time arrangements for Turquoise and Pink

We are aware of the congestion in the Year 2 end of the corridor in the old building at home time. From now on when you pick up your child from these two classes please enter the building at the Year 2 end and exit through the junior end. The juniors are aware that this is what we are doing and are keen to support us in trying to find a safer way for everyone to be collected at the end of the day.

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 - Quiz Night

Book your babysitter for Quiz night which is next Friday, 17th November. This is a great event and each class is encouraged to put forward a team and join in the fun. If you are interested then tickets will be available from your class rep. The price remains at £7 per person and includes a tasty ploughman's supper. The competition promises to be tough this year with the Junior school fielding two staff teams and Mrs Harrison thinking up some fiendishly hard questions. However you don't have to be a general knowledge buff to join in the fun. Last years quiz featured rounds on musicals, wine tasting and cats! It would be lovely to see some Infant teams join in the fun. Tickets are also available from the Junior office.

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

This year's fair will be held on Saturday 4th December. We will have lots of stalls so please come and have a look for Christmas present ideas.

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: Victor, Elham, Najma PURPLE: Joe, Ben, Samira

BLUE: Elmi, Nikodem, Alice LIME: Angie, Tom F, Rayna

PINK: Esha, Jacob, Shantie TURQUOISE: Chelsea, Stan, David

Remember 8.56 am is LATE for school!