



Dear Parents and Staff

Monday is upon us again. Please take note of the following:

1. The Start of the Newberry Day

School starts promptly at 08h00. Kindly ensure your child/ren get here in good time as late children impact negatively on the 3-hour work cycle. Inasmuch as we are well into the first term and in order to support the independence being promoted in the class environments, specifically in those of the 3-6-year-old child, we ask that parents prepare their children to walk into the school grounds and to their classes alone or with a friend from their class.

Parents are requested to not visit staff or classrooms during the school day without an appointment. In the case of an emergency, please contact the office.

2. Policy on Afternoon Pick-Up

Kindly pick up children in good time at the end of the school day - appropriate to their plane. Children who are here 15 minutes after close of school will be escorted to Aftercare.

Those children who are taking part in private activities offered by external service providers at the school will be collected from their classes by the instructor/coach associated with the activity. Staff do not have time available to take children to these activities, as they prepare their environments and presentations for the following day, or are themselves involved in extra-mural activities offered by the school.

In addition, please ensure that staff are aware of the following:

- Whether your child attends Aftercare or not, and which days they attend Aftercare
- What private extra murals they are participating in, and when these activities take place
- If you use Aftercare on an ad-hoc basis, please inform the staff members involved

3. Class Activities this Week

Pre-School

The 3-6-year-olds will have an exciting morning on Wednesday 22 February as the Fire Brigade visits the school with a fire engine and firemen. This will take place at 10h30 unless there is an emergency, in which case the Fire station will reschedule with us.

Kindly ensure that children all have sun hats on the day. Staff will ensure they all apply sun lotion before the event, but an extra application of sun block done at home would be a good idea.



Middle School

A reminder to parents of our Middle School students that they will be going on a Fynbos expedition to the Helderberg Nature Reserve this week - please remember to drop them at the reserve on Thursday 23 February at 08h00. Kindly refer to the email sent out last week for further details and the required indemnity form.

4. High School Fundraising Initiative

Thank you for the tremendous support shown to our High School students as they sold boerewors rolls and vegetarian rolls on Friday at the end of school. We have received great feedback and their initiative and planning are sure to show improvement each week.

They will be *selling boerewors rolls each Friday* near the main gate. Boerewors rolls will be R 20.00 each and the vegetarian option will sell at R 30.00 each.

5. Lost Property

On Friday this week, we will place all the lost property out on the grass above Aftercare from 12h00. Please have a look and claim any items you might be missing on Friday. Next week we will donate any unclaimed clothing and shoes to a charity or community school who can make good use of the clothing.

Kindly make every effort to mark clothing items like jackets, jerseys, hoodies, raincoats, shoes, hats - particularly as mornings get cooler but the days are still warm and children discard layers.

Specific lost items we are looking for include a purple watch - kindly check if this has inadvertently landed up in your home. We also have a necklace at the office waiting to be recovered. Contact us if you think it belongs to your child.

6. Changes in the Calendar

Please take note of the following amendments to the calendar:

- Independence/Market Day info evening scheduled for 21 February has been postponed - a new date will be communicated shortly
- Music evening/braai scheduled for Friday 3 March has been cancelled

7. General

- Thank you to those Lower Elementary parents who gave up some time on Saturday to assist the Oak Directress in making materials for the class. There was a great spirit of community and purpose on the day, and much was accomplished. (A few photographs can be viewed on our FB page)
- Stellenbosch University have their Open Day this Saturday 25 February



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- Tuesday 25 April, early in the 2nd term, has been set aside as a possible date for Ann-Mari von Bergmann, an audiologist, to visit the school to perform Hearing Screening tests at a cost of R 50.00 per child. If you are interested in having your child's hearing tested, kindly complete the form attached and return to your child's Directress/Director before the end of term. Ann-Mari can only do this at the school should there be sufficient interest.

Have a wonderful, successful and safe week.