

# Newsletter

26 August 2020

## Ol' McDonald had a farm...

Don't forget our exciting field trip planned for preschool, and Grade 4, this week Friday. Our pupils are off to the Olifantsfontein farm. Children are invited to bring bread, carrots, lettuce, spinach, apples and any other green feed for the farm animals. Buses will be back by 13h00. Please remember your signed indemnity form. No form - no field trip!



## Courtesy and care...

In a rushed world we often forget how our small actions can make a huge difference in the lives of people around us. Please could we remind you to be kind to Jacob, our Maraboe Street traffic guard (7h00-7h30). If you are requested to drive in a certain direction or **NOT to make a u-turn on Maraboe Street** (referring to several stressful incidents occurring this week!), please respect Jacob's advice.

We would also ask that all parents walking their kiddies to the gate in the mornings, wear masks too. We know that some parents are in their 'jammies and slippers, and masks are the last thing on your mind when kissing your little one good-bye, but please show care for the public around you. Lastly, don't forget to keep a spare mask in your child's suitcase daily. A lot of masks have temperamental elastics, so a spare one is essential. Thanks.

## Spring has sprung...

It feels like we are emerging from a particularly dark and dreary winter this year, and spring ought to be celebrated as a time of new beginnings. Please could we request that all our pupils wear bright spring colours (pink, yellow, red, green) and a decorated spring hat/cap OR mask on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> of September. (We recommend simply stapling one or two colourful paper flowers on the side of your cap or mask ;). We are not charging any "civvies fees", but just want to have some spring fun.

The Grade 7s, however, will be selling **SPRING SNOW CONES for R15** to raise funds for their farewell. Snow cone orders can be placed with the class teacher from tomorrow onwards and orders will close on the first period of the day next week Tuesday. Snow cones will be delivered to class where children can enjoy the first delicious taste of spring. Here's hoping for a warm and sunny spring day!





### Extra-murals gearing up...

Under stage 2 lockdown, extra-murals are all warming up to get back on track. Swimming lessons are starting next week Thursday (3 September). Ellen assures us that the transport to and from swimming will not be filled beyond 70% capacity, masks are compulsory and that she has gone through specific training to meet all CoVid requirements, even in the pool.

Dance Mouse would like to begin again. Ballet, cello and violin are up and running and Teacher Kathy has started fitness training again.

Please contact your extra-mural coach /teacher to find out if they are starting in September. The ball is in their court (excuse the pun). We are expecting soccer, netball and tennis to get the green light in October.

### Absenteeism...

We are grateful for the responsible families that keep their sick children at home. However, as to be expected, we do have some kiddies who appear to be "sick" on test days or speech days, or who are particularly "sick" intermittently. We would like to remind you that we are going full steam ahead with our curriculum and kiddies who are not at school do miss out. Only keep your child at home if they are TRULY symptomatic please.



### Living the fairytale...



Once upon a time, we reminded our parents that the Troll Gate (Mooifontein Road gate) is open until 8h00 on Monday and Thursday (only) so that our Foundation Phase can start  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour later on Mondays and Senior Primary can start  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour later on Thursdays. Please do not use the office entrance during this time, or the big bad wolf might eat any little piggies at this door!

We would also like to remind you that unless your child arrives at school ON TIME and is fetched ON TIME, we are going to arrange the fairy godmother to change your car into a pumpkin! ☺

### Extra-maths lessons...

Due to budget cuts, our school is unfortunately not sponsoring extra-Maths or extra-Afrikaans pupils for the foreseeable future. However, Mrs Schreiber (our current Grade 7 maths teacher) would like to begin offering extra classes herself for maths pupils grade 5-7.

Classes can be mixed grades, but she will not have more than 5 pupils at a time.

Lessons will commence on Thursday afternoons from 2:30 - 3:30. Classes cost R100 per lesson. Please leave your contact details at the office if you're interested in tapping into this teacher's amazing talents.





**Deepest sympathy...**

Our hearts are breaking for the Chirumezani family this week. Elton's (Grade 6B) father passed away unexpectedly (not a confirmed CoVid case) . May you find your hearts wrapped very tenderly during this sad time. Our love go out to, Elton, and your family.

Prayerfully  
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