

Newsletter 21 April 2021

Dear Parents,

We are soon moving into the 5th month of this year. How time is flying by and we are missing seeing all of you at school. We thought it was time we had a function where we could come together outdoors and meet up with some familiar faces in a safe environment. We will be having another Fun walk on Saturday 29th May. Please mark this off on your calendar. It will be at the same venue as last year and I'm sure you'll all agree that it was lovely to be outdoors and enjoying the fresh air and at the same time meet up with friends whom we haven't seen for a long time. A big **THANK YOU to Justin Dry**, our PTA chairman for co-ordinating this event and who has already acquired some items for the 'goodie' bags.

Money raised will be used to purchase some much needed construction toys which have not been replaced for a long time. We will also be purchasing some fine motor cognitive games and puzzles. (Please take time to read the article I posted on face book on the benefits of puzzle building. Face book site: **St. Catherine's Nursery School Selcourt Springs**). We will also be purchasing some theme story books which will be used to enhance our weekly themes.

Details on this upcoming walk is on the poster included with this newsletter. We are also needing some volunteers to help at the various tables on the day to relieve the PTA members and staff as well. If you are able to offer some help please let us know. It will be most appreciated. If there are any parents who have any sponsored items to donate towards the "goodie" bag this will be most welcome.

GOOD NEWS: The gate has finally been repaired and is up and running!! Thank you to Raymond Cattell for his persevering, phoning and following up on this matter. Fortunately the gate motor only needed a little maintenance and was not too badly damaged in this unfortunate incident. Thank you Raymond for the repairs to this device. It is lovely to have it working after so long.

There was an incident which happened near the school on Tuesday. It involved a house break in at a house near the school. Thank you to Raymond who diverted the perpetrators tracks away from the school to avoid any danger to the children and to the parents who phoned and alerted the staff. Thank you too, to Theuns (Caleb's grandpa) and the CPF for their quick response. Fortunately we and the children were all safe. We used our emergency planning to keep the children safe. This serves as a warning to all the parents dropping off and collecting their children to please keep the time in the car park as short as possible. Do not linger and chat here as you are a target for a potential hijacking. Both gates will now be open again in the mornings and you are kindly requested to use the circle as a drop off zone only.

Thank you for bearing with us and for your co-operation with all the health and safety at the school. Please stay safe during the short break.

School will be closing on Friday 23rd April at 14h00pm and will re-open for the 2nd term on Monday 3rd May.

Regards

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