



# STRAND NEWS

## NEWSLETTER –4 Autumn Term 2009

2<sup>nd</sup> October 2009

### Welcome to

Welcome to Ellie who has joined us in Orange Class. Also we continue to welcome our new entrants to the Nursery who are settling well.

### Students

We are delighted that Stuart Byrne from Roehampton University has joined us in Blue Class. Mr Byrne is currently on his final placement as part of his BEducation. We have also welcomed two students from West Thames following their CACHE 2 in childcare. Shannon is working in Yellow and Victoria is working in Orange.

### Parent Liaison Roles

Congratulations to Carmel Murray and Sue Bevan who have taken on our new Parent Liaison Role in addition to their continuing support staff roles. Their new positions will further parent school partnership in various ways. To begin with, their efforts will focus on home-school agreements and supporting Year 2 parents and children with reading.

### The Upper Room

Once again, we are supporting The Upper Room, a charity supporting and feeding the homeless in West London. All children will have received a brown paper bag to decorate and fill with non-perishable items such as tinned food. Please bring your bags by Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> October when School Council will be passing the donations onto Bruce from The Upper Room.

### Road Safety Competition for Year 1 and Year 2

Miss Purser introduced a design competition for KS1 last 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 was today. We will accept any further entrants on Monday morning.

### Curriculum Information Meetings for Parent/Carers

**Don't Forget** - Reception Reading and Writing Meeting 9.10am **Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> 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

Children and staff have enjoyed Healthy Week. The A-Life workshops were a great success. Thank you very much to all the parent helpers who made the workshops possible. We are looking forward to collecting in your sponsorship forms next week.

### 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 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.10am
KS1 Parents and Carers	Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.10am

### **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.

### **Reading Club**

Miss Bradburn met with parents and carers today to explain reading strategies and routines for parents/carers supporting Year 1/Year 2 reading club. If you would like to help but could not attend the meeting please see Miss Bradburn in Lime.

### **Second Hand Uniform**

We will be grateful for any donations of good quality second hand uniform. We are planning the second hand uniform sale on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

### **Friends of Strand schools : Fireworks event, 6<sup>th</sup> November**

We are running our usual competition to design a poster to advertise the Fireworks event. Entries should be on A4 paper, portrait layout, in colour. Pictures only please, we will add the relevant wording. Please give entries to either school office by Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> October. The winner will have their poster reproduced and displayed around the local area and will receive free tickets for the event for both them and their family.

### **Gift Wrap Fundraiser**

Northbrook gift-wrap brochures will be sent home on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> October. Our school receives 22% cash back on every item sold. If we all bought just a couple of items we could raise a significant amount of money. We do hope you will like the selection of papers, cards and gift tags and that you and your family will support our school by purchasing through us.

### **Christmas Cards**

Every child from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will have brought home information about their personal Christmas card artwork. Completed designs need to be returned to the School by 7<sup>th</sup> October at the latest. Unfortunately it will not be possible to process late orders.

### **Uniform Labelling**

Can you please check uniform labels and return anything that does not belong to your child.

### **Good Luck Miss Butcher**

Sadly we say Goodbye to Sarah Butcher today. 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.

### **New Members of Staff**

Next week we welcome 2 new members of staff. Cherrisse Macsorley will be supporting the KS1 team, mainly in Purple Class and Lara Lindsey will be working in Reception supporting a child with special educational needs.

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

**Lime:** Derin, Daisy, Ruby  
**Turquoise:** Faris, Gabriel, Chloe  
**Yellow:** Anna, Javon, Rabbi

**Pink:** Oli, Simran, Theo  
**Purple:** Emma B, Etienne, Charlie  
**Blue:** Sasha, Alessia, Lipika

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