



STAR OF THE SEA CONVENT SCHOOL

14 April 2020

LETTER NO 1 TERM 2

Dear Parents/Guardians

TERM TWO THEME – SELF/FORGIVENESS & HARMONY

Last term we highlighted THOUGHTFULNESS & APPRECIATION. Our children and staff, through their actions are creating a positive and happy school environment. Our children are STARS! This term we are working at self/forgiveness & harmony. We will be concentrating on ‘being kind to ourselves and others’ and being positive in our comments and actions. Please help us by encouraging this behaviour.

CORONA VIRUS UPDATE

Please ensure that you remind your child to wash their hands and use the hand sanitiser in the classroom. Sneeze and cough into a tissue or into the crook of their arm. If they are sick please keep them home.

While the Department of Basic Education has indicated that they are reviewing the covid-19 protocols to enable a full return of children, that decision has not been made yet. Schools returning to 100% attendance have the extra rooms and extra staff to maintain the covid-19 protocols.

Since we do not have the extra rooms, we will have to wait until the DBE removes the covid-19 protocols altogether.

CURRICULLA MATTERS

As previously communicated, we would like to strengthen our support for mathematics in our school and enable our children to become independent learners. Greenshoots (available to grades 3 to 7) is internet-based and is used to consolidate core concepts and extend learning. Children are linked to their teacher so that we can keep track of their learning.

It's important to stress that when children are working at home, it must be done independently. We hope to create a positive change in how our children view mathematics.

READING: It's important that our children are regularly reading books. Our library is stocked with books and they are encouraged to read through the book review program. Grade 3's will spend time in the library to further reinforce our reading strategy.



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Work or homework that children must complete on their day home should be revision of work covered in class. They should be able to complete the work independently using their classwork book and textbook if they need guidance. Please let us know if your child is struggling to complete the work independently or it's taking them (5-6) hours.

WINTER UNIFORM

We will continue with civvies until the end of the year. Grades 1 to 7 need to bring their sports uniform on the Physical Education days. Children should not be wearing flip-flops as it is a danger to them given our grounds. Remember they should be able to participate in the full activities of the day. School rain jacket on sale at school.

Please ensure that your child/ren attend school.

SAFETY AT SCHOOL

Please be reminded of the following:

- Our school gate should be closed at all times.
- Do not park on the pavement in front of the school when collecting your child, especially in wet weather.
- Consider our neighbours – do not park in their driveway.
- Use the pedestrian crossing and encourage your child to listen to Mr Spencer, at the crossing.
- Transporters must collect the little ones from the SCHOOL GATES. No Grade 1 or 2 child should leave the school grounds on their own. Please convey this message to your child's transporter.
- Please check the roadworthiness of your child's transport.

TERM 2 ASSESSMENT PLAN

Please ensure that you receive an assessment plan for Term 2. It should be placed in a prominent position (Refrigerator door) to remind you throughout the term. Projects/Tasks/assignments have due dates that must be kept as per the assessment plan.

NB: School will be closed on The Feast of the Ascension, Thursday 13th May 2021.

UPDATE INFORMATION

Please update your personal information when it changes. In an emergency, it is disconcerting to all concerned when we are unable to contact you. We will be using Rise and e-mails to communicate with you.

Parent-teacher meeting: Wednesday 12 May from 13:30 to 17:00. Please adhere to your time-slots.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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