

Newsletter

17 January 2023

First Day news...

What a terrific start to 2024. Everyone looks like a shiny new penny!

We wish you a lovely year filled with family fun.



Staying connected...

Please remember to download the D6 Connect App (for free) if you have not already done so. Note that it is the grey icon and not the blue icon in your app store.

The reasons for downloading the app include access, on your phone, to:

1. Weekly newsletters
2. Daily homework requirements for your child (Gr 1-7)
3. Weekly vocab words (Grade RRR-R)
4. School policies, extra-mural contacts and Gr 5-7 assessment plans
5. Alerts given out by the school e.g. "Netball cancelled due to rain"

Once connected, please always refresh your app when you open it by pulling down on your screen with your finger.

Parents' Meeting confirmation...

Don't forget our compulsory Parents' Meeting this week Saturday (20 January) for Grade RRR to 5. Any Grade 6-7 parents may voluntarily attend if they would like a refresher chat. Due to the size of our classrooms, please could **ONLY ONE PARENT** attend per classroom, and we're sorry, but **no little people are invited**.

PLEASE GIVE YOURSELF AN EXTRA 10 MINUTES TO GET FROM YOUR CAR TO THE VENUE SO YOU CAN BE ON TIME.

Here are the following times and venues for the different grades:

Grade RRR-1: 8H00

(Preschool will meet on the netball court and Grade 1 in the hall)

Grade 2: 9H00 (in the hall)

Grade 3: 8H00 (in class)

Grade 4: 8H00 (in class)

Grade 5-7: 10H00 (Grade 5 please attend, but optional for Grade 6 upwards, in the hall)

Our extra-mural coaches and companies will also be present to give you information and answer any questions you have.



Budget basics...



Thank you again to all of our prompt payers. Don't forget that school fees are paid ahead for 12 months and are past due for January. The "stationery, books and shows" fees are due at the beginning of February, together with February's school fees (see our website, under the fees tab, for a breakdown of these fees per grade). Late payment for "stationery, books and shows" will unfortunately translate into your child being excluded from any of these fun activities until payment is made. A reminder not to use the KDZ number for any payment references. Please

only ever use your child's name and surname when making a payment.

We have some "mystery payments" that need to be identified:

18/12/2024 - ATM cash deposit into our account without any reference

04/01/2024 - EFT deposit using "Solid Foundation Pri" as the reference

Please let us know if these are your payments.

Brain food...

Solid Foundations has a healthy lunch policy. It is really difficult to police this, but we are asking you kindly not to send chips, fizzy cool-drinks, sweets and cookies in your child's lunchbox during the week. The exception to this rule is Friday lunch. On Fridays, you can spoil your children with a pre-weekend "less healthy" option.

We also strongly recommend water instead of juice in your child's bottle because we do have bees at school.



On the topic of Fridays, don't forget that we sell hotdogs for R15 on Fridays, and pizzas have gone up to R35 for Fridays. Pizza orders must be placed on THURSDAY mornings in the office, so we can forewarn Romans Pizzeria at Norkem Mall. Hotdogs and tuck can be bought on Fridays without pre-ordering.

Extra murals here we come...



Most of our extra-murals launch in February. Please contact your extra-mural coach directly if you would like more clarity. All numbers, days and prices are listed on our school website (www.solidfoundationsprimary.com) and the D6. A reminder that payment collection and administration of extra-murals is the responsibility of the private coaches and extra-mural teachers, so don't make payments to the school account for any extra-murals please. Some extra-murals will have uniform requirements. Please respect their stipulations, as they are permitted to decline your child's participation if they don't wear the uniform. You are welcome to meet the extra-mural coaches at our Parents' Meeting next on Saturday.

Ballet pupils please note that the ballet school has changed their banking details for 2024.

Stationery top up...

Our school does sell basic stationery items in the office. Feel free to use this facility.



Preschoolers...your extra bits...

We have a few extra requests for our little people in Mickey Mouse (Grade RRR to Grade R). Can all of our preschool children bring the following items to school:

1. A grown-up's t-shirt to use as an apron for painting. This must be packed in your child's bag every day, as we can't guarantee which days will be the "painty" ones! Please wash the shirt whenever necessary during the year.
2. A sunhat (labelled with your child's name). Our playgrounds are largely shaded, but certain parts get full sun, so let's protect those precious faces. Remind your child to pop on their hat at break time please.
3. A spare change of clothes daily, especially our Grade RRR and RR pupils who are prone to accidents.
4. A box of tissues during the course of the year. This is not compulsory at all, but is always highly appreciated.
5. Grade RRR only... a sheet and small blankie (labelled with your child's name). This will be sent home each Friday for washing. Please return it every Monday. Naps are a voluntary part of the Grade RRR daily routine until about June.
6. Moneybags will be given to your child on the first day of school. Please use this for any tuck money (or hotdog money) on Fridays. Write your child's name on the bag and pop it over your child's neck to keep their money safe.



Reading and vocab programmes...

We will launch our Grade RRR-2 reading and/or vocab after our Parents Meeting on Saturday. You should get your first bag on Friday next week.

Preschool junk... (reduce, reuse, recycle)

Please don't forget to feed our school "junk monster" who lives in the storeroom and loves to eat all your rubbish!

His favourite foods are:

- Old calendars and desk pads
- Toilet roll inners and long roll inners ("Glad wrap" and foil rolls)
- Washed (ideally with bleach please) plastic milk cartons and water-rinsed soda bottles
- Magazines and any paper used on one side
- Matchboxes, toothpaste tube boxes, cereal boxes, cigarette boxes and shoe boxes
- Wool and buttons
- Paper plates and pipe cleaners
- Polystyrene trays (if used for meat - please bleach rinse for obvious health reasons.)

You can leave all your junk in a bag outside the kitchen door near Teacher Kathy's class, and also pop any old newspapers and paper used on both sides into the Mondi recycling bag by our school gate.



Classifieds...

Placing an advert in the "classifieds" section of our newsletter costs R50. Please email your advert to the office - in WORD or JPEG format (not PDF) - by Monday of the week that you want it to feature. Unfortunately, we do not send out any adverts as separate attachments. Adverts should be $\frac{1}{4}$ A4 size or less.

Keep in touch...

You are welcome to contact us at any time during the year (011-976-5300). Our school has one central email address, namely ADMIN@SOLIDFOUNDATIONSPRIMARY.COM

We send all correspondence to the correct teacher or department from this SINGLE address.

Please **DO NOT USE:**

office@solidfoundationsprimary.com

info@solidfoundationsprimary.com

principal@solidfoundationsprimary.com

finance@solidfoundationsprimary.com

as **you will NOT get a response from any of these addresses.**

If you would like to email your child's teacher or have a financial inquiry, you are also welcome to use the central email address (admin@solidfoundationsprimary.com) and we will forward it immediately to the correct person.

With regret, due to POPI restrictions, our staff may NOT have class WhatsApp groups. Some staff members may opt for having a "WhatsApp Broadcast Group" for their class, to which parents cannot reply. It is the staff member's personal decision if he/she would like to make their cell number made public in this way. Most of our staff do not give out their cell numbers though.

Keep praying...

We appreciate every prayer you pray for our school. We would not want to operate without it, so keep going!

Please keep Mrs Bradshaw (school founder and our school bursar up until 2023) in your prayers too, as she walks a tough road in her cancer fight.

Prayerfully and playfully

The Staff of Solid Foundations

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THE FOLLOWING SECTION IS FOR NEW PUPILS AND PARENTS ONLY:

Here are some reminders to help you along in 2024:

- If it is your child's birthday and you would like to send something special to school for your child to celebrate, please could you send cupcakes. Unfortunately, we do not hand out party packs or fizzy juices. Other acceptable alternatives are doughnuts or pizza slices. Thanks for your understanding.
- Please don't allow your child to bring toys or technology devices to school. We know that little people can be quite destructive with their bestie's Christmas present.
- Your child is NOT allowed to have medicine in their school bag EVER.
- Please update your telephone number and email address with us as soon as it changes. It is very frightening for a child to experience an injury or feel sick and not be able to contact you.
- As of next week our preschool pupils will be divided into small maths groups for early morning instruction. Please ensure that your child is at school by 7h20. Trust us, they do not like missing out on this special time with their teachers.

ENJOY 2024 WITH US!

Never be afraid
to trust an
unknown future
to a known God.

Corrie ten Boom

