



BERGVLIET PRIMARY SCHOOL

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BPS NEWSFLASH - WELCOME BACK EDITION 16 JANUARY 2020

Dear Parents

Welcome Back to 2020.

We wish you and your children a happy and successful year ahead. As per our vision statement, we will continue to offer holistic education that nurtures and inspires extra-ordinary human beings. Together we will continue to turn the ordinary into extra-ordinary blessings: #StrongerTogether!

THIS NEWSFLASH CONTAINS SOME VITAL INFORMATION THAT WILL HELP TO ENSURE A SMOOTH TRANSITION INTO 2020.

SCHOOL TIMES - 2020:

Grade R:	07:50 – 13: 10 (Monday to Thursday)
<i>Until 14 February 2020, the Grade R's will be dismissed at 12pm</i>	
Gr 1 & 2:	07:50– 13:15 (Monday to Thursday)
Gr 3:	07:50– 14:35 (Monday to Wednesday)
Gr 3:	07:50– 13:15 (Thursday)
Gr 4 – 7:	07:50– 14:35 (Monday to Thursday)
Gr R – 7:	07:50 – 13:00 (Friday)

Please note that school will dismiss at 12:15 for all learners on Friday, 17 January 2020, due to Staff Development. Please make the necessary transport arrangements. The BPS ASC will operate as per normal.

LEARNERS MUST ALWAYS LINE UP IN THEIR DESIGNATED AREAS WHEN THE BELL RINGS AT 7:50. All parents must vacate the premises once the bell has rung, as this is when all gates are locked by our security personnel.

Should you be late, please do not walk your child to class or try to engage with the teacher, as this creates a disruption and upsets the routine of the day. Please let children walk in unaccompanied, or take them to Reception. Our staff will ensure that they get to class without too much fanfare. Having unauthorized people in the building compromises security at BPS, so we ask that all parents please adhere to the above request. **Please make every effort to ensure that your child is punctual, present and prepared for each day.**

ACCESS CONTROL AT BPS

As a school community, we endeavour to ensure the safety of all. Our Access Control Policy was updated in 2019, so please refer to the D6 Communicator if you are unsure of any details. We must emphasise that no children are permitted to wait inside the school building without staff supervision. Parents must move off the premises once the school bell has rung. In addition, parents are not allowed to wait for their children in the passages. If you have an appointment with your child's teacher, you must report to reception first. Most importantly, please ensure that your child understands the arrangements for the day, including who will be collecting them. Misunderstandings often lead to unnecessary stress and trauma for both the child and the school, especially when after investigation, it emerges that the child was unaware of the arrangements. We are an open, welcoming community, but please understand that our protocols are only effective when all stakeholders action them. Your co-operation in this regard will be most appreciated.



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To all our Muslim families, please be reminded that we need to know who leaves for Mosque at 12:15 every Friday, as well as who has the authority to sign them out. No learners will be allowed to leave the premises unless they have been signed out.

LEARNER MEDICAL CONDITION:

If your child has a serious medical condition, please advise your child's Educator, as well as, the Front Office by sending a current photograph, details of the condition and how to treat the child should the need arise.

TRAFFIC IN ALPHEN AND CHILDRENS WAY:

We endeavour to be good neighbours to those living around our school. Please refrain from unnecessary hooting or parking across neighbours' driveways. When parking, make use of the designated parking bays allocated in both streets, as opposed to stopping and dropping in the middle of the road. We need to model the correct behaviour to our children - if we are aggressive in our driving and do not observe the rules of the road, our children will follow suit.

BPS HOMEWORK DIARY

As part of our 70-year celebrations this year, each learner will receive a BPS branded diary at no additional cost. The diary, which forms a vital communication link between home and school, also contains the abridged version of the school's Code of Conduct, The BPS Communications Policy, the Uniform Policy, as well as a space to insert parents' details in case of an emergency. Please use the diary to keep abreast of your child's homework tasks and revision.

BPS UNIFORM INFORMATION

All clothing, sports gear, lunchboxes, juice bottles, stationery and any other possessions brought to school **MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE FULL NAME OF YOUR CHILD.**

Please Note that all Gr 4 – 7 children must wear their Summer Uniform daily and change into their Sport Uniform before the start of their Extra-mural or Phys Ed lesson.

Grade 1; 2 and 3 learners are allowed to wear their Sport Uniform to school only on days when they have their Extra-mural or Phys Ed lessons.

- No additions to the uniform, which are not in accordance with the regulations, will be allowed.
- Girls are allowed to wear plain studs. No other jewellery, accessories, and coloured contact lenses are allowed.
- No colouring of hair or wearing of inappropriate hairstyles is allowed. **Hair Styles** should never be the centre of attention or the focus of the uniform. Holiday cuts should be saved for the holiday and not for school.
- Should you wish to deviate from the Uniform Policy for Cultural or Religious reasons, please address your letter to the Chairperson of the School Governing Body.

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

The school uniform shop is situated within the school's main building and is open from 07:15 – 08:30 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and from 13:00 – 15:00 on Thursdays during the school term.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We are always in need of volunteers to assist in various areas of the school. We wish to strengthen our BPA, and therefore invite parents to become involved in fundraisers and the planning of events. In addition, we require volunteers to help with reading, tuck shop, uniform shop and recycling. Please complete the reply slip and



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someone will definitely make contact with you. Alternatively call the office or e-mail secretary@bergvlietprimary.co.za

If you have an hour to spare, we would be extremely grateful. Together we can achieve more!

PARENT - EDUCATOR MEETINGS - Monday 20 January 2020

ALL PARENTS or GUARDIANS are required to attend this very important meeting. Kindly be punctual to avoid causing a disruption, and also missing any information already imparted to parents by the educator. Please be advised that this first meeting of the year is fairly lengthy. Secure parking for vehicles will be provided on the South Field.

The Educators will address parents on classroom matters of general educational interest. It will be far too early in the academic year for them to be able to deliver individual reports on learners' progress. You will be able to schedule meetings with the class educator at a later stage during the term.

PLEASE NOTE THE TIME OF THE MEETINGS:

18.15 – 18.45	Parents of learners in Grades 4, 5, 6 & 7 will meet their teacher in their respective classrooms.
19:00-19:50	General Meeting for ALL PARENTS (Grade R to Grade Seven) in the Hall.
20:00 – 20:30	Parents of learners in Grades R, 1, 2 & 3 will meet their teacher in their respective classrooms.

DROPPING LUNCH, ITEMS OF UNIFORM, HOMEWORK AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE DURING THE DAY

Please note that the office staff will not be taking lunch items, sport togs, homework or projects when the school day has started. One of the values we teach at Bergvliet Primary is Responsibility. Our learners must pack and organise their bags the evening before school. The office staff have their flow of work and do not have time to deliver forgotten items. Thank you for your cooperation in this regard.

CELLPHONE POLICY

The current BPS cellphone policy indicates that no cellphones are allowed at school without consent from the parent or guardian. If, for some reason, your child brings a cellphone to school, it should be handed in to the class teacher in the morning for safekeeping and collected in the afternoon. Phones may not be used in the morning before school or in the afternoon, especially in the playground, as this creates unnecessary security risks. Smart watches are treated similarly, but learners are advised to not bring these to school at all.

THE D6 SCHOOL COMMUNICATOR

The School Communicator is an extremely important tool for communication between the school and parents. If you have not yet downloaded the Communicator, please do so and make use of it throughout the year. This is our main source of communication between school and parents regarding news, newsletters, updates, resources, fixtures, extra-mural timetables, school calendar, etc.

You can download the Communicator by going to <https://d6.co.za/education/downloads/> Click on the tab 'download' and choose Bergvliet Primary from the drop down menu. Parents to register for the current year. Follow the prompts thereafter. As you switch on your PC each day, the communicator will pop open with any changes that have been made. The D6 App is also available on most smartphone platforms.



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SOME IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE FOR TERM 1 - 2020: (DATES ARE ALSO ON D6 COMMUNICATOR)

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
16 Jan	<i>New Parents Welcome Function @ 18:30</i>	17 Feb	<i>Grade 4W Outing to the Castle</i>
17 Jan	<i>School closes @ 12:15 for all learners due to Staff Development</i>	18 Feb	<i>Grade 4Y Outing to the Castle</i>
20 Jan	<i>Whole School Meet the Teacher Meeting</i>	19 Feb	<i>Grade 4L Outing to the Castle</i>
20-23 Jan	<i>Start of Inter-House Swimming Trials</i>	19 -21 Feb	<i>Grade 6 Outdoor Education Camp</i>
24 Jan	<i>Grade 3As Outing – Hout Bay</i>	20 Feb	<i>Grade 1 Outing to Muizenberg Beach</i>
27 Jan	<i>Grade 3Ad & 3B Outing – Hout Bay</i>	21 Feb	<i>Mini Cricket Tournament @ BPS</i>
27 Jan	<i>Start of 1st Term Extra-Mural Programme</i>	22 Feb	<i>UK School Teachers Depart for UK</i>
29-31 Jan	<i>Grade 5 & 7 Outdoor Education Camp</i>	28 Feb	<i>Sun Valley Athletics Champs @ Sun Valley</i>
07 Feb	<i>Inter-House Swimming Gala</i>	29 Feb	<i>BPS 70 Year Celebrations Clean-up</i>
08 Feb	<i>Inter-School Athletics @ Muizenberg High</i>	13 March	<i>Grade 6 Cake Sale Soapbox Cards and Money due back</i>
14 Feb	<i>Valentine's Day Civvies – "Love you school"</i>	16 March	<i>BPS Soapbox Fun Day</i>
14 Feb	<i>Grade 7 Cake Sale</i>	17 March	<i>Class, Individual & Sibling Photos</i>
14 Feb	<i>Six a Side Cricket Tournament @ BPS</i>	18/19 March	<i>PTA's to discuss 1st Term Report</i>
15 Feb	<i>UK School Teachers arrive to visit BPS</i>	19 March	<i>Grade 1's Reading with Parents/Guardians</i>
17 Feb	<i>2021 Online Admissions Open</i>	20 April	<i>End of Term 1</i>

Wishing you a wonderful Term One!

Warm regards
Mr. B. Paulse



Please complete the reply slip and return to your class teacher by Friday, 17 January 2019

I have read the contents of the Newsflash, noted the content and diarised the dates and times YES NO

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Cell No: _____ (Father/Mother)

I am able/unable to assist and volunteer in the following area(s) around the school: (Please state area of interest.) _____