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NEWSLETTER – 22 Spring 2011

4th March 2011

Farewell to Mrs DeLange

We are sure that you will want to join us in saying farewell to Mrs DeLange and to thank her for all her hard work during the last year.

Happy Half Term

We wish you a happy and restful half term break. We hope that you have a great time and look forward to hearing all about it from the children!

Foundation Stage Phonics Meeting

In response to some parents requests about phonics teaching, Miss Millington and Mrs Moxom will be holding a meeting for parents to talk about how we teach phonics in Reception. The meeting will be on **Wednesday 2nd March**. We hope that lots of you will be able to attend.

Wake up, shake up

Due to the departure of Mrs DeLange, wake up, shake up has now finished until after the Easter holidays. We will let you know when it will restart nearer to the time so watch this space!

MADD Week

The first week back after the half term holiday will be our annual MADD week (Music, Art, Dance and Drama). There are lots of different things happening during the week, look out in your child's year group newsletter to find out exactly what they will be taking part in but here's a flavour of the types of activities that will be happening:

- Orleans House Gallery will be coming to work with all year groups during the first 2 weeks.
- There will be a string quartet rehearsing in the hall for the children to watch.
- Children will be producing some 'BIG' art in the hall whilst listening to music.
- Key Stage One children will have the opportunity to help make props for the Pantomime.

World Book Day

Thursday 3rd March is World Book Day. The children are given the opportunity to come into school dressed as a **book** character (no superheroes apart from Captain Underpants or Super Gran allowed)! We would like the children, with your support, to make at least one part of their costume and if possible, to bring in the book that their character is from. There are some great games and activities for the children to try at www.worldbookday.com.

For World Book Day, every child will receive a £1 Book Token. This can be redeemed at lots of book shops or at the school book fair...

Book Fair

The book fair will be arriving in school on Monday 7th March. It will be open from Monday afternoon (3:30-4:00 approx) until Friday morning (8:45-9:00). Look out for more details in the attached letter!

Please try to come in and support the book fair, every book you buy entitles the school to money off our next purchases with the company. We have recently topped up the library with over £500 worth of books all of which were paid for with our book fair commission.

Forthcoming Class Assemblies Reminder

You are invited to join us for your class assembly.

Blue Class	Tuesday 8 th March	9.15 am
Yellow Class*	Friday 18th March*	9.15 am*
Purple Class	Tuesday 22 nd March	9.15 am

* Please note change of date

Science Week and Rocket Launches

The children have had a great time during Science week this week, we hope that they have been as keen to share what they have been learning with you as they have been in class! The children particularly enjoyed the Mad Science performance on Thursday and had a great time watching their rockets blast off today! Thank you to all of you that were able to make rockets at home with your child and a big thank you to Paul Hewitt for coming in today to help us launch them!

Chicken Pox

Please be aware that we have had several cases of chicken pox at school.

RNLI Fundraising

School Council enjoyed our meeting with the RNLI lifeboat men today when they handed over a donation of £89.37 that we collected on 28th January. Many thanks again to all of you who were able to make a donation.

Absence from school

If your child is absent from school, for any reason, we ask that you advise the school office on the first day of absence in order that the absence can be correctly recorded, please update the school office every 3-4 days or if the absence continues into a second week. Schools are expected to report certain illnesses at certain times of the year. If you know in advance that your child will be off we would ask you to please put this in writing. Even if you have mentioned the reasons to one of the teaching staff, please also advise the office as this will avoid the office having to make unnecessary phone calls. Unfortunately it is not always possible for the office staff to pass reasons on to Class staff as absence numbers can at times be high.

Late Register

If you arrive at the school after 8.55 am please sign your child in to the Late Book next to the school office (for Nursery this would be 8.50am or 12.50pm). Your child is considered late if they arrive after their class has left the playground for their classroom. Registers are taken first thing in the morning in class electronically and then cannot be amended by the class teacher. The Register and Late Book are the school's record of who is at school and needs to be accurate in case of emergency or evacuation.

School Drop Off in the mornings

Please make sure that your child is accompanied at all times and handed over to the class teacher or teaching assistant after the bell each morning. **Under no circumstances** should children be left on the school premises unaccompanied by a parent or carer.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

Please note that the second hand uniform sale has been postponed until Friday 18th March after school. Please continue to bring in good quality second hand school uniform that your child has outgrown.

Friends of Strand Pantomime

Friends of Strand have managed to secure sponsorship for this year's pantomime from one of the local estate agents. They will put boards up outside parents' houses to advertise the event, and to give themselves some publicity, and they will pay us for each board. It is a very easy way for us to earn money and to publicise our events around the local area. Boards will go up 2 weeks before pantomime week (week beginning 21 March) and will come down shortly thereafter. If you have

not signed up already for a board or want more information please contact Eileen at eileendunne@btconnect.com or ring 07930 372 941.

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.

Strand Toddler Playgroup

Each Monday morning in term time (9am - 11am) parents can meet for a coffee and a chat (including a discussion on the possibility of setting up a crèche) whilst their toddlers play in the Community Room in the Junior Playground. The charge is £1 to cover the cost of refreshments.

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

Lime: Anka, Tom F, Ashleigh

Pink: Shantie, Aniela, Haris

Turquoise: Evie, Dana, Anna

Blue: Seth, Ella, Oliver

Yellow: Rohan, Kalen, Erykah

Purple: Isla, Kyran, Theo

Remember 8.56 am is LATE for school!