

(Registered Non-Profit Business)

## GREENPARK PRE-PRIMARY & GR.R

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### NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 13 MAY 2021

THEMES: GR R - 3D Shapes  
BLUE GROUP - Shape and Patterns  
GREEN GROUP - Seeds  
RED & YELLOW GROUPS - The Farm  
LAVENDER GROUP - The Farm/Cows

### STAFF NEWS

Nicky Germani is waiting for some test results and will still be away for next week.

### GREENPARK COVID PROTOCOLS

As I am sure you are aware, there has been a surge in Covid numbers and many schools are closing, either completely or various departments. Greenpark is committed to staying as safe as possible and staying open and to do this we need your full co-operation. Please note that as a Greenpark family you undertake to:

- keep your circle as safe as possible
- keep your child at home if they have been at all unwell
- report any Covid cases and isolate accordingly
- keep us updated on any concerns

We developed an excellent cleaning and sanitizing programme last year and we will be reinforcing it. Small child friendly sanitisers are available from Nola in the office at R50 each.

### GREENPARK CHARITIES

Just a reminder to consider contributing to our charity of choice ONE SMALL ACT OF KINDNESS. We have supplied groceries for the month for their children's feeding scheme which ensures one meal a day for very vulnerable children. If each family contribute R50, the cost will be covered.

### AUTUMN MORNINGS

Our Highveld Autumn mornings are typically chilly and by lunchtime the temperatures have usually risen dramatically. Please dress your child in layers - easy self-help clothes so that they can remove layers as necessary during the day.

**All clothing items must be clearly marked** and please avoid the following:

- Belts and zips
- Hoodies with strings
- Slip on shoes which do not provide support to little feet
- Socks with takkies are essential

Gr R tracksuits have arrived and are available from Miss Angus.

### EYE AND HEARING TESTS

Every year we arrange for outside professionals to screen our older children (Green and Blue Groups and Grade R only) for Children's vision and hearing. Many learning difficulties in Primary School are linked to undetected hearing and vision problems. Details are as follows:

- EYE SCREENING - Thursday 3 June - cost R150 per child
- HEARING SCREENING - Mon 19 & Tues 20 July - cost R150 per child

Nola will attach the indemnity forms for both screenings to this Newsletter today. Please return your completed forms and pay the R300 by E.F.T. or SnapScan, clearly marked for EYES & EARS and reference your child's name and group. Your forms are due back in please, via email or hand to Nola in the morning by latest 28 May 2021.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 3 June: Eye screening for older groups (Green, Blue and Gr R)

Wednesday 9 June: Story evening @ Greenpark for younger groups 5.30 - 7.00pm (Red, Yellow and Lavender)

Thursday 10 June: Story evening @ Greenpark for older groups 5.30 - 7.00pm

Friday 11 June: Father's Day Activity morning: 7.45 - 9.00am

Friday 11 June: School closes at 10.30am for Winter Mid-term break

Monday 21 June: Return to school

Mon 19 & Tues 20 July: Hearing screening for older groups

### PAYMENTS

Please note that payments are now due for ice-lollies and pizzas for Term 2. Cost is R150 per child.

### PARENTING COURSE

The next two Parenting Courses have started and spaces are available for courses in July, September and October. Please speak to Nola to put your name down. Spaces are filling up.

### PARENTING CORNER

A few more age appropriate ideas to help your child develop sound Math skills. Try playing a few of these with them incidentally through the week.

- Teach spatial relationships - Play games that teach the concepts of "near and far" over and under". For example when I say "Near!" walk towards me and when I say "Far!" walk away. Climb over and under chairs and tables. Also encourage your child to practice volume and quantity by providing different containers and allowing them to fill, pour and measure with sand and water.

- Compare sizes - Ask your child to gather all his/her stuffed animals and sort them from biggest to smallest. Let your child stretch as big as possible and curl up as small as possible.

All these simple games and activities are busy laying down the pre-Math foundation with concrete examples which your child needs to understand later Math concepts.

### **URBAN BRAZA - Parkhurst**

Our delicious Friday pizzas are made by Daniella at URBAN BRAZA in 4<sup>th</sup> Ave Parkhurst. Please support her - not only are her pizzas completely delicious, you can get them delivered on Uber Eats and Mr D.

