

NEWSLETTER 3 - 11 FEBRUARY 2019

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Dear Parents

Can you believe we are more than half-way through the term?! Time is just flying by Here are details of the events that will take place in the next couple of weeks.



HEARING SCREENING ASSESSMENT

Increasingly, children's hearing appears to be compromised,

impacting on growth and development in a number of ways. To this end, we have a hearing screening each year, in order to facilitate early intervention for pupils of St Martin's Pre-Primary School.

This year, practitioners from Heidi Allen's practice, will visit the School on **TUESDAY 5 MARCH** (Red and Orange Groups), **WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH** (Blue and Green Groups) and **FRIDAY 8 MARCH** (Yellow and Purple Groups).

If you wish to take advantage of this opportunity, please complete and return the attached form ASAP, but by **FRIDAY 1 MARCH**, at the latest.

The cost of the testing will be absorbed by the school fees, therefore, there will be no charge to you now....

Please note:

- Children who have not returned their forms will not be screened at School but their parents are welcome to make a screening appointment at Heidi Allen's practice.
- A hearing screening helps to identify children who require more extensive assessment, so that proper follow-up and treatment can be recommended. This is not a full diagnostic assessment of hearing, auditory process or speech/language skills.
- The results of the screening will be distributed to parents within a week of the tests.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES



PROGRESS INTERVIEWS

Five days have been set aside for Parent/Teacher Interviews, i.e. **MONDAY 4 MARCH - FRIDAY 8 MARCH.**

Twenty minutes will be allocated for each interview, the first beginning at 12.40 p.m. and the last at 2.20 p.m. Please 'phone or speak to Serina to book your day and time. We will attempt to accommodate your preferred appointment but some juggling is inevitable.

Parents will receive a brief "Initial Adjustment Report" in the Notebook shortly.



ONE/BOTH PARENTS OF **ALL** CHILDREN SHOULD ATTEND THESE INTERVIEWS. Please arrive promptly!

Regrettably, interviews that are unmet will not be re-scheduled.

Whilst these interviews do not replace the informal chats or consultations which take place when and if a need arises, each class teacher will provide insight and commentary on the growth and development of their pupils.

EMERGENCY DRILLS

Some parents have wondered about the Fire Drill, Riot Drill and Sniper Drill diarised on the Term At A Glance.



This is when we practice emergency procedures with the children.

In the *Fire Drill*, we vacate the School and line up on the Class Drill Ropes on the Church's 7 Regent Place property. We then have a little walk around to familiarise the children with walking on with their safety ropes.

In the *Riot Drill*, the children move into the Red Room in response to the whistle, so as to be secure indoors and out of sight, in the event of danger.

In the *Sniper Drill*, the children drop to the ground and lie flat on hearing the clapper cue.

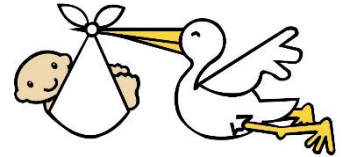
All of these drills are presented in a matter-of-fact, unemotional manner, designed to put the children at ease and to help them understand that they have a part to play in protecting themselves in an emergency. We "try and try and try again, until our practice is perfect"!

PARTIAL CLOSURE OF HOLIDAY-CARE FOR CHURCH FUMIGATION

Regrettably, we must inform you that the Holiday-Care will be closed for an additional three days (Wednesday 20 - Friday 22 March) in the school holidays. The church organ is being treated/fumigated and the church plant as a whole will be cleared. Apologies for any inconvenience but the children's safety is paramount.

STORK TALES!

We are delighted to report that the St Martin's Family is growing even further



Paola (Blue Group Teacher) and Siya Nkomo and Sensikile Mashinini (After-Care Teacher) and Lindani Cele are expecting. Congratulations! Both teachers will be off in the 4th Term on Maternity Leave.

Tayler Gild (Blue Group Teacher's Assistant) will step in for Paola. I will let you know the other replacements as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

B J DANIEL
Principal

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- Prayer requests may be submitted in the Prayers' Box in the Office.
- Visit our webpage at: www.stmartinsprimary.co.za.
- GB & PA Committee Minutes are available for perusal on the Noticeboard in the Big/Blue Room.
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