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**NEWSLETTER – 8 Autumn 2011**

**November 2011**

### **Fireworks Event**

Once again, we have enjoyed a fabulous Fireworks Event. The rain stopped and lots of you attended this exciting event. Thank you to everyone for supporting this event by helping or just being there with your children. Particular thanks to Jane, Eileen, Jo, Tina and Melissa.

### **Poppy Appeal**

This week we will be selling poppies to support the national Remembrance Day fundraising. School Council will be involved in collecting the money and will deliver it to The Poppy Factory in Richmond in a few weeks time. On Friday Mr Newton will be delivering a special Assembly at 11am and the whole school will respect a 1minute silence.

### **Free Range Eggs in the staffroom**

We are delighted to let you know that the chicks we raised in Nursery last year are producing eggs! The chickens live off site but we receive regular updates on their wellbeing and now we even have free range eggs delivered to the staffroom!

### **Parking at drop off and pick up**

Unfortunately it has come to our attention that a number of parents and carers are not parking responsibly. Please do not park on corners and block the view of pedestrians trying to cross the road. Please arrive for school with plenty of time to spare and park just a little further away if you cannot find a safe space close to the school.

### **School Dinners/Packed Lunches**

This is a reminder that school lunch money must be paid in advance either weekly or for half/full term. If you have not already done so, please pay any outstanding lunch money to the school office immediately. Please put your cheque/cash in an envelope marked "dinner money" with your child's name, class and the amount you are paying.

Following an initial settling in process, when your child first joins us, we ask that you stick with either school dinners or packed lunch and only make changes from one to the other at the beginning of a new term.

### **One way System in Year 1 corridor reminder**

Just a reminder to Yellow, Blue and Lime parents/ carers – please remember to follow our one way system on pick up from Year 1 and Lime Class so that we can keep all the children safe. You are asked to come up the stairs near the front entrance and leave via the staircase in the toilet block.

### **Trial Lime Class Line Change**

Thank you to Lime Class parents and carers who have supported our trial in lining up inside the top corridor. This seems to be successful and we will continue with this system.

### **Access to Infant toilets by parents/carers**

For safeguarding reasons we ask that parents or carers accompanying their child to the toilet either before, after or during the school day, please use the toilet located next to Purple Class or the disabled toilet in the new block but **not** the pupil toilets in that area.

### **Request for Tissues in Class**

As the winter season approaches we would be grateful for any donations of tissues for your child's class, please give directly to the class teacher.

### **Final week for Shoebox appeal**

The shoeboxes will be collected next Friday, November so please get your boxes filled, decorated and returned as soon as possible. If you would like to see updates and personal stories from last year's appeal you can visit [.operationchristmaschild.org.uk/](http://operationchristmaschild.org.uk/) .

### **Messages from Friends**

The Friends are holding a Christmas Raffle Ticket "stapling party" at the coffee morning next Tuesday after drop off in the Community Room. Please come along if you can, enjoy a cup of coffee and help us to organize our Christmas Fair Raffle Tickets.

### **Strand Panto**

The panto meeting will be held in the Junior Hall on Wednesday 9th November at 7pm.

### **More Poster Fun**

Our Christmas Fair will be on Saturday 3rd December so although it might be a little early to be thinking about Christmas, we'd love to have your designs for the poster to advertise the Fair. Make them really Christmassy in portrait **not** landscape (that's very important.) We will add all the wording. All entries should be in by Monday 14th November, and the winner will receive an item from our fantastic new range of Strand goodies! We will also display the poster at all the entries around the schools on the day of the Fair.

### **Christmas Raffle**

**Strand Schools' famous Christmas raffle is around the corner and we need your help to secure fabulous prizes.**

Much of the shiny new playground equipment in both the Infant and Junior schools is down to the generosity of our parents and the local community who helped raise nearly £5K through the summer fair raffle. We need your support to carry on the success of this key fundraiser and make Christmas the best raffle yet.

*There's no raffle without prizes, so here are some suggestions of how you can help:*

- Do you have a local business or service that would appeal to Strand parents or children? We would love to raffle a prize or gift voucher.
- Can you offer a 'money can't buy' experience? Backstage tours, exclusive access to events, master classes in cooking, music etc
- Do you work for a large organisation which has a community fund you could apply to?
- Could you donate a bottle of wine? With enough donations we can put together a great mixed crate prize?

All prizes will feature in our publicity and newsletters plus you'll get a warm and glowing feeling helping raise funds for our fantastic school.

**Contact the raffle team NOW with your prize - we'd love to hear from you:**

Jenny Spiers - [@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:@hotmail.co.uk) /07866620158/Red Class(Lexie's mum) & 3R (Henry's mum)  
Bridget Williams [&dickie@btinternet.com](mailto:&dickie@btinternet.com) / 07909531995/ Green Class (Jonty's mum)

### **Forthcoming Dates**

Mon 7 – Fri 11 Nov	Book Fair in School Science Week
Wed 9 Nov	Learning Journal meeting for Reception parents 9.10 am
Thurs 10 Nov	Parents/Carers Evening 4-7pm (separate arrangements for Pink Class)
Fri 11 Nov	Science Showcase for parents 3pm

**Strand Toddler Playgroup** – Mondays in term time 9am – 11 am

**Friends Coffee Mornings**- take place every Tuesday after drop off, in the Community Room.

**Second Hand Uniform Sale**- Thank you to everyone who contributed towards the success of our school uniform sale today. Please continue to bring in good quality clothing for our next sale.

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

*Turquoise:* Elham, Khalid, Ayub      *Pink:* Molly, Rio, Phoebe

*Lime:* Mackenzie, Aadam, Gracie      *Purple:* Lily, Simy, Victor

*Blue:* Connie, Fabio, Tom      *Yellow:* Megan, Ilyas, Ella

### TIDY COAT MEDAL

*Turquoise*

### WEEKLY WALKING CUP

*Blue*

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