



STRAND NEWS

NEWSLETTER –3Autumn Term 2009

25th September 2009

School Council visit to The Poppy Factory

School Council represented our school at the Poppy Factory in Richmond this week. They found out about Remembrance Day and why we remember with poppies. They also helped to make some poppies and wreaths that will actually go out into circulation in November. Many of the workers at the factory have learning difficulties or a disability and they were delighted to meet our children from Year 1 and 2.

Community Police Visit

Once again, we were pleased to welcome Ellie and our Community Police Team to KS1 Assembly. They took part in the Assembly theme of the week 'People who help us'. The children really enjoyed hearing about their role and we are looking forward to more visits from the team over the course of the year.

Road Safety Competition for Year 1 and Year 2

Miss Purser introduced a design competition for KS1 this week. Children have been asked to support Brake, the road safety charity, by designing a mug. You will have received a hard copy of the template yesterday and the closing date is 2nd October.

Reception children enjoy lunch at Strand

The Reception children have stayed for lunch this week. All of them have had a great time eating lunch with their friends and have enjoyed playing in the playground with Year 1 and Year 2 children. We are looking forward to them staying all day next week.

Curriculum Information Meetings for Parent/Carers

We hope you enjoyed the Reception 'Every Child's a Talker Meeting', and the Y1 and Y2 Curriculum meetings this week. Please do approach staff with any further questions you may have.

Don't Forget

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.

Healthy Week

Next week is healthy week. Please encourage your child to take part in healthy tasks to raise sponsorship money (extra forms available from the school office) which will go towards future healthy school projects. Wednesday, 30th September is our Healthy Workshop Day. We need two helpers from each class to help. The time slots are 9.15am – 11.30am and 1.30pm – 3.20pm. Please let your child's class teacher know if you are able to help.

Helping at School

We are looking forward to welcoming parent helpers to class after half term. If you are planning to help we are keen for you to attend parent helper training before you do so. Mrs Moxom will be running two training sessions before half term:

EY Parents and Carers	Tues 13 th Oct	9.10am
KS1 Parents and Carers	Thurs 15 th Oct	9.10am

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 only leaving parents depart 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.

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!

Good Luck Miss Butcher

Sadly we say Goodbye to Sarah Butcher next week on Friday, 2nd October. Miss Butcher has worked at Strand for over 5 years and has supported classes in Early Years, Key Stage 1 as well as individual children. Miss Butcher is now going to pursue a career in childminding. We thank her for all her hard work and wish her all the best in the future.

We are looking forward to welcoming candidates to school for interviews next week.

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

Lime: Omar, Charisse, Catherine
Turquoise: Sam, Florence, Rachel
Yellow: Evie, Cléo, Ali

Pink: Ruby, Cléo, Calum
Purple: Delesha, Henry, Kirstie
Blue: Tom, Esha, Tiarny

Remember 8.56 am is LATE for school!