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HEADMASTER'S NEWSLETTER #30

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Happy Spring Day

Today, we head into the new season with a "spring" in our step as we celebrate the first day of Spring. I wish everyone renewed hope, with the start of Spring and then Summer, that we can defeat the Covid Virus and restore the freedoms to which we were accustomed and often took for granted.

Spring Fun Civvies Day

On **Friday, 4 September 2020** Laddsworth will have a 'free' Spring Civvies Day. The Grade 1 and 2 Groups that come to school on **Thursday, 3 September 2020** may also wear their Spring Day Civvies.

The idea is to celebrate that, despite the threat of COVID-19, the school is open and functioning very well, thanks to the collective efforts of staff, pupils and parents.

Traffic Congestion

We have anticipated that traffic flow around the school has become a little more congested due to the new COVID-19 drop off and collection times.

This has been particularly bad on Fridays, when Second Group parents are arriving early and blocking potential parking for First Group parents. This did improve this past Friday, after a notice was sent out on D6 School Communicator reminding Second Group parents not to arrive before 13h00.

I have been very impressed by the courteous behaviour of most drivers and the general tolerance of motorists towards the increased traffic around the school during peak times.

One suggestion that would help relieve some of the congestion caused by vehicles trying to exit Winstead Road into Hilton avenue, is for parents to turn left into Groenekloof Road and exit via Annthia and Vlei Road. Hopefully this will not inconvenience anyone and will reduce traffic congestion.

Staffing News

I am happy to share the exciting news that Mr and Mrs Pienaar are expecting their first baby in January 2021 and Mr and Mrs Sibiya are expecting their third baby at the end of December 2020. They are all very excited for their new arrivals. We wish Mrs Pienaar and Mrs Sibiya all the very best for their pregnancies and the exciting adventure their new bundles of joy will bring.

Children Leaving Laddsworth at the end of 2020

Parents are reminded that it is a requirement to give one term's notice for any children who will be leaving Laddsworth, excluding Grade 7 learners. Parents, who intend to remove their children from Laddsworth at the end of 2020, must submit a letter to the Headmaster **before the end of this term**. This information is vital to us, as we prepare budgets for next year and consider applications we have received for new pupils for 2021.

D6+ Connect App Switch-Over

Today, 01 September, Laddsworth has switched-over to D6+ Connect. We hope you enjoy our new to the new and varied functionality this new platform will provide.

Yearbook 2020

Laddsworth prints an annual yearbook, which is distributed to pupils and staff at the end of the year. The Laddsworth Yearbook covers all areas of the school, including academics, sport, culture, outings and outstanding achievements.

The Laddsworth Yearbook will be viewed for years to come and is the ideal place to advertise a company associated with the Laddsworth family. Despite the challenges our country has faced with regards to the COVID-19 pandemic, we believe it is important for the children to have a record of this extraordinary year.

The school publishes 600+ yearbooks, one book per family and staff member. The Laddsworth Yearbook will be approximately 60 pages long in 2020 and will be a high-quality publication printed in full colour and bound by CPW printers.

For the publication to be a success, we require sponsorship of pages, as well as advertising in the Yearbook. We would like to invite parents to advertise or sponsor a page in the 2020 Yearbook. The sponsorship letter and booking form have been posted on D6+ Connect and School Communicator under **RESOURCES (Yearbook 2020)**. There is limited advertising space available and bookings will only be confirmed once payment has been received. Please contact Mrs Tilbury at pro@laddsworth.co.za for more information.

Kind regards



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HEADMASTER

Thought from the Headmaster

“Men build too many walls and not enough bridges.”
Joseph Fort Newton