



13 October 2017

Dear Parents

Greetings from the Playschool.

This week our little ones have had the opportunity to immerse themselves into the theme of 'Transport'. They have examined all the cars from every angle and have enjoyed the games, discussions, activities and songs that have ensued.

OUR CHILDREN LEARNING

TRANSPORT AND CIRCLES





TO TIE IN WITH OUR CURRENT THEME OF TRANSPORT WE URGE PARENTS TO TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING:

SOME USEFUL TIPS WHILST DRIVING ON THE SCHOOL PREMISES

- Please buckle up. Your child's safety is a priority.
- Please do not speed on the school grounds.
- Please do not double park.
- Please be vigilant of children and of other motor vehicles when reversing out of the parking.
- Please refrain from using your cell phones whilst driving.
- Please be courteous to other users of the school i.e. parents, visitors and children.
- Remember **YOUR CHILD IS OUR FUTURE!**

PREVAILING UNSTABLE WEATHER CONDITIONS

As the weather has been unpredictable and the children have experienced feelings of frustration during the recent bout of rains, their outdoor play has consequently been limited. We have thus taken heed of this and have adapted our programme to accommodate their growing levels of frustration. Whenever the opportunity arises we take your little ones outside to play. They have had great fun doing so and yes they have relished in the prospect of playing in the mud. Consequently at the end of the day they are not clean! This is a sign of enjoyment and learning. Please do not restrict your children by pressurising them into staying clean.

MID-TERM – 19 October until 24 October

On **Thursday the 19th October** we will be closing for our Mid-Term break at 14h00. Aftercare will be available during the Mid-Term break. Please refer to the notification received from 'Sherpa Kids', with respect to the Holiday Care Programme. School will be re-opening on Tuesday 24th October, between 7h40 and 8h20.

Activities for term 3

- Mid Term – Thursday 19 October until 23 October
- OXI DAY – Friday, 27 October
- Parents Day – Friday, 10 November
- Sprinkler Days – On hot days in November –(Have a change of clothing available in bags at all times in November)
- Puppet Show – Thursday, 30 November
- Arrival of Father Christmas – Friday, 1 December
- Christmas Party – Thursday, 7 December
- School closes – Friday, 8 December

OXI DAY – FRIDAY, 27TH OCTOBER



Oxi Day is normally celebrated on the 28 October and is noted for the Greek entry into the Second World War after they passionately said 'NO - OXI' to the Axis Powers occupying their country. The Greeks fought heroically for democracy and freedom, enduring many hardships.

We will be celebrating this event at school on the **Friday the 27th October**. The children from Irene and Elli's class will be participating in the celebrations at the Big School. Please keep this date available.

On Friday the 27th October parents are free to fetch their children at 11h00. However should your child still be at school by 11h15 we will allow him/her to sleep. Pick up time will then remain as normal.



PARENTS DAY – 10 NOVEMBER – (FRIDAY)

Moms and Dads on Friday the 10 November, from 9h00 until 10h30 we will be entertaining you with our singing and dancing and we will also introduce you to our best friends. Please diarise this day. It is important for your little one to see you in the audience and he will gladly show off his skills to you.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2017

The Pre-Primary and Playschool will close one day early this year on Thursday 7 December at 13h30.

This is to give the teachers at Pre-Primary a day to move their classrooms in preparation for the New Year.

All reports will be handed out on Thursday 7 December. If you are unable to make arrangements for your children to be home on 8 December, the teachers will look after them in their classrooms and garden. They will prepare some fun activities to keep the children busy until 10h00 when it is home time. Aftercare will start at 10h00 on Friday 8 December.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. SUN BLOCK

As we all know that warm, sunny days are interspersed with cooler ones these days and we would like to eliminate the chances of our little ones being affected by the sun. We would advise you to apply sun block every morning before coming to school. We also stress the importance of sending hats to school. We encourage all our learners to wear hats during outdoor play. During the morning we also encourage our learners to drink lots of water. We also teach them about dehydration.

2. NAILS

Moms please ensure that nails are kept short. Little ones at this stage often resolve their differences by scratching and thus the necessity to keep their nails neatly trimmed. Toddlers respond to difficulties instinctively and we provide support to the transgressor and the injured party. As a staff we employ different methods when addressing this issue and try our utmost to educate our learners with respect to conflict resolution. As our Little one's mature so will their ability develop, to settle their differences amicably.

OUTREACH

SANTA SHOEBOX

We hope you are having fun putting together your boxes.



The Santa Shoebox Project is an inspiring community initiative of the Kidz2Kidz Trust (IT2671/2009, PBO930031301, Section 18A, NPO 102-098, B-BBEE Level

Four Contributor) that co-ordinates the donation, collection and distribution of personalized gifts at Christmas time to underprivileged children across South Africa and Namibia.

- Wrap a shoebox in decorative paper. Lid and box must be wrapped separately. Lid and box must be wrapped separately so that the lid can be lifted (or flipped open).
- Fill the box with new and age appropriate items. (no items with batteries)
- **Compulsory Items are:** (These items are listed on the label give to you, by your child's class teacher)
 - Toothpaste and toothbrush
 - Bar of soap and wash cloth
 - An outfit of clothing
 - Educational supplies
 - Sweets
 - Toys/special gift – (no battery operated toys or any related to 'war')
- **Label your box with printed label** given to you by your child's class teacher
- **Close box with elastic band. Do not seal as boxes are spot checked.**
- **Drop boxes off at Playschool reception areas by Tuesday 24 October – no later.**

THEMES FOR WEEK ENDING 19 OCTOBER 2017	
THEME	Transport
PERCEPTION	Shapes
EVENT	MID-TERM – 19 OCTOBER UNTIL 24 OCTOBER

REMINDERS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baker's Day every Friday, please check with your child's class teacher. • Box of tissues each term please. • For our younger children – 5 nappies a day, barrier cream and wet wipes • Please continue to apply sunscreen before school in the mornings • Hats for sunny days. • Appropriate change of clothing for your child's bag, please include a warmer clothes for cold days. • Should your child be using the Aftercare facilities please ensure that there are at least an extra 3-5 nappies available in his/her bag daily. • Please book your child's birthday with Denise – and no party packs. A cake is sufficient.

- Library has commenced this term and for those who have not yet purchased their Library Bags, they can be obtained from Esquires. Books can only go home in a bag. Many thanks for your co-operation in this regard.
- **Should your child be off colour, vomiting, have a fever, earache, diarrhoea, infected nose and coughing please keep them at home as they will have a miserable day at school and infect others.** Please notify Denise in case of absenteeism.
- Daily hours – **7h40 to 13h30/14h00** on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday **7H40 to 13.15/13.30** on a Wednesday.
- **MY SCHOOL CARD** can be swiped at any of the following outlets Woolworths, Toys R Us, Reggies, Waltons, Jack's Paint, Altech Netstar and Supa Quick. A small percentage of the amount spent will be forwarded to the school. ***Please remember to swipe your card.***

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