

# Newsletter

The weather this year has me so confused I'm wearing my pants as a scarf.



**27 January 2021**

## **Making up for lost time...**

We would like to commend you for being fabulous parents. Your support and understanding during this confusing start has been such an encouragement to us. Although we are **all starting again this week Friday** (29 January), we are fully aware that every day is precious in a school calendar. As a result, we have decided to shift our school term back a week to try and gain some extra days of schooling. Term 1 will therefore conclude on Thursday the 1<sup>st</sup> of April, rather than the 26<sup>th</sup> of March as originally planned, which means that the term is a week longer and the holiday a bit shorter. Please see our latest school calendar for 2021. This will be uploaded onto our website and the D6 too, so you can always look back to it for a quick reference:



TERM 1	13 JAN - 1 APRIL
TERM 2	12 APRIL - 25 JUNE
TERM 3	19 JULY - 23 SEP
TERM 4	11 OCT - 2 DEC

Our preschool (Grade RRR-R) has not lost any school days, however, so they will close on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March as originally planned.

## **Punctuality is a sign of respect...**

We would remind you to fetch your children as soon as their school day has ended. This keeps our playgrounds and parking lot decongested and safer, as we have a slightly staggered end-of-day time for all of our phases. Families who do not collect their children punctually may be fined.



## **Outings, shows, books and stationery...**

A reminder that your outings, shows and stationery fee is due with your school fees payment at the end of this week. Herewith a copy of this fee structure for 2021:

Grade	Outings	Stationery	Books	Total
RRR	R930	R700		R1630
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1	R595	R940 (books included)		R1535
2	R595	R1170 (books included)		R1765
3	R595	R940 (books included)		R1535
4	R770	R920 (books included)		R1690
5	R620	(purchase own as	R1450	R2070



		required)		
6	R650	(purchase own as required)	R1060	R1710
7	R660	(purchase own as required)	R1290	R1950



### Happy birthday...

In case you didn't know, we do allow our pupils to wear civvies for their birthday. If your child celebrated a birthday during the holiday or this 2-week lockdown, they are welcome to wear civvies on Friday.

If you'd like to celebrate, please do NOT send part-packs, cakes or fizzy drinks to school, but rather plain cup-cakes please. Hip-hip-hoorah!

### The evil lurking in your lounge...

One of our sincere concerns during the holiday and lock-down period is the enormous amounts of social media that our children are exposed to, to eliminate their boredom. We have been reminded again of some rather nasty apps, movies and social media platforms that are currently circulating and are very destructive and dangerous for children. Please be careful. Avoid unmonitored YouTube and TikTok and WhatsApp groups with several friends. Do not assume that your child's innocence is sufficient protection for them to know when and how to unplug. Monitor, block and spot-check all the time!



### New calendar, new plans...

We have attached altered assessment plans for our senior primary children for Term 1. Please help your child keep one step ahead and pin the plan to your fridge door! 😊



### Mickey Mouse Reading and Vocabulary programme...

Our preschool pupils will be bringing home their first bookbags on Friday. Please read through the minutes of the Parents Meeting that were emailed to you last week to get an understanding of how the programmes work.

If your books are badly damaged (torn pages, drawn on pages, loose pages or missing pages), you MUST report it so that we do not hold you accountable for the damage. You can either email us or post your feedback by using the following link:

<https://forms.gle/hwZxp6ZHpd41NWrD8>

Enjoy the many happy hours of reading with your child! It does make a huge difference to their overall development!

### Sports launch...

Netball, soccer and cricket will all start up next week. Pop onto our website if you'd like more information ([www.solidfoundationsprimary.com](http://www.solidfoundationsprimary.com)). Don't forget to pay your registration fees as coaches need to pay their league fees for the year.

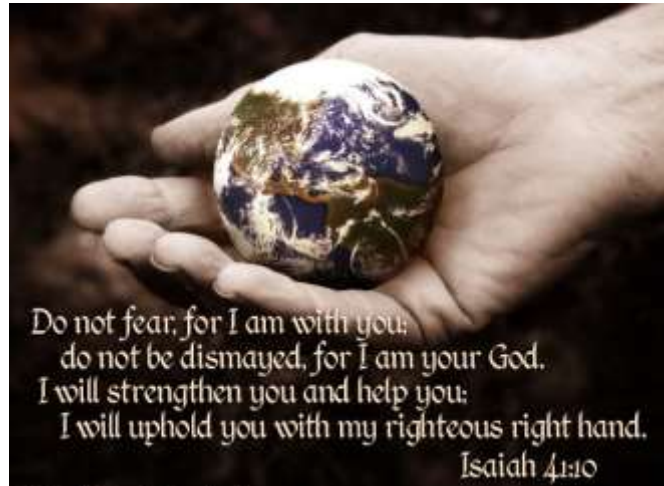


Prayerfully and playfully

The Teachers

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Do not fear, for I am with you;  
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you and help you;  
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.  
Isaiah 41:10