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**20<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

### **Sickness and Diarrhoea**

We have a number of children off school at the moment with sickness and/or diarrhoea. Please do not bring your child to school until they have had a clear **48 hours** after the last episode of sickness and/or diarrhoea.

### **Friday Coffee Morning Support Group**

Fadumo Yusuf (parent to Ibrahim, Abdimajid and Khadija) and Hasnae El Hanak (parent of Abderahman) are keen to set up a regular Mum Support group at school. Everyone is invited and Fadumo and Hasna are particularly keen to support other bilingual Mums with a varied program which can meet the needs of individuals within the group. They will meet every Friday at 9.05am in the Community Room, from next Friday.

### **Wake Up/ Shake Up**

We are really pleased to announce that Wake Up/ Shake Up has commenced again every Friday morning. Look out for Miss Gallagher, Mrs Whittaker, Sam and other members of staff who will be encouraging the children to join in with some fun physical activity to music in the playground before learning begins at 8.55am.

### **KS1 Road Safety Assembly**

We would like to say Thank you to Kim (Lily's Mum), Lily (Purple) and her little sister Abby for helping us in Assembly this week. Abby had been involved in an accident with a car a few months ago and broken her leg. Children in KS1 listened to the story and looked at some photographs of Abby with her cast on in hospital. We talked about how to stay safe on the roads.

### **Chinese New Year**

KS1 children have enjoyed the story of Chinese New Year in Assembly this week. Other activities and celebrations have happened across the school.

### **RNLI Day**

We are looking forward to next Friday 27<sup>th</sup> when we will be holding our Annual SOS Day. This is a national fundraising venture, raising money for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. We would like everyone to wear something waterproof (eg a waterproof coat or wellies) and we will collect £1 donations on the door on Friday morning. Once again, we are intending on the local lifeboat visiting us outside The Bell and Crown on the river to pick up our collection.

### **A Message from Parent Toddler Group**

Please come along to Parent Toddler Group 9-11am with your young pre-school children. These sessions offer a chance for children to play together, mums to get to know each other and also the chance for children to hear a variety of stories. We are lucky enough to have some bilingual Mums who can speak a range of languages who are keen to read some bilingual texts to the children.

## **Forthcoming Dates**

Tues 24 Jan	Blue Class Assembly 9.15am
Wed 25 Jan	Year 2 Pink/Lime to Science Museum (letter to follow)
Fri 27 Jan	Year 2 Turq/Lime to Science Museum (letter to follow)
	RNLI – SOS fundraising day
Tues 31 Jan	Yellow Class Assembly 9.15am
Wed 8 Feb	Purple Class Assembly 9.15am
Fri 10 Feb	Mufti Day (children can wear their own clothes for a donation)

**Strand Toddler Playgroup** – Mondays in term time 9am – 11 am  
**Friends Coffee Mornings**- Tuesday after drop off, in the Community Room  
**Second Hand Uniform Sale**- Friday 13 January 2012

## **Message from Friends of Strand**

Ahoy me hearties

Yes you've guessed it.... it's time once again for the annual Strand on the Green schools' Panto. This year's Panto is called "Booty" which is loosely based on the story of Treasure Island. Rehearsals are well underway and on schedule. However our fabulous Director Steve is still looking for his "band of pirates." This is a non acting part with minimal interaction with the audience. If you think this sounds like something you could help us with and would like more details, please contact Steve at [strandpanto@gmail.com](mailto:strandpanto@gmail.com) Alternately, you can contact Eileen at [eileendunne@btconnect.com](mailto:eileendunne@btconnect.com) or call her on 07930 372941.

Pirates are not required to attend rehearsals but simply turn up to one meeting on Monday 27th February where you will be briefed on what you will be doing.

Steve and his crew will be very grateful to anyone who can help them out. This band of pirates are needed to help enhance and finish off the production.

## **Junior News - Elvis is in the Building**

The Junior school have an Elvis impersonator "Suspiciously Elvis" coming in to lift their spirits and also work with our Year 6 pupils as part of their "Britain Since 1930" topic. Elvis will be interviewed by Year 6 and of course will perform a few numbers! Luckily, we have been able to persuade "The King" to extend his visit and perform to the whole school. Due to popular demand we have been able to add an 'extra date' to his tour and he will be available to perform a different 'set' of songs for families at the end of the day. The concert is open to Infant and Junior families alike in the Junior Hall on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February and door will open at 3.45 pm. Tickets are limited and will be on sale in the Junior office from Monday and will cost £2 per adult and £1 per child – it will be standing room only so make sure you get your tickets early.

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

**Pink:** Dominic, Freddie, Isla      **Turquoise:** Lama, Makayla, Kelly-Ann

**Lime:** Christian, Laurence, Elmi, *Aadam, Alice, Saffi*      **Blue:** James, Reuben, Fabio

**Yellow:** *Tea, Betsy, Lara*      **Purple:** Alec, Oli, Ayman

**Tidy Coat Medal**  
Purple

**Weekly Walking Cup**  
Lime

# ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Some of you will already be aware that Ofsted make judgements on our attendance and absence statistics. This is because **the more a child attends school, the better they will achieve**. We continue to require children to attend every day, unless they are sick. Term time holiday leave will not be authorised.

As a school we strive for 100% attendance at all times. Each week we will report our weekly attendance figures for each full time class and our school as a whole.

## This week's attendance

<b>Turquoise</b>	88.99%	<b>Blue</b>	96.26%	<b>Orange</b>	84.20%
<b>Pink</b>	97.70%	<b>Yellow</b>	91.39%	<b>Green</b>	97.66%
<b>Lime</b>	98.77%	<b>Purple</b>	93.97%	<b>Red</b>	91.94%

From next week the class with the highest attendance will receive an Attendance Cup to keep in their class for the coming week.

**Whole School Attendance:** 5 September 2011 to date 95.46%

Poor attendance is a limiting judgement in an Ofsted Inspection ie. Poor attendance from your child could mean the school receives a lower judgement even if other areas of provision are outstanding.