



WISHING WELLS NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2015

Dear Parents.

Welcome back to all our returning children and a big Welcome to all those new children who have enrolled for 2015.

We would also like to welcome Paige Cuffley who is our Yellow Bear assistant, and Harriet who has returned from maternity leave.

Our class names this year are Yellow Cubs; Yellow Bears, Green Martians and Space Cadets

Working Together

Should you have any concerns about your child's development, their classroom environment or anything that you feel could better the school, please don't hesitate to speak to the class teacher or even make an appointment to see them to discuss any ideas or concerns.

We have introduced Info Files this year. Please ensure that they are returned to school every week.

General

Please should you have any queries or concerns about any situation regarding your child, staff members or any other matter, I would appreciate it if you approached me directly so I can ensure that the matter is dealt with appropriately

School Times – Please Note!

Our school times are 7:00am to 5:30pm. We serve breakfast at 8:00am to all our learners and we start our formal school program at 8:30am.

It is imperative that you have your child at school no later than 8:30am.

Unless they still need to eat breakfast, in which case 8am at the latest. It is very disruptive to the class and to your little one if they arrive late. They often become unsettled and most importantly, they miss the morning ring time.

Stationery

Please check with your child's teacher that they have everything they need for school. If you are not sure what is required, stationery lists are available from the office.

Blankets

Just a reminder that Yellow Cubs and Yellow Bears still take a nap after lunch and require their own warm blankets as it is not hygienic to share blankets.

Medication

Please **do not** leave any medication in your child's bag. Medication that is not clearly marked and handed to your child's class teacher will, by law, not be administered.

Valentine Day Walk – 14th Feb @ 10.00am

Our fundraising for this term will be done in the form of our ever popular Valentines Walk. The children really love this day, as they get to show off their athletic abilities. We will be doing something new this year. **Valentines Day** falls on a Saturday so we will combine the walk with a family day. Brothers and sisters are encouraged to participate as well.

After the walk we will be selling boerewors rolls @R20, but please could you bring your own drinks and a picnic blanket. We will also have a Tuck-shop on the day.

We look forward to spending the day with all our beautiful children and their families and hope you will support our only fund raiser for the year



Please could children be **dressed in red and white**.

The walk will commence at 10.30 am with the babies going first. Prams and parents are welcome to assist their children.

The laps that will be completed are as follows.

Baby Care Toddlers -10
Yellow Cubs & Bears -20
Green Martians & Space Cadets – 30

Please complete your sponsorship forms accordingly.

Sponsorship Forms are attached.
Cost will be R5 / lap. If for any reason you are unable to attend a donation will be greatly appreciated.

All forms and money must be returned by Thursday 13th February.

Money for the Year.

Every year we ask for money for the “Special Events” that we plan. Last year we had a visit from the animal farm, made our own pizza, etc.

Cost is R120. Please could you send this money ASAP as we are starting to plan for the year? Envelopes will be sent out shortly.

Extra Murals 2015

Monday

Computers @ 7.30am
Buzzi Bodies @ 10.00am (Buzzi Bodies, holistic sports program)
Dancing (mod & tap) @1.15 – 2.00pm

Tuesday @ 9:00am

Wamba Jam, music and movement.
Edu Dram, drama, music & movement

Thursday @ 10:00am-

Music (whole school)



Friday

Soccer Starz @ 10.00am
Buzzi Brains @ 1.30pm

Swimming in the summer months if sufficient interest is shown

All the information on these activities is available in the office, so chat to your child's teacher as to which extra mural would best benefit your child.

Monthly Planner

As of next week we will be sending home a monthly planner with the themes for the week, events, birthdays and extra murals. As well as the child who's turn it is for ‘Show and Tell’ in each class. Please check the planner daily to ensure your child is not left out. A copy of one will also be displayed on our notice board.

Special Note – Yellow Cubs Potty Training

Teacher Melissa has asked that you please send 3 to 4 pairs of extra clothes and at least 4 pairs of clean undies/panties. Pull ups are also helpful. We all know that accidents happen and it is better to be safe than sorry. Please send 1 pack of wet wipes to help clean up and a zip lock bag to place any wet clothes in. Please ensure that the clothes that your child wears during this training period is easy on/easy off with no drawstrings or belts. Please could you continue with the pottying training over the week end. Thank you.

Collections & Late Collections

If your child is to be collected by anyone other than yourself, please let us know, as your child **will not be allowed to leave** with anyone without your permission.

School closes at 5.30pm and any late collections will be charged for.

The Late Collection Form will be in the office class, please to fill in the time that you collect your child and sign.





Fees



You should have received your accounts, together with a letter regarding the fee structure for the year. **Please note that fees are to be paid monthly in advance.** If you need to discuss late payment of fees, please speak to Colleen or Sue. We are going to be far stricter this year in this regard and interest will be charged on late accounts.

Please notify us of any change of address or contact numbers. Should an emergency arise, it can be very frustrating trying to contact a parent with incorrect numbers.



February Birthdays

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| 2 | - | Fatima |
| 5 | - | Kabo |
| 8 | - | Demiya |
| 16 | - | Luthando |

Bottles and Bibs: *Baby Care Centre*

We are very proud of our new look baby care classroom and are looking forward to watching how the little ones grow and develop.

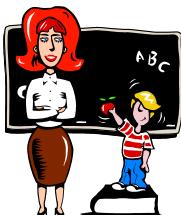
Kind regards,
Leola and Harriet



Looking forward to a fun filled year at Wishing Wells

Regards,

**Sandy, Melissa, Paige
and
all staff at Wishing Wells**



Important Reminders

1. When entering or leaving the school, please always make sure that the gates are securely closed behind you.
2. All medicines to be left in the office and NOT on the teacher's desk or your child's bag.
3. NO toys, sweets or food to be bought to school unless it is for a reason.
4. Wide brimmed sun hats.
5. Update your contact details
6. Remember to tell us if someone else is collecting your child.
7. Please remember to ask the teacher on duty for your information file on a Friday and to remember to return them on Mondays. All letters will be placed in the file to ensure that parents receive any important information.
8. Please label all items with your child's name.

