



# STRUBENVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

We extend a warm welcome to all our learners and parents. We hope that you had a restful holiday and are ready to face the new and exciting challenges during 2018. To our new learners we extend a special word of welcome and wish you all a successful and happy stay at our school.

Our “open door” policy encourages *good communication* between the home and the school.

\*Please ensure that you read all newsletters and diarise important events.

\*Sign your child’s homework diaries on a daily basis.

\*Please ensure that your contact numbers are written in your child’s diaries in case of an emergency and keep the school updated of any changes.

The school day starts at 07:40 and we expect all learners to be at school on time. Names of late comers are entered on a register and sent to the Department weekly for their attention. Late comers do not only fall behind with their work but have a negative impact in the quality of teaching and learning in the classroom. Please ensure that drivers are reliable and have the safety of the children at heart.

Please note that appointments to see teachers must be done through the office (011 812 1632/3). Teachers can only see parents before or after school.

## STAFF:

Last year we bid farewell to Mrs. Jacobs who retired. Her dedication, hard work and loyalty to our school will be missed. We are, however fortunate to start the year with a full complement of staff in all areas. A special word of welcome to Ms. Filander (Grade 4), Mrs. Makatu who will be replacing Mrs. Jacobs during Term 1 until a new HOD is appointed and Ms. Doola who will be a substitute for Ms Seedat who will be taking 4 months of accouchement leave.

## SCHOOL FINANCE:

Strubenvale Primary is a Section 21 School, which means that we rely heavily on school fees to be able to offer quality teaching and learning. We encourage parents to make direct payments to the following account number:

FNB Selcourt – Strubenvale School Fund –

Branch No. 253742 – Account No. 62074114259.

We thank those parents who pay their school fees timeously.

N.B. When making a Direct Payment, please make sure that you fill in the correct reference i.e. your child’s first name and surname. Do not put the grade down unless you are sure you have got the correct grade. If you are not sure do not write a class down because if it is incorrect it causes confusion.

**The 'option of payment' form needs to be completed and returned to the class teacher as soon as possible. Please contact Mrs. Botha (bursar) if you require further information.**

Grade 'R' fees for 2018 are R750-00 per month over a period of 11 months or R8250 -00 per annum.

The Grade 1 to 7 fees for 2018 are R730-00 per month over a period of 10 months or R7300 per annum.

Please note that parents/guardians (Grade 1 to 7) who pay their school fees in full before the end of January will receive a 10% discount. Those parents who pay in full before the end of February will receive a 5% discount.

This does not apply to Grade R pupils.

#### SCHOOL UNIFORM:

Please ensure that your child is **correctly** dressed for school in their summer uniform. Most of our uniform can be bought at any clothing outlet. For specialised items you can contact "Jill's School Uniform" - 011 818 3278

Boy's Uniform: White short sleeved shirts, with school badge on pocket. Grey shorts or long pants and grey socks and black school shoes. Brown school jersey or Dri-Mac may be worn in cold weather.

Girl's Uniform: Brown culottes, short white sleeved shirts with badge on pocket, white ankle socks and black school shoes. Brown school jersey or Dri-mac may be worn in cold weather.

Badges for the shirts are available from the school office at R15-00 each.

**Coloured House shirts** and **white golf shirts** are also available from school. These shirts are to be worn for Physical education periods. Please make sure that all your clothing items are marked clearly with your child's name.

Please remember that NO jewelry may be worn at school except for watches. Only girls may wear earrings if they have pierced ears but these must be **plain gold studs or thin small sleepers**. Hair must always look neat and tidy.

No exotic hairstyles or 'Cut patterns' in the hair are allowed.

#### Physical Education clothing:

Physical Education clothes and white takkies are to be worn to school by learners from *Grade 1 to Grade 4* on the days when they are involved with PE activities.

Grade 5 to 7 learners are to bring their PE clothes in a bag and **change at school before the PE period**. Senior pupils may NOT come to school in P.T. Clothing.

### SWOP SHOP:

A few clothing items are available at school at affordable prices. The swop shop is opened once a week on a Thursday from 12:00 to 13:00. We are looking for a parent to assist with the Swop Shop for 1 hour every Thursday on a voluntarily basis. Please phone the office if you are willing to assist.

### STATIONERY:

All learners must be equipped with the required stationery. Stationery lists were issued to all learners at the end of last year and all orders have been delivered. Please ensure that all books are neatly covered with the learner's name and subject details. Use good quality paper and plastic when covering all books.

### TEXT BOOKS AND LIBRARY BOOKS:

Please ensure that all textbooks are well looked after and covered neatly in plastic. Lost or damaged textbooks will be replaced and paid for by the parents. No textbooks will be issued to learners until lost books and damaged textbooks from the previous year are paid for. Learners are encouraged to take out LIBRARY BOOKS on condition that these are well looked after and returned timeously. No new books will be issued until the previous books have been returned. Pupils must have a Library Card and a file. These can be purchased from the Library at R10-00 and R20-00 respectively. Last year's Library cards can still be used this year.

### SCHOLAR PATROL:

All learners must cross at the scholar patrol points. We request parents and drivers to obey traffic rules. Please remember that Athlone Avenue is a one-way road in the early morning and afternoon. You are encouraged to use the small gate in Sutherland Avenue as it is not so busy. Parents are requested not to speak to Teachers about their children while they are on duty.

### TUCKSHOP:

The tuckshop has been requested to sell healthy and nutritious food on a daily basis at affordable prices. Please encourage your children to buy from school instead of other private tuckshops which have opened near the school. Safety and health regulations are extremely important when dealing with food.

### CELL PHONE POLICY:

The school cannot accept responsibility for the loss or damage of cell phones at school. Learners who bring cell phones to school must ensure that they are off at all times during school time or they will risk these being confiscated. Confiscated phones may only be collected by parents/guardians from the office. Please ensure that your child has sufficient air-time. Only emergency calls will be made from the office. Foundation Phase learners are discouraged from having phones at school.

### FUND RAISING:

Please assist the school by acquiring and using “*My School Card*” when shopping at participating stores e.g. Woolworth and Spur. It will cost you absolutely nothing and you will be supporting your child’s school and education. Family members can also apply for a card. Forms will be issued at our office upon your request.

We also *collect paper* and cardboard through our *MPACT RECYCLING* project. This brings in much needed funds for our school. Please support!

### SPORT:

During Term1 the main sporting activity is *Athletics*.

Please assist the school by ensuring that the children are dressed correctly when attending practices and that transport arrangements are made timeously.

### SCHOOL TOURS – 2018:

Grade 5 and 6 Tours - Information was sent out last year. A reminder that only 60 learners can be accommodated per grade. It works on a ‘first come, first served basis’. Only learners who have paid in full will be accommodated. Payments must be made to the bursar.

Gr. 5’s – Achterbergh near Krugersdorp from 7 – 9 May 2018.

Gr. 6’s - Natalia in K.Z.N. from 7 May – 11 May 2018.

Mrs. Barber will be sending out more information at a later stage.

Prefect Camp: Date to be confirmed.

Once again payment must be made in full before learners can be accommodated.

Mr. C.F. Ramos – Principal

Dates for Athletic Meetings : Tuesday 30 January at Selcourt

Wednesday 7 February at Werda

Wednesday 14 February at Pinegrove

Wednesday 21 February at Selpark