

The Grapevine

In memory of Raman



June 2012 - July 2020

Summer 2020



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Note from the head

The end of another school year. A statement that just doesn't feel right! For some pupils it is the end of the year and for some the end of their years at Strathmore. For some having been away then back again for a few weeks and now away for six more, it must feel just confusing. But it is the end of the school year and the formal school holidays begin before we start again in September.

Usually summer holidays are a time when we feel excited and happy, but everything is muted due to the sudden death of Raman. It has been a huge shock to his family and to the school community and our thoughts and love remain with his family at this tragic time. We will be celebrating his life at Strathmore with his family when we return in September and will provide details in due course. I thank you for your words of condolence to the family and thoughts for Raman – I will collect these and share with the family along with our tributes.

That is for next school year, and the summer holidays will happen even if not as usual. What will happen as usual is the big clean out and tidy up! With staff and pupils moving on and new staff and new pupils arriving in September, school doesn't ever really stop. We want to make sure that we have done everything we can to ensure school is completely open on time - too many pupils have missed far too much. Whilst we cannot prevent further surges or spikes or peaks, we will be ready! I appreciate some of you will still be anxious about your daughter or son coming back to school and I can reassure you that we have been assiduous in our preparations and that those preparations will continue throughout August. As to date, we will read and respond to every new piece of guidance from the Government, Unions, Local Authority, special groups and you! So, as you can imagine, we will be busy!

I will take this opportunity to mention the school staff. I know that very, very, few of you have had the opportunity to send your children to school every day and that the weeks and months proved more and more challenging. We have gently increased our capacity so that 100% of pupils whose parents wanted some space at school have been accommodated. Compared with neighbouring authorities whose special schools closed to 100% of pupils until June and have been barely open since.

Note from the head

Strathmore staff have resolutely and happily come in when all the advice has been to stay at home. They braved public transport when it was considered a route to infection. They have been determinedly close to your children (without face masks) when told to distance. And they have joyfully welcomed the opportunity to create resources and activities for those who have been learning at home as much as those who have been in school.

I want you to know that I am extremely proud of all of my staff – in admin, finance, premises, specialist areas and therapy as well as those colleagues you know from being in the classroom and the heads of the different campuses.

I am equally proud of the children and young people who come to Strathmore and who we exist to support. Seeing them in school re-adjusting to the expectations and routines after time away has made me feel positive for the future. Whatever comes our way I know from recent experience that the Strathmore community is resolutely optimistic and focused on ensuring your children and young people receive the best to achieve the best.

Individual, Inclusive, Independent. Those are your children and those are our aspirations for them. September provides us with a new opportunity to really make a difference and we are so much looking forward to working with you to achieve yours and our aims. So, although this summer is not going to happen as usual for everyone, I hope that everyone does have happy, calm and exciting times. We can capture these moments now and, I hope and expect, spend the next school year looking back and celebrating how much we will have done by then.

Enjoy,
Ivan Pryce



Note from SRR

Thank you so much to every single family for their support and understanding during this very difficult period of lockdown. We know how difficult this has been, and yet how so many of you have engaged with the distance learning programme and shared some real success stories with us. We can't wait to have all our learners back at school together; we really miss you! The staff across the whole school have been incredible to work alongside; they have shown superhuman strength in terms of resilience, enthusiasm, nurture, empathy, passion and positivity.

And, during the saddest of times, we think of the pupil who passed away and their family. The team continue to pull together to support each other; what we have learnt during this period is that none of us can get through these experiences on our own. We are part of the Strathmore Community and we continue to be totally committed to serving this community in whichever way we can. Best of luck to our leavers and to Adriana, our wonderful Assistant Head Teacher (AHT) at SRR, she is going across the river to her new base of GC. Thank you so much for the incredible work you have put in to building up the SRR Campus; you helped us to make this building our Strathmore home and filled the corridors with your wonderful guitar music and singing voice! We will miss your daily presence but are grateful we still get to work with you across the school. In September, we officially welcome Lauren into the interim AHT post and we know she will be a fantastic addition to the School Leadership Team.

We also welcome Louise back to the team, not that it feels like she ever really went off to have a baby with the amount of work she managed to do!

She ensured we continued with swimming, horseriding, aerobics, cycling and scooting; ordered copious amounts of PE equipment, managed keep within budget, and maintained a level of enthusiasm for community activities that is unparalleled! Even a global pandemic can't stop Louise – she and Annabelle have ensured we are first on the list for swimming once things are back up and running! She will ensure we have a very active 2020!

I wish all the Strathmore families and staff a wonderful summer break.

Eleanor Bukht



Note from RUSS

In my last Grapevine update, I remarked on how extraordinary the Spring Term had been, but little did I know how extraordinary the summer term would turn out. This term has been completely different and for some it has been very difficult. At Strathmore we always aim to be positive and this term I have seen how amazing we are as a school community.

Our families have shown their strength and commitment and I have been blown away by how our parents and carers have supported all learners to continue to thrive despite such difficult circumstances. All the staff at The Russell Campus have worked incredibly hard to support those pupils working at home and those who have been in school. Our distance learning programme flourished into a very successful programme of home learning and has been commented on by non-Strathmore families who have used it to support their own children.

Our pupils have been simply amazing. They have shown how resilient they are and have had so many changes to contend with. They are at the heart of everything we do at Strathmore and seeing their smiling faces on return has been hugely rewarding. I can only hope that their start to the next academic year will be a more normal one. All I can say is how immensely proud I am to be part of the most wonderful school community working with incredible staff, families and of course, pupils. All the staff at The Russell Campus wish our three leavers lots of success at our Grey Court Campus.



I wish everyone a restful holiday and look forward to starting the next academic year with you all and hope it is extraordinary but more normal!

Sarah Hurtado



Note from GC

In the first part of the Summer term we saw a Strathmore that we have never seen before. With two campuses closed and only being able to accommodate a few pupils, we all had to get used to a very different way of working.

But we did what we are good at: We adjusted, we took turns, we stepped in for each other when we had to, some of us moved campus and we all just kept moving forwards....

We saw new talents and skills when our dedicated staff produced the most amazing home learning resources and programmes that became more personalised as the time went on. Staff made and uploaded YouTube videos that were fun and engaging and many parents told us how much our learners enjoyed and appreciated those. In the second half of Summer we were able to return to our GC campus and again, we adjusted and we carried on.

More pupils returned and it was so wonderful to see them. Our pupils have really shown us how resilient they are when they have had so many changes to contend with. They are at the heart of everything we do at Strathmore and seeing their smiling faces on return has been hugely rewarding.

Now I can only hope that the Summer will slowly bring back some normality so that when everybody returns in September, the Strathmore Community will be refreshed and ready to start a hopefully more positive academic year.

Personally I would like to thank each and every one of you for your ongoing support over this year and the years before. This has been my last term at Strathmore after 15 years with this wonderful school community. Although this has been one of the most challenging years, it will not change the fantastic memories I have made.

Strathmore will forever have a very special place in my heart. I am also so pleased to welcome Adriana Martyr as new Head of Centre for Grey Court - 'my' campus could not be in better hands and I wish her as many wonderful times as I have had.

I wish you and your families a lovely Summer.

With very best wishes,
Ivonne Puttmann



Congratulations!

We have a move within the Senior Leadership team...
Adriana Martyr is moving across to our Grey Court campus!

She has been a brilliant Assistant Headteacher at our
St Richard Reynolds campus and now is going to spread her
excellence across the river!

Everyone at SRR wishes her luck with the move



Congratulations to Lauren Crew!

Who will be taking the interim post of Assistant Headteacher at SRR campus.
Lauren has been a successful Early Years Lead and we are very
pleased to welcome her into her new role, which we know she
will be brilliant at!



Good Bye & Good luck

Mira class say farewell to two pupils this year as they leave for pastures new. Good luck to Andre and David who will be attending Richmond college this September. Both pupils will be missed but we intend to keep in contact through future Community Learning links with Richmond college.

Andre and David are both excited to experience new things, see their new college and class, meeting new people and making more friends as they continue their journey into further education.

Thank you Andre and David for being part of Mira class.

Senior Leadership Team



A fond farewell

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for another lovely year at Strathmore School and for all the wonderful days we have all shared and enjoyed. I apologise for doing this so late in the day (or the evening as it were!) but I wanted to ensure that everyone knows before the end of the week that at the end of this academic year I will be leaving my role as Family Worker at Strathmore School. I have put off sharing this news as there has been so much else going on for everyone since the lockdown and saying goodbye is so difficult!

This has been a very tough decision for me, but ultimately, working with you all and seeing the strength, resilience and selflessness that you support your families with has been such a source of inspiration for me that I have decided to return to university and train to become a family therapist. I am very excited to begin this new chapter of my life and I will carry my memories of you all and your wonderful children in my heart with me along the next stage of this journey.

I am so exceptionally proud of the work I have been able to do with each and every family and feel so honoured to have seen first-hand not only how wonderfully our Strathmore pupils have grown and developed, but also how their families have come along with them.

For anyone worrying, until further notice, if you are in need of support, or if you have questions about your child's healthcare needs, please contact the school via your class teacher or the info@strathmore.richmond.sch.uk address. Strathmore School is a place of learning and nurturing for everyone and you will always be welcomed and supported by our incredible staff team. I trust that the school I have loved to be a part of for the past 3 years will support you on your down days, build your confidence and make you feel part of a community the way it has done for me.

I wish each and every one of you and your children / young people every single imaginable success over the coming years. Please be kind to yourselves, enjoy the victories and the good days and know that the more challenging days will pass and make you even stronger than you are already. I whole heartedly hope to cross paths with you all in the future perhaps in a different capacity and to hear how you and your young person are getting on and continuing to be your amazing selves.

Thank you all for all of your kindness, thank you for the ways you have inspired me, and thank you for the countless ways you have taught me how to work with families as well as having me as part of the wonderful Strathmore family.

Lauren Morrison



A fond farewell



Dear Strathmore Students, Parents/Carers and Staff,

It has been an amazing 4 years at Strathmore and I will always remember my time spent with the students and Staff, the great conversations during the year and parents evening with parents and carers. Thank you for making me feel welcome in this wonderful School Community.

Wishing you the best!

Isabel Blasco



Dear Strathmore,

You have become a part of my heart.
Thank you for making my life so much brighter!

All the best for the future, Besos.

Maria Montero



Dear Strathmore,

It feels very strange to be leaving after 7 years at Strathmore and I will of course miss all the staff and students a great deal. Thank you to everyone who supported me over the years;

Have a lovely summer and good luck for September!

Ellie White

We also say goodbye to Mike Freeman & Sarah Seigert

When the Councillor came to visit

Councillor Penny Frost came to visit pupils and staff at our Grey Court Campus at the end of the Summer term. Councillor Frost wanted to talk to us about our experiences throughout the COVID pandemic. Pupils spoke to her about what they liked about being back at school and also what they had learned about staying safe. Our pupils also had really good questions for our visitor, asking her about her job and how she keeps her office tidy.

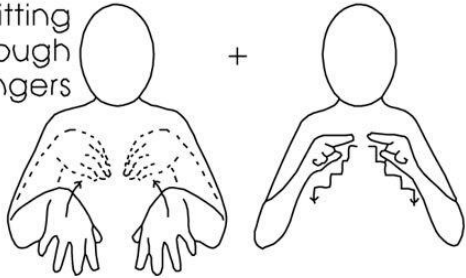
We enjoyed our chat and hope that Councillor Frost will come back to visit us soon.

Ivonne Puttmann

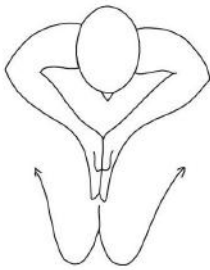


Signs of the Summer

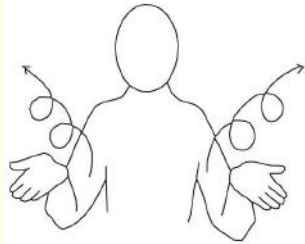
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Sandcastle

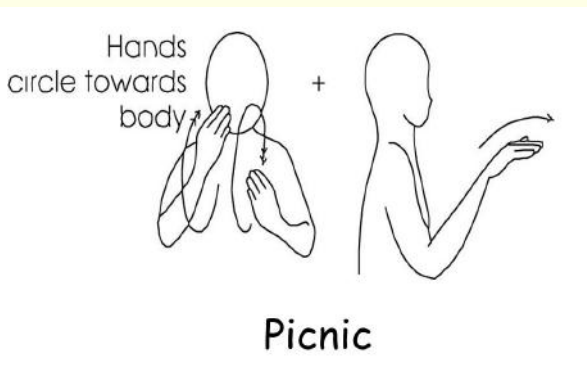


Swim



Play

Signs of the Summer



Parent Governor Vacancy

A proposed candidate is Peter Evans

Please see below for his bio:

Hello, for those that do not already know me, my name is Peter Evans and I am the dad of Vincent Molnar-Evans who is 13 and at the St Richard Reynolds campus. We have been part of the Strathmore community since Vincent joined in year-7 and it would be a great privilege for me to help give something back to the school as a parent-Governor.

To give you all a little background about me –

I live in Surbiton with my wife Sonia and our three children. Vincent is in the middle, with one older son at secondary school and his younger sister just entering the last stages of primary school. At work, I am a scientist working on climate change topics with a career that has included time in industry, government and academia.

Ever since Vincent was first diagnosed with autism I have tried to be an active member of the local SEN-community. I helped to form the parent-forum in Kingston at the time when AFC was being created and I have enjoyed organising fund-raising and parent participation events. At work I recently helped to organise an international dial-in workshop to explore some of the challenges of caring for a disabled child whilst maintaining a career.

Strathmore is a wonderful school, with some very dedicated and knowledgeable staff. As a governor I would hope to bring my own brand of critical thinking and attention to detail that can help the school continue to flourish by being a critical friend and a channel through which your ideas and opinions can be heard.

**If you would also like to nominate yourself for this role,
then please get in touch with Gaele Newland
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Executive Headteacher
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RSE and PSHE revised policies and Parent Survey

Relationships and Sex Education / Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education

Dear Parents and Carers

As of April 2021 our school will need to adhere to new statutory guidelines which will impact what we deliver in terms of Relationships and Sex Education. The good news is that Strathmore already adheres to many of the guidelines therefore we will not have to change very much!

As the RSE and PSHE lead I am updating our policies and would like to get your feedback with regards to what you believe your child needs and how best to meet those needs at school and in the home.

Please consult the updated RSE and PSHE policies and give us your feedback by the 30th of September 2020. Please click on the survey tab on the left side of the page to give your feedback.

<https://www.strathmore.richmond.sch.uk/page/?title=PSHE%2F+RSE&pid=210>

All feedback submitted before the 30th of September 2020 will be considered before completing a final update of our policies. We are hoping to host a parent information evening in The Spring Term to provide more information about how we teach RSE and PSHE at Strathmore.

Best Regards,
Donna Grimsley
RSE/PSHE Lead and KS2 teacher



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The Scouts

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Starting in September 2019 we attracted 50 participants from parents and friends. Our aim is to increase our membership to 200 from September 2020 for maximum prize money and benefit to P&H.

How to play?

Once you set up a bank standing order for £20 starting in September 2020 you will be allocated a unique number in our draws starting monthly from October through to June. If your number is drawn you will win a cash prize. You can also subscribe for more than one number which increases your chances of a prize in each draw.

50% of net proceeds will be allocated as prizes

50% will be used to support P&H. Encourage your friends and family to join in!

Prizes

First Prize 2 x £40

2nd Prize 2 x £25

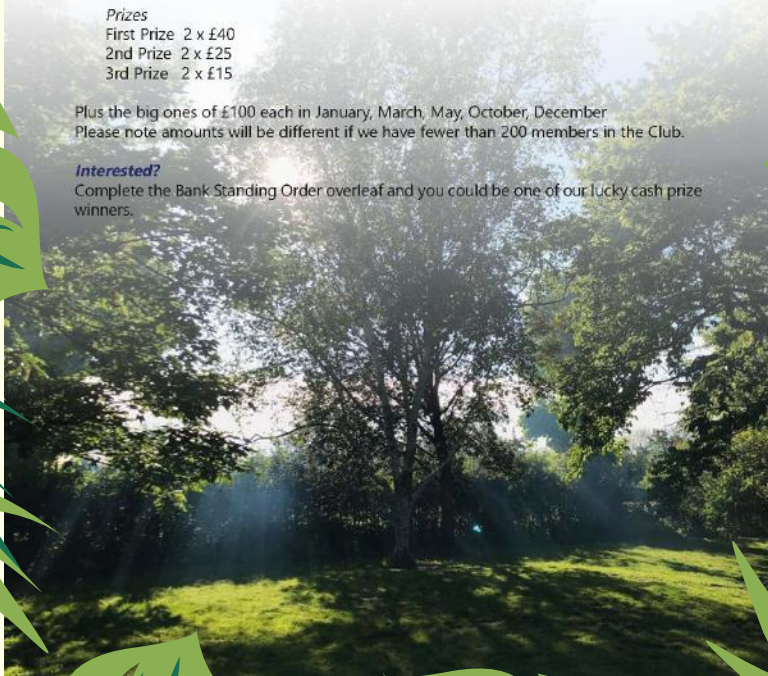
3rd Prize 2 x £15

Plus the big ones of £100 each in January, March, May, October, December

Please note amounts will be different if we have fewer than 200 members in the Club.

Interested?

Complete the Bank Standing Order overleaf and you could be one of our lucky cash prize winners.



The Scouts

**PLEASE SET UP DIRECTLY WITH YOUR BANK A STANDING ORDER
USING DETAILS BELOW:**

Beneficiary Account Name:	Petersham and Ham Sea Scouts Santander Bank
Account No.	39918709
Sort code	09- 01- 55
Amount	£20.00 annually on 1st September

Please change the amount if you have more than one entry.

Details for paying out your winnings by electronic transfer

Name:.....

Name of your Bank

Bank Account No.

Sort code

Telephone number

Email address

*Until we have set up our Santander account to be able to make electronic transfers, payments will be made by cheques.
Please let us know if you would like payments to be made in another way.*

I would like to join the P&H 200 Club and confirm that I am 16 years or older and resident in the UK

Signature

Date

Please return form to the section leader of your child
or post to us at 153 Elm Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT2 6HY

Thank you & Good Luck!

Pupil Term Dates 2020/2021

September 2020							
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School Holidays
Bank Holidays

Staff Training Days
School Closed to Pupils
One further date to be set

Last Day of Term – school closes early for pupils

1 Beginning of autumn term 2021