

Newsletter



15 January 2025

First Day news...

We have settled quickly into our exciting first day at school. Plenty of happy, warm smiles. Wishing you a wonderful year with us!

Parents' Meeting confirmation...



Please remember our 2025 Parents Meetings on Saturday morning the 18th of January (the first Saturday after school begins).

Please note the following times and venues for the different grades - **there have been changes since our last newsletter:**

Grade RRR - 4: 8h00 (Preschool will meet in the hall, Grade 1-3 in respective homeroom classes, Grade 4 in Mrs Le Roux's class)

If preschool (Grade RRR-R) parents have heard the introductory speech given by Teacher Kathy in previous years (e.g. reading programme, vocab programme, play-based education, cake sales etc.), you are welcome to skip the talk and only come in at 8H45 to meet and greet your child's teacher.

Grade 5-7: 9h00 (Grade 5 please attend, but recommended and optional for Grade 6 upwards, in the hall)

Due to space constraints, 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.

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

Healthy food... healthy brain...

Solid Foundations has a healthy lunch policy. It is really difficult to police this, but we are appealing to you to not 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 are welcome to give your child a spoil with more junk food.

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

Don't forget that we sell hotdogs for R15 on Fridays, and pizzas have gone up to R40 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. We have done our utmost to update telephone numbers, days and prices on our school website (www.solidfoundationsprimary.com). 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 on Saturday.



Stationery top up...

Our school does sell basic stationery items in the office. Feel free to use this facility. We can add the price of these items to your school account.

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 every day. 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. After Care pupils only... a sheet and small blankie (labelled with your child's name). Naps are a voluntary part of the After Care routine.
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.



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 roughly $\frac{1}{4}$ 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...

Prayer is lifeblood to our school. Please pray for us regularly.

Prayerfully and playfully

The Staff of Solid Foundations

admin@solidfoundationsprimary.com

011-976-5300

THE FOLLOWING SECTION IS FOR NEW PUPILS AND PARENTS ONLY:

Here are some reminders to help you along in 2025:

- 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. Children are notorious in the "lost, broken and stolen" department.
- 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 2025 WITH US!

My unknown
future
is in the hands
of the all-knowing
God.

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Classifieds...



FITWELL APPAREL

We Make It Fit !

TAILOR SERVICE

- Name labels on uniform
- Badges sewn on shirts
- Cording school blazers
- Resizing & re-styling
- Length correction
- Repair & renewals
- Track pants - Custom made
- Zip replacement
- Curtains alterations & more

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

 **061 494 0477**

 **5B BOELBOEL STR
BIRCH ACRES EXT 1
KEMPTON PARK**

OPENING HOURS

MONDAY TO SATURDAY
7AM TO 4h30