



STRAND NEWS

NEWSLETTER –2 Autumn Term 2009

18th September 2009

New Starters

Welcome to all the children who joined us in Reception this week. The children have been touring the school, meeting new adults and have settled well. Next week, we are looking forward to them joining us for their first lunchtimes.

We are also pleased to welcome Juliette in Purple Class and Bella in Turquoise Class.

Good News

Many of you will already know that Lianne Green (our Office Administrator) had her first baby, Elijah, in the Summer Holidays. More recently, this week, Eve Timba (one of our EY teachers) has also given birth to a baby boy, named Joseph.

Both babies and Mums are well and we are delighted for them both!

Clubs

We are sorry for the inconvenience but next week's Drama Club on Thursday 24th September will be cancelled due to an important whole school staff professional development event. Drama Club will resume as usual the following week.

School Council

School Council have been busy today, meeting Councillor Peter Thompson. They have been finding out about what it means to be a Councillor and how they can help in Hounslow. Next week, School Council will visit the Poppy Factory in Richmond so that they can take photos and show the rest of the school, leading the Poppy selling in November.

Eid Assembly

The KS1 children enjoyed a special Assembly on Thursday to find out about the Islamic month of fasting and the festival of Eid. Thank you to Sameena (mother of Amber and Harris) who led a really lively and interactive Assembly for the children. The children asked some good questions and some of the children who will be celebrating Eid at the end of this week came up and showed off their special clothes.

Curriculum Information Meetings for Parent/Carers

Reception 'Every Child's a Talker Meeting' 9.10am **Monday, 21st September**

Y1 Curriculum Information Meeting 9.10am **Wednesday, 23rd September**

Y2 Curriculum Information Meeting 9.10am **Thursday, 24th September**

Reception Reading and Writing Meeting 9.10am **Thursday, 8th October**

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

Swine Flu Precautions

We continue to follow local authority advice to limit the spread of Swine Flu. We have fitted soap dispensers in every classroom and we are working closely with GSK in their national project to promote hand washing.

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.

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.

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. Argos is out of stock of scooters at the moment but we expect a delivery soon!

Puzzles

A request from Nursery, Reception and our Special Needs Team – we would welcome any puzzles that your children have grown out of. They need to be complete and preferably in a box in fairly good condition. We are particularly keen for any simple wooden board puzzles. Please hand them into the Office – thank you!

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

Lime: Aiden, Toby, Stephanie
Turquoise: Jamie, Jacy, Willa
Yellow: Kyle, Ella, Robert

Pink: Jonathan, Ella, Blessing
Purple: Juliette, Oliver, Nur Khan
Blue: Diondre, Isabella, Princess

Remember 8.56 am is LATE for school!