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NEWSLETTER –9 Autumn Term 2009

16th November 2009

Staffing Update

We say Goodbye and Good Luck to Miss McSorley who has been supporting in Purple Class and we welcome Miss Gallacher to the post. Miss Gallacher has been supporting an individual in Reception class this term and is now looking forward to her new role. We welcome Miss Star to Red Class who will be supporting a child with Special Educational Needs. Miss Star has previously worked at another Hounslow School supporting individuals.

Poppy Day

Once again we marked Remembrance Day with the children at school. Mr Newton did a special KS1 assembly and the children watched a clip of the ceremony in London before they respectfully stood for a two minute silence. EY children also experienced this in their classrooms.

Parents and Carers 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.

Year 2 SEAL Showcase

We hope you enjoyed the SEAL (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning) work that Year 2 staff and children demonstrated this week. We plan to run other SEAL showcases for other year groups throughout the year.

Children in Need

We are planning to support BBC Children in Need on 20th November by holding a teddy bear picnic. Children are invited to bring a soft toy to school that day and also a carton of drink, a piece of fruit and a healthy biscuit (eg. a cereal bar). Any spares are welcome for those who forget on the day! We would like everyone to participate and we will collect donations of a £1 on the door that day.

Request for toys

Ma Play Therapy students have elected to undertake supervised play therapy practice at our school. To enable students to conduct play therapy sessions with children at our school, we are asking parents who may have unwanted toys at home to donate them to set up a play therapy clinic. The donated play therapy toys will stay with the school. It is anticipated that this will encourage further placements for future Play Therapy students. Please see a separate request letter sent home today.

Toilet Update

There has been a great deal of activity on the toilet block this week. The roof has been sealed and the plastering of the walls inside is almost complete.

Friends of Strand Schools: Fireworks event

Thank you to everyone who braved the rain last week and supported the fabulous firework event at school. A particular thank you to all the parent/carers helpers and staff who did a great job of serving food and drinks and stewarding the event.

Friends of Strand Christmas Fair - Christmas Fair poster competition

Please remember to give entries for the Christmas poster competition to the school office by Monday, 16th November. Shortlist judging will be held during the Coffee Morning on Tuesday, 17th November. The winner will have their poster reproduced and displayed around the local area.

Desperately Seeking Shadows for:

Raffle. Our current Raffle Organiser has done a great job, but she would like to step down after the Christmas Fair. Ideally it could be done by a small team and the Raffle Stall itself is always given to the class of the organiser.

Fair Shadower. Fair organiser is needed for the 2009/2010 fairs - so somebody to shadow before then would be fantastic! (It's not that hard once you get going, again, especially if a few people work together).

Request. Artistic Face Painters. The Face Painting Stall (always one of most popular) have a selection of talented artists, but would love to hear from any more ahead of the fair. That way they can plan a rota and they've had the radical idea of scheduling lunch breaks for their painters ... Please contact Kate: wilkinsonkatie@yahoo.co.uk

Coffee Morning Excitement:

Tuesday 17 Nov, shortlisting of posters

Tuesday 24 Nov, BYO (stapler) Party. To staple raffle tickets and letters.

Tuesday 1 December: Wrapping Party. To prepare presents for Santa's Grotto.

Request. for children to bring in sweetie jars (or bottles) on Mufti day which is the day before the Christmas fair

We will be having a Strand Stall at the Fair. We would be grateful for any unsold harvest soup recipes.

Creche

We are looking to start up the Creche again to enable parents to help out in their children's classrooms whilst younger siblings are looked after in the Community Room. Possible times are Wednesday or Thursday mornings or one afternoon a week.

If you would like to make use of the Creche on the basis of helping out in the classroom at least once or more a term, please write your name, contact number, sibling child's age and preferred session and hand into the School Infant & Nursery Office.

Junior News - Musical Moments

Music can be heard everywhere around the Junior school at the moment! The Year 3 Fife project, in which every child is leaning to play the fife, is going from strength to strength and the children are making real progress under the outstanding tuition of Lee Neale from Hounslow Music Service. After just 6 weeks they can play a simple tune and with such super progress we are really looking forward to their performance at the end of the year. Year 4 and 5 are enjoying the music and singing sessions during their carousel with Ms Richards and Mrs Pryce. Families who came to the Harvest Supper will have already heard the fantastic African Drumming from Year 6, an instrument that every child will have the opportunity to learn during their time at Strand, thanks to Ms McAslan. This year, to compliment these musical activities, we have expanded the range of individual music lessons we offer to include drumming, as well as the more traditional violin, guitar, brass and wood wind tuition. It has proved very popular with every session booked up! The next generation of famous musicians is clearly going to be filled with Strandites!

Changing Weather and coats

Please do ensure that your child wears their coat to school every day. Miss Purser has spoken to KS1 children in Assembly today and teachers are checking that all children are wearing their coats for lunch and playtime. Reception children will also be reminded by midday teachers that they must have coats on every lunchtime. Please do support us in this by reminding your child in the morning and providing them with a labelled coat which is easy for them to put on independently. In particular, could you make sure that school coats are labelled clearly and that you check that you are taking the correct coat home at the end of the school day.

Scooters

Please make sure that your child's scooter is clearly labelled and that you check that your child has the correct scooter before leaving the school premises.

Request for Spare Tights

If you have any infant children's tights (good condition only) that you no longer need please bring into the school office as we are running low on spares.

REMINDER Friday, 27th November - INFANT SCHOOL CLOSED

Please do remember that the Infants is closed on Friday, 27th November due to a planned occasional day.

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

Yellow: Mieke, Ben, Chelsea **Blue:** Isobel, Haris, Nicole
Purple: Nicholas, Anka, Jude **Turquoise:** Hiba, Miles, Max
Lime: Morsal, Mateo, Lucca **Pink:** Liam, Adele, Sakshi

Remember 8.56 am is LATE for school!