

What's happening this term?

Online teaching and learning to continue until further notice.



# ST JAMES NEWS

9 July 2021

Dear Parents

## Message from the Headmaster

Let us keep the conversation alive with our children about the COVID-19 virus. Talk about this deadly virus with them. The pandemic is here to stay for some time and uncertainty prevails. Let us together prepare our children for opportunities, responsibilities, and experiences for adult life.

Talk about current events that occur nationally and internationally as often as possible. It is important to help them think and speak their minds, but within a reasonable framework and positive attitude.

Ask questions like:

- ✓ What do you think about these events?
- ✓ How do you think these things happen?
- ✓ How would you, given the opportunity solve these series of events?
- ✓ Why does your school constantly remind you to stay safe, eat healthy food and exercise?

At St James, the introduction of Global Perspectives has triggered a sense of enquiry amongst our students. The topics that we cover are thought provoking and fun. One such teacher that is enjoying this subject and having great fun is Mrs Nadira Khoosal our grade 2 teacher, she elaborates further.

## A day in the life of a Grade 2 student



A great classroom is one where the teacher meets the child and from that arises the magic that is learning and there is indeed magic in this grade two class.

A typical day begins with lots of energy, enthusiasm, and just plain joy at seeing each other. We start each day with marking the previous day's homework and going over what is required for the day.

My aim for each day is to light the spark of motivation in each learner in a way that spurs academic achievement and yet is fun and enjoyable. We have maths daily using a variety of different tools and mediums. This class in particular loves mental maths and geometry.

We do English using a Cambridge textbook, grammar workbook, spelling program, comprehension workbook and daily reading.

We are also having a fantastic learning experience with the new Cambridge subject: ' Global Perspectives '.

Science strictly follows the Cambridge curriculum and even though we do the simplest of experiments it is a fun activity for all.

## Quote:

Free the child's potential and you will transform them into the world.

Maria Montessori

Italian physician and educator

Sanskrit and philosophy are taught by Mr Curle and sport by Mr Cele. We also have music with Mr De Lange and classic story reading with our librarian, Mrs Deeke.

Teachers ask questions and help learners find answers, yet learning is not just about finding the right answer, it is more about creating the road that leads to the answer. In this class we learn with every step, and we laugh with every step.

### **Weekly study material and assessments**

Parents are reminded that study material and assessments/assignments are to be delivered back to school each Friday, as well as to collect new work for the week ahead. Study packs are placed outside in boxes marked for each Grade. Collection and delivery of materials will take place from 07h30.

### **Giving the gift of warmth: Knit-a-square**



Please be reminded to send in your knitted or crocheted squares to the school by end of July. Mr Khanya or the security on duty will take them up to the office. Blankets will be made from these squares will be donated to the children's ward at the Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital.

### **Fogging machine**

The school has purchased a fogging machine to enable us to clean and disinfect the schoolhouse on a regular basis. If any parent would like to hire the machine for their personal use, please contact Mrs Jones. Rental for two days is R200, cost of chlorine tablets is R15. Two tablets are sufficient to fog a medium size home.

### **Grade 0000 – 0 Tree of Life**



### **Health and safety**

REMINDER: As we encounter new COVID-19 variants, it is essential to remain conscious of our wellbeing. Only go out to shopping malls and centre's when necessary, keep a social distance of minimum 2 meters from others when you do go out, wash your hands and sanitise regularly and ALWAYS wear a mask. Masks should be cleaned or replaced (if disposable) on a daily basis. Keep well, keep safe

Regards

The St James team.