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# KS2

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INFORMATION FOR KEY STAGE TWO, WOODLAND HEIGHTS

## KS2 NEWS

We are into our second 10-day cycle and the teachers and children have settled into a good routine at school. It has been encouraging to see children who are learning from home joining in with video lessons.

This is also the last 10-day cycle for Term 2. Please refer to the dates on down the right-hand side of this page, and check the calendar on the school website.

Term 3 starts on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July. The current timings and timetable will remain in place for Term 3. Of course, this is all dependent on government regulations and lockdown levels.

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to two KS2 staff members at the end of term:

**Madame Martin, who teaches French in every class**  
**Ms van der Merwe (Y3)**

It is a very strange time to be saying farewells – no hugs allowed! Madame Martin will be using her French lessons this week and next week to say goodbye and introduce the new French teacher via video sessions.

In Term 3 we will welcome [Océane Gronthier](#) to our MFL department (KS2 & KS3). Ms Shahieda Alirezai will take over in Year 3. We may still see Ms van der Merwe helping out in KS2 as her travel plans have been put on hold.

### KS2 DATES

**W/B 22<sup>nd</sup> June:** iPad audit (at school)

**Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> June:** Last Term 2 school day for Grp A

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> June:** Last Term 2 school day for Grp B

**29 June – 3 July:** School closed for school holidays.  
No work set.

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> July:** Term 3 starts  
-10-day cycles of alternating days resume  
-School day for Grp A  
-Grp B first school day Tues 7<sup>th</sup> July

**3-7 August:** Half term break  
School closed for the week

**Mon 10<sup>th</sup> August:** Public Holiday  
(Women's Day on Sunday 9 Aug)

Please note the slight change to the school's calendar for Term 4 start date:  
**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October**

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We have been very proud of how well the KS2 children have adjusted to the 'new normal' here at school. Thank you for your support and help from home in preparing your children.

Please continue to remind your children at home about the importance of physical distancing, wearing face masks and regularly washing/sanitising hands.

If your child is going to be coming back for the first time in July, here are the links to the book and videos that we made for parent to help to prepare the children:

[Dear KS2 Returning to Woodland Heights video](#)

[Dear KS2 Returning to Woodland Heights pdf](#)

[Morning routine: What to expect](#) (video)

A few points to note:

- **Email response time:** Please be patient when waiting for email responses from class teachers.  
Teachers will respond as soon as they can, *but our 24-hour policy is not in effect in this period:* Since children are staying in their classrooms rather than moving to various venues around the school, the class teachers remain with the class all day. Teachers do not have non-contact time in which to check emails during the school day. Their priority is to teach and supervise your children.
- **Birthday treats:** We love celebrating birthdays! If you would like to send in class treats, please make sure they are individually wrapped/packaged.

Note from Mrs Neethling: I will continue to post short assembly videos in Google Classroom each Tuesday, along with a list of children who have earned certificates. Birthdays can be celebrated in live video registration sessions so I no longer post birthday videos on Google Classroom.

Don't forget to keep sharing photos of home learning – we love to see what the children are getting up to! Send your pics to [k.lighton@isct.co.za](mailto:k.lighton@isct.co.za)

Or tag us using **#proudlyisct**

## UNIFORM

Sport or formal uniform is allowed on any day. Don't forget additional warm layers as we are keeping windows and doors open for ventilation.

If outgrowing uniform or washing between each school day means that your child can't wear the full uniform, please ensure that civvies are neat and in school colours where possible.

[Pitt Promotions](#) are fulfilling orders on new uniform items, and the PTA have an ordering system for ['Nearly New' uniform on the PTA website](#).