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**NEWSLETTER –1 Spring Term 2010**

**8<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

### **Happy New Year**

Welcome back to the start of the Spring term. We wish everyone a 'Happy New Year'.

### **Snow and Ice**

Thank you for your patience during this cold, icy spell. We are hoping that the school will now remain open but we are aware that the snow and the exceptionally cold temperatures are set to continue for at least another week. Please do keep an eye on your texts and emails. If we are shut you will receive a message before 7.30am. If you do not receive a message please assume we are open as usual.

### **Good Luck Miss Oldman and welcome to Miss Chapman**

We wish Miss Oldman Good Luck as she commences her maternity leave next week. We will keep you informed of her news over the coming weeks. Miss Chapman has joined the Year 1 team and has worked closely with Miss Oldman and other staff to settle in to school routines and get to know the children in Yellow Class.

### **Welcome to Katherine Stevens**

We have also welcomed Miss Stevens to our PPA team. Miss Stevens will be covering Green Class on Weds mornings, Yellow on Weds afternoons and Lime on Thurs afternoons. She will also provide release for teachers to fulfil their subject leadership responsibilities on Thursday mornings.

### **Welcome to New Children**

We are pleased to welcome Luca to Yellow Class and David to Nursery. We are also looking forward to welcoming one or two other new arrivals in the next few weeks.

### **Mrs Afraz Update**

Due to personal circumstances Mrs Afraz is unable to be in Nursery at this current time. She will be away for at least another week and we are pleased that Mr Byrne will continue to cover her absence.

### **Mrs Beaufile Maternity Cover**

Before Christmas we announced the happy news that Mrs Beaufile is expecting a baby. We are absolutely delighted that Mr Byrne has agreed to take the maternity cover position up until the Summer. Mr Byrne is now a qualified teacher, having successfully completed his last placement with us last term in Year 1.

### **Toilet Update**

The internal walls are now being plastered and lasers are being used to set the ceilings at just the right height.

### **Junior Open Day**

If you have not yet had a chance to visit the Juniors, we have a dedicated Open Day coming up on 28<sup>th</sup> January and would love to see you there so watch out for your individual invitation at the beginning of the new term.

### **Next meeting of Strand Friends**

The next Friends meeting will be next Tuesday, 12 January, at 25 Oxford Gardens, Chiswick. Everyone is welcome

### **Strictly Panto – Auditions 19<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> January**

You'll be great in Panto, OH YES YOU WILL!!!!

We are looking for cast members and helpers (set painters, costumes, music, etc). This year's Panto auditions are Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> January at 7.30 pm in the Junior School Hall. (Panto shows are from 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> March). For more information call Jacobijn Scorer – 07795 332662.

### **Junior News – Romans Return to Year 3**

Year 3's theme for the Spring term, Roman Britain, was launched with a visit from Emperor Risticus (aka Mrs Ristic), who has set them the challenge of setting up a 'living museum' at the end of term, using the skills and knowledge that they gain over the coming topic. During the launch on Tuesday they carried out many exciting activities, focusing on how to find out information about the past. They looked at various types of evidence from which they could draw conclusions about Roman life and used their archeological skills to discover Roman artefacts buried in sand, working together to literally rebuild their ancient objects! The final activity was using laptops to visit the Museum of London website – a perfect taster for their trip to the Museum later this term. It was so great to see such motivated and enthusiastic learners. The Year 3 team are also very impressed by the amount of research that the children have already done during their holiday homework task to support their learning. Well done Year 3!

### **Spring Term Teacher Led and External Clubs**

Next week all clubs will be up and running. If your child has a place in a teacher led club remember to wait at the white door (next to the red shutters) when collecting. Please be on time – the teachers give up their own time on a voluntary basis!

### **New Club for Spring 2010**

London Athlete have offered to run a football club on Thursday evenings beginning 14<sup>th</sup> January. Please contact Paul at London Athlete on 07886 302963 for more information.

### **Bottle Tops and Sweet Wrappers**

We need your help to build up a large number of bottle tops for an upcoming art project. Please bring in all shapes and sizes of tops/lids and caps from bottles and jars (shampoo tops/washing liquid caps, vitamin caps etc). There will be a large container in the office area from Monday, please rinse the tops/lids and caps and drop them in there for us! Thank you once again for your support. A wide selection of shapes, sizes and colours are needed!).

We are also looking for sweetie wrappers for another Art project.

### **Request for children's tights**

The school office is desperately short of spare children's tights. Any donations are welcome.

### **Lost Property**

We have lots of items in our Lost Property bin. Could you please check to see if there is anything belonging to your child in there. Any items remaining will be taken to recycling at the end of next week.

### **Term Dates**

We will be sending out an updated list of Spring and Summer dates for the diary on Monday.

### **Year 1 Visit to Gunnersbury Museum Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January**

Year 1 will be heading to Gunnersbury Museum next Thursday as planned. Please remember to return your permission slips well before the day. The children missed their local walk this week and this will be incorporated into the walk to Gunnersbury.

**Year 1 SEAL Showcases 9.10am Weds 13<sup>th</sup> January**

Please join your child's class for 20 mins on Wednesday morning (in the classrooms) to find out more about how we teach Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning. The children will be participating in an (unrehearsed) activity with their teacher.

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

**Blue: Connor, Lily, Bobby    Yellow: Orla, Luka, Cade  
Purple: Henry, Kirstie, Nicholas    Pink: Emile, Ruby, Cleo  
Lime: Ruby, Daniel, Sharu    Turquoise:**

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