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CHARTERHOUSE SCHOOLS

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Pre-Primary Newsletter No 2



30 January 2017

Dear Parents

A note from the Principal's Desk: We are now in our 4th week of school and the children all appear to be settled and happy. Now the fun and learning can begin. Hilarious Hat Day was a great success. Thank you parents for being so creative; it was wonderful to see how everybody used things they had around the house to make fabulous creations. We will put up a few photos on the boards around the school so look out for them!



Entertainment / shows: We have finalised our shows for the year. The entertainment list will be put into the children's pockets this week. May we please ask you to pay upfront for the year as this allows us to pay the deposits required to secure the shows.

Sunblock: In order to alleviate the problem of each child bringing a separate bottle of sunblock to school, each child pays a fee of R10 per term. We use this money to purchase a large bottle of sunblock for each class. Please pay R10 for this term (or R40 upfront for the year) to the office as soon as possible.

Backwards Day: This takes place on Tuesday, 31 January and we hope to have some fun with your little ones. They can come to school wearing their uniform backwards and everything we do on the day will be done backwards!



Forms that need to be completed and returned: An Information Update form and a Medical Form will be put into your child's pocket this week. Please complete these forms and/or check that the details listed are still correct or make any corrections if required. These forms are vital and must be returned to Shelley in the office as soon as possible please.

Early morning drop-offs: Our teachers start their early morning duty shifts from Monday, 6 February. Each teacher has a turn to be on early morning duty from 07:00 – 07:30.

The Grade 0 children should wait with the teacher on duty in her classroom and the Grade 00 and 000 children should be dropped off in the Aftercare/TV Room with the teacher on duty.



Hearing Assessments: Hearing tests will take place at school from 6 – 10 February. These tests are recommended, but not obligatory. A consent form is at the end of this newsletter. Please return the completed form, together with payment, to the office should you wish to have your child's hearing tested.

Valentine Civvies Day: Valentine's Civvies Day is just around the corner! The children can come to school on Tuesday, 14 February dressed in civvies; the theme for the day is pink, red and white.

Tuck-shop Lunchcard system: Last year, we implemented a lunchcard which allows children to purchase food at the school tuck-shop using a lunch card instead of cash. This card is not compulsory and cash is still accepted at the tuck-shop. Some of the benefits of the Lunchcard system are:

- Funds can be paid to the student's Lunchcard by EFT or bank deposit;
- Daily limits can be set on the Lunchcard website;
- Parents are able to set restrictions on what can and can't be purchased by their child;
- Parents are able to view reports of purchases;
- Management and reporting can also be done from the Lunchcard mobi site.

Photos will be taken of all our new children on Wednesday in order to print their individual card. Your child will receive a printed Lunchcard with his or her picture and details printed on to it which you can either decide to use or discard upon receipt. The Pre-Primary teachers prefer to keep the cards in their classroom.

Carpark: We are only going into the second month of this year and already the Pre-Primary carpark has experienced a number of problems. I have met with our Operation's Manager to discuss some ideas to manage these issues like putting poles up on the pedestrian crossing to prevent cars driving over it, speed bumps at the stop sign at the main entrance and changing the yield signs to stop signs. However, although we can implement these measures, unless each and every one of us commit to being courteous, vigilant and aware of the fact that there are little children about, things will not improve. I spent 30 minutes in the car park this morning and during that time only three cars stopped at the stop sign. Parents were also spotted talking on their cellphones whilst driving in our carpark. Parents, we have to do better than this!

Our carpark rules are:



- Be courteous and respectful at all times;
- Always exercise extreme caution;
- Keep to the 10km/h speed limit;
- Adhere to all traffic signs and road markings;
- No parking in the Drop-and-Go area;
- Drive to the furthest point of the Drop-and-Go area;
- Always display your Charterhouse sticker;
- Hooting is to alert others of an emergency only;
- Our Children have the right of way!

Grade 0 Information

Extra Murals: All extra murals start in February. Just to recap on days and times:

- Tuesdays: Ballet (during school)
Soccerstarz (after school)
- Wednesdays: Playball (during school)
Karate (after school)
- Thursdays: Marleanco (during school)

Grade 00 & 000 Information

Extra Murals: All extra murals start in February. We would just like to recap on days and times:

- Mondays: Pottery and Playball (during school morning)
- Tuesdays: Karate (during school morning)
- Wednesdays: Ballet (during school morning)
- Thursdays: Marleanco (during school morning)

Aftercare Information

Sunhats: Please pack a spare sunhat in your child's school bag if they attend Aftercare; it does not have to be a school hat. The school sunhat will stay in their classroom and they will use their spare hat in the afternoons. They should leave their spare sunhat in the hat basket in the Turquoise class at the end of the day.

Regards

Yvette Godwin
Head: Pre-Primary School



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| TERM 1 | | |
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| DATE | THEME | FUNCTION |
| 23 – 27 January | My Body | Grade 000 & 00 Extra Mural displays 23 rd – Playball 24 th – Karate 25 th – Ballet 26 th – Marleanco 30 th – Pottery |
| 30 January – 3 February | My Body | 31 st – <i>Backwards Day</i> * |
| 1 February | | Extra Murals start |
| 1 February | | Lunchcard photos for new children |
| 6 – 10 February | My Body | Hearing Screening week |
| 13 – 17 February | Healthy Eating | 14 th – Valentine’s Day <i>Children may come to school in civvies (theme: pink, red or white)</i> |
| 20 – 24 February | Sports | |
| 24 February | | Grade 000, 00 & 0 The Petting Zoo visits the school |
| 27 February – 3 March | The Farm | 2 nd – <i>World Book Day</i> * |
| 6 – 10 March | The Farm | 4 th – Open Day |
| 13 – 17 March | The Farm | |
| 16 March | | Grade 000 & 00 show “KC Koala’s kindness show” |
| 17 March | | Grade 0 show “Frankie Feeling’s show” |
| 20 March | | School Holiday |
| 21 March | | Public Holiday (Human Rights Day) |
| 22 – 24 March | Pets | 22 nd – <i>World Water Day</i> * |
| 27 – 31 March | Pets | |
| 28 March | | Parent Feedback Afternoon |
| 31 March | | Grandparent’s High Tea |
| 31 March | | Break up Day - school closes at 12:00 (Aftercare is open) |

Those days marked in italics with a star are days from a Special Days Event Calendar. We have chosen a few to create some fun and learning. We will notify you timeously should anything be required for this day (e.g. backwards day). Please bear in mind that these dates may change due to situations out of our control; however, we will do our best to notify you well in advance of any changes.

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HEARING SCREENING CONSENT FORM

Charter House Pre- and Preparatory School – 06 - 10 February 2017

Dear Parents,

ListenHear Audiology & Balance is proud to offer hearing screening at your child's school. This is an annual service, and holds great value in order to identify any potential hearing or ear-related disorders, which could negatively affect your child's educational development. Good hearing and your child's ability to listen, learn, read and spell go hand-in-hand.

Recent statistics from the South African Hearing Institute indicate that...

"Overall, it is estimated that in the countries below the Sahara, more than 1.2 million children aged between 5 and 14 years suffer from moderate to severe hearing loss in both ears... In South Africa about 7.5 percent of school children suffer from varying degrees of hearing loss".

Even if your child's hearing has been tested before, it is important that it is tested regularly. Ear infection and other middle ear problems, or exposure to other risk factors, can cause a change in hearing status.

The hearing screening will take place at your child's school during school hours, and involves the following:

- Visual inspection of the ear canals and eardrums (checking for foreign bodies / excessive wax build-up)
- Middle ear pressure test (checking for ear infections or sinus-related pressure effects)
- Pure tone screening (the actual hearing test to check the sensitivity of the internal hearing organs).
For children younger than 3 years 6 months, who cannot be conditioned to the above test protocol, a non-invasive direct test of cochlear functioning (OAE) is performed.

Following the screening, you will receive a report and follow-up recommendations. The cost of the screening for 2017 is R 110 per child. Please complete the consent slip below and return it to your child's teacher, along with your cash payment in a sealed envelope, by no later than Friday 03 February 2017. We cannot conduct the screening without a signed consent.

Sincerely,

Mandy van den Berg & Meghan Powell

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Please direct any queries to

Consent for hearing screening at Charterhouse

Child's Name: _____ Class & Teacher: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Signature of consent: _____

Does your child suffer from regular ear infections? Does your child currently have grommets inserted?

Are you concerned about your child's hearing / listening skills?

Are you concerned about your child's speech / language development?