

# Newsletter

**1 March 2016**



## **CHANGE THE SPORTS DAY DATE...**

We have had requests from parents and teachers alike to move the date of our Sports day (originally scheduled for the long weekend on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March). We have therefore re-scheduled Sports Day to the weekend before this, namely the **11<sup>th</sup> of March**. Please keep this morning open as a fabulously fun family day!

## **Safety first...**



We would like to remind our families that the fenced-off field (labelled "Community Veld Project") adjacent to our school does not belong to us, and that we are using municipal land for our P.T. lessons and as a soccer field. Although we have tried, for almost 7 years, to use all the correct legal channels in obtaining lease rights on this land, our application simply "gets stuck between departments" at municipal level.

As such, we do want to give your heads up that, legally, we cannot be held liable for any accidents or injuries incurred on this field, as it is not our property.

That being said, we are happy to mention that we haven't had a single injury to date on the field and for our pupils' safety we do keep the field locked from the school side so that our pupils are only permitted on this ground during breaks when they are supervised by an adult.

In addition to the above safety measures, we have conducted a fire drill at school today. This is a standard safety precaution that we practise annually at our school. We are proud to announce that it took us exactly 5 minutes to evacuate the entire building ☺!

We do prepare our pre-schoolers before the drill, but the event can be slightly scary for little ones. You might want to reassure them again when they come home with stories about a "fire at school"!

## **Cake Sale for the week...**

Teacher Laura's class is hosting a cake sale for our Mickey Mouse pupils tomorrow. All our pre-schoolers (including Teacher Laura's class - even though they're bringing the cake) are invited to bring their pocket money to splash out on some yummy fun.



## **Date glitch...**

We made a date error in last week's newsletter. The Incredible dog show is in May and not April, sorry and thanks to the clever parents who spotted the error. We will announce all our upcoming shows and outings in the weekly newsletter, like the "Puppetales" puppet theatre who will be visiting our preschool this week Friday. "Puppetales" has always produced puppet shows of incredible quality that leave our pupils spellbound. We know our little ones are going to love this show! If you have a moment to view our website, the outings and shows pictures get uploaded into the 2017 gallery after each event so that you can enjoy them too ([www.solidfoundationsprimary.com](http://www.solidfoundationsprimary.com)).

### Who are you?

Please remember NOT to use the KDZ reference number from your school statements for school fees payments. Use your child's NAME and SURNAME as a reference only. The KDZ reference numbers are generated randomly by our accounting software and are not actually linked to your account.

We have had over 20 payments this month listing the KDZ numbers as references. We also have a mysterious payment made by a "Van Eeve" (who is not listed in our school data-base) and a "withdrawal notice" payment. If any of these payments are yours, please let us know as soon as possible. Thank you.

For confidentiality reasons, our accounting programme only generates and sends school statements to ONE email address per family. If you did not receive your January statement, or if you would like to change the address the statement is emailed to, please let us know.



### Love is in the air...

Valentine's Day is around the corner and as traditionally dealt with at our school, we celebrate this love-filled occasion by buying secret ribbons for each other. Ribbons can be ordered through Mrs Obbes, Mrs Van or Teacher Andrea. Simply bring your R2 to school and whisper your Valentine's name in one of the above teacher's ears. Ribbons will be delivered on Valentine's day but the purchaser's name stays anonymous. The symbolism of the various coloured ribbons are:

Blue ribbons = "friendship"

Yellow ribbons = "you're kind"

Pink ribbons = "you're cute"

In addition to the ribbons, Mrs Obbes is selling Valentine's badges for R5. These will also be "secretly" ordered and delivered on Valentine's morning.

Mwah!

### Don't toss your used paper!

Please don't discard any used A4 paper. Our school aggressively pursues the "reduce, reuse, recycle" principle, and we photostat most of our pupil's worksheets on used paper. Why not put a box down in your office and encourage your colleagues to put used A4 paper into it instead of the trash can? What we don't use to teach, we will certainly use to recycle. Thanks.



### Mickey Mouse words and books...



Don't forget to bring your book-bags to school **TOMORROW!** Please note that this day has changed from last year. We would like you to return your book-bag on a Thursday so that we can process them properly and give you a new bag on a Friday. Please note that we may not be able to give you a new book-bag on Friday if you forget to bring your old one back on a Thursday.

Click on the link below (the garble highlighted in blue) to give us your feedback regarding the books you received this week...

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1a0BdiF2bl2M3rqKzBb7IHQ3b3R4v46zO9jAXRStYbmA/viewform>

If you struggle to open the above link, a quick email to us does the same trick:

[admin@solidfoundationsprimary.com](mailto:admin@solidfoundationsprimary.com)).

Mention in the email:

- Your child's name
- The colour and number of the bookbag
- Any concerns you have about the books

Your feedback is valuable and exempts you from book damage.

The "vocabulary words" sent out last week will be tested on Friday. Remember that it's more about family discussion than drilling ☺! If you did not receive any "words" for your preschool child or are unsure about the "vocabulary and reading programmes", contact the office immediately for assistance.

**Mickey Mouse theme for next week:**

Body, body, body (The theme continues...)

Prayerfully and prayerfully  
The teachers

