



# STRAND NEWS

## NEWSLETTER –1 Autumn Term 2009

11<sup>th</sup> September 2009

### Welcome Back

Welcome back to school for 2009-10. We are really looking forward to the year ahead. New staff and new children have settled in well to KS1 and Reception children arrive on Monday. A special welcome to our new starters in Year 2 Toby, Albie and Chanisse in Lime Class and Leo and Charles in Turquoise. They have all made a great start and we are delighted they have joined our school.

### Toilet Project Update

Staff visited the new site on our INSET day and we are all looking forward to the finished project. The roof is currently being weather proofed and soundproofed (for future building of classrooms above) and the stairs inside are completed. We are busy working with the architect on colour schemes and designs for cubicles, washbasins and the rest of the interior. Completion is slightly later than scheduled - now expected at some point in January.

### Clubs

Once again, we have had an overwhelming response to clubs. There are some places still available on the externally managed clubs but unfortunately Sewing Club and Drama Club are now full.

**AMENDMENT TO STAGECOACH DETAILS** Stagecoach classes begin on 18 September and places are available for Reception through to Year 2. Classes start at 4.15 pm and finish at 5.45 pm.

### School Council

Congratulations to the following children who have been elected to School Council by their classes. They will be working closely with Mr Newton and Miss Purser in school improvement and will have all sorts of responsibilities and jobs ahead. Once again we have decided that School Council will change in February to allow more children to have the opportunity to be involved.

<b>Purple School Council</b>	Ashleigh and Cameron
<b>Blue School Council</b>	Aniela and Jacob
<b>Yellow School Council</b>	Paige and Ben
<b>Turquoise School Council</b>	Willa and Luca
<b>Lime School Council</b>	Daisy and Daniel
<b>Pink School Council</b>	Adele and Jonothan

### Dates

You will have received a list of dates for your diary for the year. As always we work hard to keep to these dates and we will inform you in advance of any unavoidable changes to the diary.

### Curriculum Information Meetings for Parent/Carers

Y1 Curriculum Information Meeting 9.10am Weds 23 September

Y2 Curriculum Information Meeting 9.10am Thurs 24 September

We are extremely keen for as many of you as possible to attend the Curriculum Information meetings as possible. We will be sharing important information such as how the day will be structured, the learning planned for your child and homework routines.

### **Parent Reps**

Mrs Moxom will be holding a Parent Rep meeting on Tuesday, 22 September at 2.30 pm. Please do come along if you are interested – there is no limit on the number of parent reps per class so everyone is welcome. The role involves liaison between class practitioners and parents carers to organise events, class trips and helping in class. There are usually one or two meetings per term, usually held in the morning after drop off.

### **Punctuality and Traffic Flow at Morning Drop Off**

Thank you for being patient again this term as the children in Lime, Purple, Yellow and Blue head up the stairs in the morning. Our new system appears to be working well- we are asking that leaving parents only leave through the vehicle gate (to alleviate the pressure on the door next week when Reception parents will also be present).

The congestion is predominantly caused by late arrivals but this seems to be improving – Thank you! Children must be in their line by 8.55am. If everyone arrives at this time then the congestion problems will be alleviated.

### **Contact Details**

Can parents and carers please make sure they update the office if any of their contact details have changed over the Summer. We have run into a few problems when a child has become sick and the contact details that we have on file have been wrong because the parents or carers have forgotten to inform the school of any changes.

### **Payments to the School Office**

When you are making payments to the school office for dinner money, school trips, milk money, clubs or for any other reason **please ensure that the correct money is placed in a sealed envelope clearly marked with your child's name, class and what the money is for. Please place it in the black post box inside the main entrance.** With the wide variety of payments being taken it is increasingly difficult when money is handed in loose and parents are asking for change.

### **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.

### **Friends Meeting**

The first Friends meeting of the new school year will take place next Tuesday, 15 September at 7.30 pm at 25 Oxford Gardens, Chiswick. Everyone is very welcome to come along. We will be talking about Friends' events for the coming year and starting planning for Fireworks Night.

### **Scooter Fundraising**

Many thanks to those of you who have been able to donate £1. If you are still able to make a donation, please do so this week.

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

**Lime:** Albie, Javell & Lara  
**Turquoise:** Leo, Matilda & Olivia  
**Yellow:** Max, Delila & Bobby

**Pink:** Jemimah, Jack & Daniel  
**Purple:** Georgia, Robinique & Izzy  
**Blue:** Hasan, Tara & Stevie

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