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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 1 February
Individual and Class Photographs

Thursday 2 February
Grade 1—3 Classroom Visits

Tuesday 7 February
Welcome Cocktail Function

Wednesday 8 February
Grade R Picnic

Thursday 9 February
Gala at Reddam

Wed 15—Fri 17 February
Grade 6 Camp

Friday 17 February
Foundation Phase Campout

Wed 22—Fri 24 February
Grade 7 Camp

Monday 27 February
ESU Parent Forum

Class Reps

Thank you so much to the following Class Reps who have offered their assistance to the teachers for the year. We also thank all the class rep helpers who have offered their assistance for the year. We hope you have a most enjoyable year with your classes. The names and grades of the class reps are as follows :

R.1—Natalie Ball, R.2—Tracy Kolbe-Alexander
1.1—Barbara Friday, 1.2—Kirsty Fraser Boonzaier, 1.3—Nell Liebenberg, 1.4—Kerry Ould
2.1—Melanie Gallagher, 2.2—Colette Richardson, 2.3—Gill Gibson, 2.4—Gill Marsden
3.1—Lisa Carter, 3.2—Karen Grant, 3.3—Claire Prowse, 3.4—Monique Lorenzen
4.1—Claire Wyley, 4.2—Shelley Turner, 4.3—Jenny Cresswell, 4.4—Diana Schonfeldt
5.1—Caryn Kingwill, 5.2—Linda Austin, 5.3—Kim Scarrott, 5.4—Simonetta Nusca
6.1—Ronell Adelhelm, 6.2—Adele Lamb, 6.3—Jill Hosking, 6.4—Barbara Dawson
7.1—Lou Vink, 7.2—Sharon Bing, 7.3—Cheryl Thorburn, 7.4—Nicky Rosenthal

Mini Campaign

Our Mini Campaign for the year is 'Sharpen your Manners'. The letters in SHARP stand for : **S = Stand back, H = Hands up, A = Act respectfully, R = Remember to greet, P = Please and thank you.** We have put some information on the website under 'Whats the Buzz'. This is what the children were shown in assembly on Monday.

Foundation Phase Reading Club

We have a Reading Club at school every Friday from 11:00—12:00. The emphasis is on fun and the enjoyment of reading. Our team last year made such a difference with their positive example. If you have an hour to spare on a Friday, we would greatly appreciate the help of either parents or grandparents. Ruth Bosworth can be e-mailed on : rbosworth@sweetvalleyprimary.co.za

DIARISE : GRADE R—3 CAMPOUT—FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY

New Sports and Phys Ed Uniform for Girls—2012

It would appear that some parents were confused by the previous item that went into the previous newsletter.

The new girls' sports uniform, maroon top and matching skorts, may be worn by girls from Grades 1 to 7 for phys ed lessons as well as for sport practices. *The maroon top and matching skorts are compulsory for matches.*

The old sports uniform, maroon quantec shorts and white golf shirt, may be worn for Phys Ed lessons and sports practices, but not matches, until December 2013.

Please Note : The uniform will be on sale from Sweet Valley Primary and not our school stockist. This sports uniform will be on sale from the hall foyer during second hand shop opening times as well as from 18:00—19:00 on Thursday 2 February 2012.

Fundani isiXhosa Nathi

Izakhiwo nedayirekshini (Buildings and Directions)

Ibhanki—ebhankini (bank—to the bank)

Ivenkile—evenkileni (shop—at the shop)

Iposi—eposini (post office—at the post office)

Foundation Phase News

Grade R

We have really enjoyed getting to know our new Grade R's. It has taken some time for them to get used to a new school and new friends. We will be sending the red workbooks home for the first time this week. Please encourage your child to colour neatly and take pride in his / her workbook. We look forward to meeting the whole family at the Grade R picnic next Wednesday at 17:30.

Grade One

The Grade Ones are settling into a routine and it is wonderful to see how well they are coping with all the activities in and outside the classroom. Well done to all the parents who leave the assembly area after the first bell has rung as this allows the children to settle down quietly before the second bell rings. Thank you parents for assisting the children with their yellow words. Your little ones are learning to read now. This is so exciting!

We are looking forward to your classroom visit on Thursday 2 February at 08:00. The children are so excited about showing you their wonderful work.

Grade Two

We have settled back at school and are enjoying getting to know one another. Thank you to those parents who were able to attend our Grade 2 Orientation Evening. We have been learning about the weather and all the different seasons. Our new theme will be plants. Please send any interesting information, books or posters to school for us to have a look at. We look forward to an exciting term ahead.

Grade Three

'Our Blue Planet' is our theme for this term and we have focused on some amazing ocean life in the first few weeks. We'll be looking at the various continents which make up our planet, and where our beautiful Cape Peninsula fits in the big picture. Try comparing a swim in the Indian and Atlantic Oceans, and visiting some of the famous landmarks along the way (many children have not seen the statue of Just Nuisance at Simonstown, or Camel Rock at Scarborough). Our first outing, to Hout Bay museum and beach and the Flora Bay rock-pools, is coming up soon, and a letter in this regard will be sent home on Wednesday 8 February. Despite the heat, the Grade 3 children are managing the longer school day very well. A great deal has been achieved in a few short weeks, as you will see when you visit our classrooms on Thursday 2 February from 08:00—08:30. Thanks to all parents for the incredible offers of help with reading and book covering!

Grade 1, 2 and 3 Classroom Visits : Thursday 2 February

Grade 1, 2 and 3 parents please remember to try to pop in to visit your child's classroom from 08:00—08:30 on Thursday 2

February. The field will be open for parking from 07:15. If you are unable to take up this invitation personally, please try to send along another special visitor to look through your child's books (e.g. a family friend or relative). Should you be unable to make arrangements for someone to visit your child, please inform your child's class teacher so that we can plan to support any children who might otherwise feel "left out". We look forward to sharing this special half-hour with you on Thursday!

Lost Property

There are wooden bins in the Grade 4 passageway where all lost property is placed. Your child can look for items at any time before and after school or during breaks. If an item is in the bins for more than a week, it is then placed in the cupboard and R5 is payable to a charity. Unfortunately, every term there are many unlabelled items that cannot be returned to the children. These are then sold off with all funds raised going to charity. Items still not sold are donated to a charity / children's home. For queries please contact Marion Forster on 0825543438.

Lost Items

A Sweet Valley school bag and tog bag belonging to Devon Andrews has gone missing from the main field. The bags are named as well as the contents inside the bag. If you have seen the bags or know anything about them, please contact the school office in this regard.

Holiday Fun Club

The Holiday Fun Club is in need of 120 jam / pickle jars with lids for a future project. If you are able to assist, please contact Marion Forster on 0825543438.

Western Province Youth Squash

Western Province Youth Squash will be hosting their trials on Saturday 25 February and Saturday 3 March 2012 at Bishops High School. All interested players are welcome to attend.

The cost to enter the trials is R50. Times are as follows :

U11 girls : 10:00—11:00

U13 girls : 11:00—12:00

U11 boys : 12:00—14:00

U13 boys : 14:00—16:00

Please contact Kerri Eaton on 0845050823 or e-mail

eatons@telkomsa.net if you have any queries.

New Parents Cocktail Function

We would like to welcome all new parents to Sweet Valley at a Cocktail Function on Tuesday 7 February. Mr Ryan will address the parents and you will have an opportunity to meet all staff members and chat to your child's teacher. Please diarise this date. We will be sending out an sms to remind you of the date.

Campout

The next date on our events calendar is the very popular Campout. This is for Grade R to 3 children currently at Sweet Valley. We unfortunately cannot accommodate younger or older siblings who are not currently at our school. This event is a highlight so please make every effort to ensure that you diarise Friday 17 February. There will be supper available on the field, and entertainment for children for an hour in the hall. Bacon and egg rolls will be served early the next morning before you all pack up and begin the Saturday chores! A detailed invite will go out explaining all the necessary details. For any further queries you can contact Debbie Slabbert on 0825825822.

Kind regards

Mr I G Ryan
Headmaster