

NEWSLETTER

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Dear 345 Parents

Midterm Break: Our schools close this Friday, 26 June, for midterm winter break and will return on Monday 6 July. Whilst there will be the usual aftercare on Friday, there will be no holiday aftercare for next week.

Reports: Your child's report will be available on Friday. When reading the report please be aware that your child is working to the best that they can and as a school we do not compare children as each is developing at their own pace and in accordance with their stage. At this young age a couple of months can make all the difference between what they can do and what they are still achieving. If you have any concerns that have not already been addressed by the school, then please make an appointment to speak with the class teacher.

Farewell: Chrisna Kock. Farewells are always sad and especially so for someone who has been at 345 Nursery Schools for 9 years. In her time with 345 Chrisna has seen much change and growth. We wish Chrisna well on her future ventures and thank her for all that she has done for all our little ones over the years to prepare them for their early learning stages. Chrisna will be missed on our 345 campuses.

Exciting Curriculum updates: In a previous newsletter I addressed the need to stay abreast of modern education developments in a world that is constantly changing. This is something that we are addressing at both 345 and CHP. The nursery staff have been introduced to some of our future-focus as we begin to set up to follow the Reggio Emilia approach to nursery learning. Our schools were represented at the Reggio Emilia conference in Italy in April and we are most excited to be investigating this wonderful child-centred approach for our nursery schools. Reggio Emilia is not a new curriculum, but rather a different approach towards nursery learning that is not only child-centred, but especially promotes critical thinking and problem-solving at age-appropriate levels.



In a world that will be truly unknown to us when your child leaves school, we need to better prepare our young ones for the future and that starts in their early development years. Whilst CHP will continue with the Cambridge curriculum, the future-focused skills will continue to be developed through those more senior grades too. We will have workshops later in the year, but I am happy to engage with any parents should you wish to chat in more detail before then.

I wish you a comfortable and warm winter break – albeit only a week.

Yours in education

Mark Heidmann

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What a busy and exciting few weeks it has been in the Bouncy Bear Class!

The children enjoyed exploring our Winter theme, learning different ways to keep warm, experimenting with citrus fruits and creating winter crafts such as snowmen and igloos.

Time was also spent reinforcing and revising important concepts such as numbers, colours, shapes, counting, puzzle building and other foundational skills. It has been wonderful to watch their confidence and abilities continue to grow.

Learning about farm animals was a favourite theme, as the children discovered what the animals eat, the sounds they make, the names of their babies and the products we get from them. The highlight was the special visit from The Farmyard Corner, where some brave little learners had the opportunity to feed and gently pet the animals.

Another memorable highlight was celebrating our wonderful fathers. It was heartwarming to have them visit the classroom and spend quality time with their little ones. The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing this special experience and creating beautiful memories together.

It has been incredibly rewarding to see how much our Bouncy Bears have grown and developed over the term. They certainly deserve a well-earned break to rest, recharge and return in July ready for more exciting adventures, learning and fun-filled experiences.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership throughout the term.





We have had another busy, exciting, and very chilly month in the Happy Hippos class!

We began the month by supporting Reach for a Dream Slipper Day, and our Hippos thoroughly enjoyed coming to school in their cosy slippers. We also celebrated Father's Day with a special race car-building activity. A heartfelt thank you to all the dads who joined us and made the morning so memorable for their little ones.

Our Hippos proudly supported Bafana Bafana by wearing yellow and green to school on the day of their opening FIFA World Cup match. Throughout the month, we explored the themes of Winter, Citrus Fruits and Farm Animals, while also completing revision activities in preparation for reports.

One of the highlights of the month was the visit from Farmyard, where the children had the opportunity to interact with real farm animals. They thoroughly enjoyed feeding the animals and even had the chance to go on a short horse ride.

We also celebrated the birthdays of Thando, Yasanga and Yanathi. Thank you for allowing us to share in these special milestones. A special thank you to Wazi, Koyisa and Thando for providing the delicious treats for Baker Man. The children have continued to make wonderful progress with their counting, as well as their number, shape and colour recognition skills. They have also enjoyed a variety of creative activities, including painting, cutting, sticking, drawing and playing with playdough.

It has been wonderful to watch our Happy Hippos grow in confidence, develop new skills and enjoy their learning journey. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another month filled with learning, fun and exciting adventures!





As the chilly winter days settled in, we kept warm and cosy while enjoying another wonderful month filled with learning, laughter and special memories! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported Slipper Day. Your generosity and enthusiasm helped make the day extra special, and we truly appreciate your support. Our Father's Day celebration was a wonderful success! Our little ones had so much fun spending the morning with their very own "pit crew." Thank you to all the dads, grandfathers, uncles and father figures who joined us and helped create such precious memories with the children. This month, we also explored the fascinating world of farm animals, learning where our food comes from and discovering the important role different animals play in our everyday lives. The highlight of the month was undoubtedly our Farmyard Visit, where the children were thrilled to meet, feed and interact with many of the animals they had been learning about. In the classroom, we continue to embrace natural light and sensory-based learning experiences. These hands-on activities encourage curiosity, creativity, and meaningful discovery, making each day engaging, exciting and fun. As we head into the midterm break, we wish all our Squeaky Squirrel families a wonderful time together. Stay warm, stay safe and enjoy this special opportunity to relax and make beautiful memories. We look forward to welcoming our little squirrels back for another exciting half of the term!





Joyful June in Grade R!

What a busy and exciting month it has been in our Grade R class! Our little stars have been learning, exploring and growing in confidence each day and it has been so special to watch their excitement throughout the month.

We explored the themes wild animals, water animals, reptiles and pets and the children loved discovering more about different animals, their habitats and what makes each one unique. There was so much curiosity, conversation and fun learning!

We also celebrated Father's Day, taking time to honour the special dads and father figures in our lives. The children enjoyed making thoughtful surprises and sharing what makes their loved ones so special.

Our Show and Tell Fridays continue to be a highlight, with the little ones growing in confidence as they share their special items and speak in front of their friends. We have also continued with Baker's man, which allows for wonderful bonding and hands-on learning at home.

Little Leapers with Teacher Kelsey remains a favourite, helping the children strengthen their fine motor skills through fun and engaging activities.

A very special highlight was our Farmyard visit, where the children had the amazing opportunity to meet and interact with the animals up close — it was such a joyful and memorable experience for everyone! We also enjoyed the excitement of the start of the Soccer World Cup, learning about teamwork, sport and cheering for different teams.

June has truly been filled with such special memories. We are so proud of our little legends and all they have achieved this month! We wish all our families a wonderful mid-term break and look forward to welcoming everyone back and ready for more adventures.

