



SETTLERS' PARK PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL

(INCORPORATED ASSOCIATION NOT FOR GAIN)

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Dear Parents,

NEWSLETTER 3/2021 AND MINI COMRADES INFORMATION

As we approach the last week of term, thank you for a good term 1.



Congratulations to the Padayachee family (Sherwin, Evelyn and Seth in the Bees class), on the birth of a precious little girl, Grace Taylor.

Mini Comrades: Saturday, 5th June 2021

Each year, (with the exception of 2020) we hold the "Mini Comrades". This is one of the children's highlights of the year and is one of our main fundraising events. **If Covid19 regulations permit**, we plan to hold this function on Saturday, 5th June. To comply with health and safety protocol, we are changing the programme and having separate time slots for various classes. The children learn that through their efforts, they can contribute towards the wellbeing of their school. We also use the opportunity to support our Settlers' parents and friends who are Comrade runners. The emphasis is on participation, completing the event, and comradeship – not on racing and winning. The route is around the school buildings and playground and venturing a short distance outside the gates. Staff are on the track to assist the children. Each circuit is one lap. Great fun is had by all, participants and spectators alike.

Children may carry their own water bottle if they need one; Settlers' pupils will be given a Splash and a certificate on completion of their event.



Order of events:

Please note that parents with more than one child at Settlers' may choose which event that they wish to participate in. Parents and siblings may all participate in the run/walk if they wish. Please wear old clothes as all events will be colour runs.

08:00 – 08:45: Fireflies and Crickets (1 lap)

09:00 – 09:45: Caterpillars and Butterflies (up to 3 laps)

10:00 – 11:00: Ladybirds, Ants and Bees (up to 5 laps)

Donation forms:

Donation forms (Money Trees) will be handed to the children by teachers before the end of Term 1 to give you plenty of time to find sponsors. (Your child is encouraged to please approach family and friends for donations.) The idea is for your child to have fun colouring in the appropriate leaves and flowers as the corresponding donations are received. The more money your child collects, the better for Settlers'. If your child fills the attached sheet, more are available from Lyn. We will display the trees in the classroom as they are filled and returned. The children in the winning class (average per capita) will receive a prize. **Please return your forms and money to school by Wednesday, 2nd June at the very latest.**

If you are unable to attend the event, we would still really appreciate a donation.

Food and water:

We are not serving food this year, but Settlers' bottled water will be on sale for R10 per bottle. On completion of their race, children will be given a splash and a certificate.

CAR PARK PROTOCOL

Please take note of the following instructions pertaining to using the Settlers' car park:

- Ensure that children are seated in the back of the car and are buckled up.
(Please see the previous mail about car safety.)
- Enter and exit the car park slowly and extremely cautiously – there are cars reversing out of parking bays which might not see cars driving in behind them. Most importantly, there are pedestrians walking between their cars and the children's arrival / drop-off points. Allow for the unexpected, such as children running or falling.
- If you have a big vehicle, before reversing please make sure children are not walking behind it.
- Parents, please accompany children the whole way to their entrance areas, holding their hands and making sure they are safely delivered into the hands of a Settlers' staff member.
- When walking in the car park, use the designated paths or walk around the perimeter and minimise crossing the traffic flow.
- Do not allow children to walk on the raised concrete blocks in front of the main entrance.
- Turn down the volume of loud music.

These instructions are in the interests of everyone's safety and mutual respect.

2022 Applications: Please can we ask parents to share our **2022 Applications** post on Facebook?

Laddsworth Virtual Open Day:

Interested parents, please see the attached flier from Laddsworth Primary School regarding their Virtual Open Day and School Tour.

REMINDERS FOR REMAINDER OF TERM 1:

22 March: Public holiday (no school)

23, 24, 25 March (12:45-15:00): Parent / teacher interviews (see dates and times near the 3 entrances)

26 March: Easter Fun Day (normal school times and aftercare as usual): **Please let your child wear Easter headgear (e.g. decorated hat / bonnet / bunny ears) to school**



School closes for the holidays

DATES FOR TERM 2 (Timetable attached):

20 April: Pupils return to school after the holidays.

26 April: School holiday

27 April: Public holiday (Freedom Day)

14 May: Reunion for past 2020 pupils (12:45 – 13:45)

21 May: No school (Mid Term)

24 May: No school (Mid Term)

5 June: Settlers' Mini Comrades

16 June: Public Holiday (Youth Day)

17 June: Report distribution

18 June: School closes (Normal times and aftercare as usual)

Enjoy the school holidays, have a blessed Easter and if you are travelling, drive carefully and stay safe.



Kind regards,

Ellen Borain

Principal