

Newsletter



24 January 2023

Nice to see you...

It was lovely seeing so many of you on Saturday at our Parents' Meeting.

Thank you for your attendance.

Remember that our door is open during the year and you can make appointments to see your child's teacher before or after school through the office at any time.



Glancing ahead...

Please circle the 16th of March for our annual sports day. As usual, we're planning a morning of fabulous family fun on this day, so you don't want to miss it!



A run in the sun...

Our little ones are enjoying the new grass field immensely. We have not permitted our pupils to play rugby or soccer on the field yet, as the grass needs to be well-established before we can consider this option.

School fees blues...

Remember that your OUTINGS, SHOWS and STATIONERY fee is due TOGETHER with your school fees payment for February within the next two weeks.



Please be warned that we will request pupils to remain at home, or send them home, if their accounts (February school fees AND Outings/Shows/ Stationery included) are not FULLY AND COMPLETELY paid by the 7th of February. With regret, no payment arrangements or exceptions will be made, as we have announced the due date for the Outings/ Books/ Stationery fee already 4 months ago. Unlike government schools, we are not subsidised or financially supported by the Department of Education. Your fees payments are essential for our operation as a healthy school.

A huge "thank you" to all our families that pay promptly. We really appreciate you!

Notice period...

Should any family wish to leave us during the course of 2024, please remember to give us a written 3-month notice. In this way, we can confirm the dates and not over-charge you.



Speech therapy...



Did you know that our school has a speech therapist who does therapy during school hours at our school?

Speech therapy not only improves speech problems, pronunciation and elocution, but can also improve a child's auditory processing skills and spelling. If you would like your child to be briefly screened by our therapist to determine if therapy would benefit your child, please complete the attached form and return to school by Friday.

Coding and Robotics (C&R classes)...

We are excited to announce that Coding and Robotics (C&R) 101, 102, and 103 will be starting next week for Grades 5-7. Your child may only sign up for 102 if they have successfully completed 101; and likewise, your child may only sign up for 103 if they have successfully completed 101 and 102. Coding 101 is open to all Grade 5-7 children at no cost. Please email Mrs Mac at the school using bmcintosh@solidfoundationsprimary.com (or use the general school email address) in order to register your child for Coding.



- Coding 103 will be held on Tuesdays and Fridays at 07:00 sharp, with Mr Swiegers in his classroom;
- Coding 102 will be held on either Mondays and Wednesdays OR Tuesdays and Fridays at 07:00 sharp, with Teacher Shirley in her classroom; and
- Coding 101 will be held on either Mondays and Wednesdays OR Tuesdays and Fridays at 07:00 sharp, with Mrs Mc in her classroom.

Spaces are limited, so children will be allocated to a class according to grade and on a first come, first served basis. Once the class is full your child will be placed on the waiting list for the following intake. You will receive an email as soon as your child has been assigned to a class with the starting date and day of your child's first lesson.

Coding and Robotics (C&R) for Grade 4 has already started with Mrs Obbes in her classroom. If you did NOT sign your child up for C&R Level A at the parents' meeting on Saturday, 20 January 2024, and still wish to do so, then you may email bmcintosh@solidfoundationsprimary.com (or the general school email) to secure their place in the third or fourth sessions to be started later in the term.

Please be advised that if your child is late and / or misses a lesson, they may be required to miss out on the balance of the course and start again with the next intake.



Extra murals...

A reminder that most of our extra-murals launch in February. You can get enrolment forms or details in the office. Payments for extra-murals are made directly to the coach or company coaching the extra-mural. Please do not make payments into the school's account.

Reading programme and pizzas...

We will be sending out bookbags to our Grade RRR-3 pupils on Friday. All the books in the programme are pre-loved, but you can report badly damaged books to us on:

<https://forms.gle/hwZxp6ZHpd41NWrD8>

or with a general email if you'd prefer.

Pizza orders for Friday will be taken in tomorrow. If you would like to order a pizza, please send your child to the office tomorrow morning with their R35.



Clarity on After Care promo...

Our school is running a promotion for 2024 in which After Care is free for all Grade RRR and RR pupils. However, please note that you have to notify the school if your child will be making use of the After-Care facilities.

Our Grade R to 7 pupils are charged R1000 per month or R100 per afternoon for After Care.

Mystery payment...

We've had a payment made into our account which reflected yesterday and has "Solid Foundations" as a reference. Please let us know if this is your payment.

Prayerfully and playfully

The Staff of Solid Foundations

admin@solidfoundationsprimary.com

011-976-5300



Classifieds...

Do you want to purchase cheaper white school shirts (PEP, Ackerman's etc.) and have the pockets embroidered with the school logo? This will be a more cost-effective and option (with less travelling) than purchasing from the school uniform suppliers...

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We are conveniently situated close to school which is an advantage for all parents in need of our service.

