

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

“You have within you right now everything you need to deal with whatever the world can throw at you.” Brian Tracy

DEAR EDUCATORS AND PARENTS:

We hope you all had a fantastic Valentine's Day! Our Boys and Girls all looked fantastic. Please see photos attached on the last page.

ACCIDENTS AT SCHOOL:

On occasion, children suffer injury which requires treatment either at a hospital or by a doctor. Parents are always contacted first – that is why we need to be kept informed of all changes in telephone numbers. Whilst the school has public liability insurance, this does not entitle a parent to claim from the school's insurer in respect of costs incurred.

Accidents do happen – seldom as a result of negligence on the school's part. Please ensure that you have your own medical aid cover for your children. Parents, who are unable to afford this, will have to take their children to a public hospital and will have to carry the cost themselves. Make sure we have your updated telephone numbers. In the event of an accident, we need to be able to contact you speedily.

SCHOOL STARTING TIMES:

We believe that the heavy traffic congestion at the moment is the reason learners are arriving late at school in the mornings. We would suggest that those families, who have greater distances to travel, should make an earlier start. Please have your children at school on time. A good, quiet start to the day is essential and can only be achieved when a steady routine becomes habit. Children, who arrive at school early, are expected to wait quietly until the bell rings; no ball games may be played before school. The ideal time to arrive is between 07:15 and 07:35. Punctuality is important. Please help us to instil this life skill into your child.

LEARNERS LEAVING THE SCHOOL:

Parents of any learners, who will be leaving LEICESTER at the end of this term, are asked to complete their fee payment with Miss Baw and inform Miss Mtungwa in our School Office in writing. This is to enable her to prepare Transfer Cards in good time. Transfer Cards are needed when children enrol at new schools.

UNIFORM AFTER SCHOOL HOURS:

In an endeavour to ensure that our learners look neat at all times when wearing their uniforms, we bring to your attention to the following school uniform rule:

Learners are to wear the correct school uniform during school hours and when wearing uniform in public. Learners may not leave the school grounds incorrectly attired, i.e. full school or sports uniform to be worn. Tracksuits to be worn over swimming costumes.

Once at home, children must be encouraged to change out of their school uniforms completely. Please help us to maintain our high standards.

WAITING AREA:

Despite numerous requests to parents to fetch their children timeously, we are still experiencing difficulties with children who sit for more than twenty minutes in the waiting area waiting to be fetched. This leads to problems which management have to deal with. **THESE PROBLEMS WOULD NOT OCCUR IF CHILDREN WERE TAKEN HOME TIMEOUSLY.**

FAIR WARNING:

The school cannot take responsibility for any money or valuable possessions brought to the school. Cell phones, expensive watches, costly shoes, sports equipment, jewellery, electronic toys and gadgets are not permitted.

DELIVERIES OF FOOD/STATIONERY/PROJECTS:

Food, stationery and projects for learners are constantly being brought to the School Office. As stated in Newsletter No 1, only spectacles and medication will, in future, be passed on to learners. We reiterate that a nourishing, home packed school lunch should be sent daily with your child to school. He/she should also remember all his/her books, stationery and projects every day. We cannot constantly call children down to the office to collect items.

START THE DAY WITH A GOOD BREAKFAST:

It appears that many children do have a good breakfast which is essential to growing children. However, there are a number of children who eat or drink next to nothing at the start of the day. Their blood sugar levels drop rapidly and the visible effects in the classroom are: tiredness, restlessness, a lack of self-control and poor concentration. All of these symptoms mean that the child cannot work properly, with the result that the standard of his/her work drops. Breakfast is vital to growing children. Please parents, make sure your child has a substantial breakfast meal to eat and something to drink before leaving for school. School lunches should be nutritious too.

MAKE YOUR CHILD A SUPER STAR:

Encourage your children to drink water. Fruit juices must be 100% pure and diluted with water. Avoid fizzy drinks during the school week.

CIVVIES DAY AND A CRAZY SPORTS DAY (SUPER HEROS):

Civvies Day on the 8th of March 2024 (Book Dress Up Day) and a Crazy Sports Day (SUPERHEROS) will be held on Tuesday 19th March. Children will be advised in due course what to wear. For this privilege, we ask each learner to pay R15 for each day. Party packs will be on sale. More details to follow. This money should be handed in to his or her class teacher.

SOCIAL GRANT:

For statistical purposes, Leicester Road School needs to be informed by parents as to whether any of their children are receiving a State Social Grant. If your child does receive a Social Grant, kindly inform Miss Mntungwa on (011) 615-7328/9. Please note that this information will be kept totally confidential.

STUDY PERMITS – IMMIGRANT LEARNERS:

Please note, once you have obtained a study permit for your child, please bring his/her passport to the School Office, so that Miss Mntungwa may make a copy of it for the school's records.

FINANCIAL RETURNS AND DEVELOPMENT:

We express our grateful thanks to all those parents who have paid their first term's School Fees willingly and cheerfully. Your support enables us to get things done! Like any commercial business, our school has to be able to honour our monthly financial commitments without embarrassment. Please do not wait until the end of the term before paying the fees. Please rather pay on a regular monthly basis, in advance. We need everyone's support if we are to maintain our standards.

Please find a letter this week from the School's Governing Body regarding school fees.

KEEPING THE SCHOOL CLEAN:

The grade which keeps their area the cleanest will be getting a free civvies day. Please support the school in this matter.

SCHOOL BASED SUPPORT TEAM:

A reminder to all parents that if there is any emotional trauma in your child/children's life/lives, it is imperative that you let the class teacher know about it.

HOMEWORK:

Your child should have homework every day. Please do not allow him/her to tell you any different.

Homework must be done every day; where no written work is set, learners need to:

- 1 Read over the content of the subjects taught that day.
- 2 Prepare for forthcoming tests.
- 3 Learn spelling.
- 4 Revise Mathematics.
- 5 Reading should be a daily activity.

Good progress and good marks cannot be achieved, if homework is not done. Please make a concerted effort to monitor your child's homework critically and sign his/her homework diary every day. After all is said and done, we want our children to achieve. Homework teaches children skills such as time management and organisation.

COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE – ABSENCE OF CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL DURING SCHOOL HOURS:

As teaching time is so vital, parents are requested to make all medical and dental appointments after school hours. In the case of urgent appointments with specialists, who consult only during mornings, please observe the following procedure:

- a) A letter stating the reason and the time of departure must be directed to the class teacher. This letter will be sent to the Office for the sanction of the Principal.
- b) The child must be called for at the Office by a responsible person and a form must be signed stating that the child is being fetched early by the parent. Under no circumstances may a child be removed from the classroom during school hours without prior consultation with the Acting Principal.
- c) Children, who have music or ballet examinations, will be allowed to leave the school, provided such examinations have been sanctioned by the Principal and written proof thereof has been submitted to the School Office.
- d) Any child, who misses more than two days of school, is required to submit a doctor's letters on his/her return.
- e) Needless to say, taking children out of school unnecessarily puts pressure on the child and the teacher and is contrary to the South African Schools' Act.
- f) Taking children out of school early to go on holiday or to go away for a weekend sends the wrong message to your child and to others. Academic time should not be abused. Teachers may not be asked to re-teach subject matter missed or to send work home in advance if parents make arrangements to go on holiday during school time.

PRIZES:

Are there any parents who are able to source prizes for us to use for our various competitions? If you are able to assist us with items (large or small) for children or adults, we would be delighted. Please be kind enough to send these items to the School Office marked 'For Attention Mr Driver'. Please ensure that you include your name, so we can acknowledge your contribution in our school newsletter.

COLLECTION OF REPORTS:

Please note that the last day of term is Wednesday, 20 March. School will close at 12h00. Reports will be issued to learners on Wednesday at 12h00, on dismissal from school. If learners are absent on Wednesday, parents will be allowed to fetch reports from the hall from 12h00 until 13h00 ONLY! Reports not fetched by 13h00, will be given to learners next term.

PREFECTS FOR 2024:

CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to the following Grade 7 learners who were chosen as prefects. We are really proud of their achievement.

Standing (L to R): Banele Mehlomakulu, Kyara Phiri, Fuaad Saib, Talia Naidoo, Sameeha Mohamed, Amanda Sira, Jemma Barry, Hannah Khumalo, Chinenye Maduekwe, Tadiswa Mharumani, Nokuthula Manyisa, Liwa Ngonyama, Chidinma Ezeibe, Grace Weldekidan, Alexia Kisten, Penny Mavuie, Noma Ngwenya, Kai Francis, Thomas Aweke, Minenhle Mwale, Aamira Kambarran.

Seated (L to R): Nuha Seedat, Kerice Moodley, Shayn Ngwenya, Ayomide Sadiq, Mr Driver (Principal), Keletso Manoka, Fallou Fall, Ahlume Mtonjana & Jaden Lehloo.

Absent From Photo: Inathi Vuntu & Paballo Gugu Tshabalala.

Yours in Education,
Mr KWM DRIVER
School Principal

Sign

Date

VALENTINES DAY

