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# KS2

20.5.2021

## INFORMATION FOR KEY STAGE TWO, WOODLAND HEIGHTS

Wow, we are more than half way through both May and Term 2 already! It's lovely to see the children engaging with their topics for the term with plenty of exciting and creative projects on the go. We're also making the most of the sunny days and taking our lessons outdoors when we can.

Don't forget to check Facebook and Instagram for photos and updates about what's going on around the school.

Please note the dates and timings for the last week of term: We won't be running enrichment activities in that week so Tuesdays and Thursdays will not finish later.

## Extra-Curricular Activities

The responses from the recent survey indicates that the majority of parents are keen for a return to the 'normal' optional ECAs. Based on this feedback we have continued to make plans for optional sign-ups and private providers for Term 3. Sign-up for Term 3 ECAs will open next week, through a Google Form that will be shared via class reps and the newsletter. Activities will have limited numbers as we need to have space in indoor venues for all activities in the event of wet weather.

We hope that by mid-July when Term 3 starts we will be able to run the 'normal' ECA activities as we are planning. **However** this is dependent on government guidelines, particularly around the third wave that we have been anticipating this term. It may be necessary to continue with our current extended days (class enrichment activities) into Term 3.

The Department of Basic Education has suspended contact sports and inter-school matches. This doesn't affect our current setup as we are able to continue with training and fitness sessions for our sporting enrichment activities for the next few weeks of Term 2.

### KS2 DATES

**Tuesdays & Thursdays:** Extended school day for all year groups (enrichment activities)

**Thurs 3 June:** Last extended day for enrichment activities

**Week beginning 7 June: No Enrichment Activities.**

School ends at the 'normal' staggered times:

Mon-Thurs  
Y3 – 14:00  
Y4 – 14:10  
Y5 – 14:20  
Y6 – 14:30

**Fri 11 June:**

-Last day of Term 2

-No Aftercare

-Reports released via Parent Portal

-School ends at normal Friday

finishing times:

Y3 – 13:15

Y4 – 13:20

Y5 – 13:30

Y6 – 13:40

**Tues 13 July:** Term 3 starts

**Mon 19 July:** Proposed date for start of ECAs.

# Reports

In the primary school we issue reports at the end of Term 2 and Term 4. Reports are published electronically through the Parent Portal and Edana Parent app.

We use the following terms to describe or grade a child's level of attainment:

Emerging	Developing	Secure	Mastery
	Mid-year expected level	End of year expected level	

For a child to be assessed as **working at the expected standard** they will need to have achieved and have evidence of being able to work consistently at all the Key Performance Indicators (learning objectives) for their year group. The term used to describe this attainment is **Secure**.

Based on parent feedback, we are working on making the reports more clearly show your child's level of attainment. You may notice minor changes in the reports this year.

Later in the year we'll have opportunities for more parent information and feedback (such as a survey or meeting) specifically around how we assess and report.

What you can expect in this term's report:

- ✓ Subject grading to indicate Emerging (E) or Developing (D) attainment in that subject area
  - ✗ Reports **do not** include a percentage or grade based on test scores.
  - ✓ The comment from the teacher will indicate your child's strengths as well as targets for the coming months. These targets may be areas to work on in order to *reach* the expected level, or to ensure that your child *continues to progress* at the expected level.
  - ✗ Lists of Achieved and Target 'I can' statements have been removed – returning to more detailed teacher comments.
- ① With the bigger picture of the whole year's learning objectives in mind, '**Developing**' is the expected level mid-year.
  - ① **We don't write exams in KS2.** Teachers assess children throughout the year based on lesson participation, work in books, projects/presentations, regular weekly tests, more formal assessment sittings, and verbal contributions such as questions or discussions with the teacher. This 'evidence' is used to make a judgement about their current attainment.
  - ① Although we want reports to be friendly and positive, they are written to inform you as parents (and potentially for other educational institutions or external professionals). The tone and context of a report is not aimed at children. It is your choice as parents if you wish to show or read portions of the report to your child, but this is not its primary purpose.

## HOUSE POINTS

With just three weeks to go until we announce Term 2's House Point winners, it's a fairly close race:

**Draco - 1447**

**Orion - 1257**

**Titan - 1360**

**Draco is currently in the lead...** let's see if Orion and Titan can catch up!

Our House Captains record the points each week so we can announce the weekly winners in assembly. The winning house for the term has a civvies day and treat.



**Orion House Captains**



**Titan House Captains**



**Draco House Captains**

Staff award House Points for diligence, extra effort, good manners or kindness around the school. Children can also earn points by contributing to our outreach projects (see below).

## END OF DAY TIMINGS & SIBLING PICKUPS

### WHAT TIME DOES SCHOOL END?

	Monday	Tuesday Extended day	Wednesday	Thursday Extended day	Friday
Y3	14:00	14:45	14:00	14:45	13:15
Y4	14:10	14:50	14:10	14:50	13:20
Y5	14:20	15:10*	14:20	15:10*	13:30
Y6	14:30	15:15*	14:30	15:15*	13:40

### My child doesn't stay for enrichment activities on Tuesdays/Thursdays.

Please collect at **14:00** (Tuesdays/Thursdays).

### I have more than one child in Key Stage 2.

Please don't block the driveway system by waiting for later children. Park in the dustbowl or come at the later KS2 time. *Younger KS2 children will be supervised in the library if waiting for older KS2 siblings.*

### There is a timing clash with Struben House for my younger child.

*Running late for WH* - Please let your class teacher know so we can arrange for KS2 children to wait in the library if you will be a few minutes late.

*Arriving early at WH* - Please don't park in the driveway system if you are earlier than your KS2 child's finish time. Use the outside parking area please.

### I also need to fetch a child at High School finish time.

Please book your child into Aftercare if waiting for High School sibling.

*Fridays only: HS siblings will be supervised on the loggia until 13:50.*

*Aftercare not necessary if you can pick up by 13:50.*

→ Library supervision is only during the KS2 staggered finishing times to allow for a single KS2 pickup. **If you will be later than ten minutes after KS2 finish times, please book your child into Aftercare.**

→ KS2 children are not allowed to wait unsupervised or in the library for High School siblings.

### My child needs to wait for a Music lesson or other activity at Woodland Heights.

If your child needs to wait later than our KS2 staggered finishing times please book your child into Aftercare. *For a short wait within KS2 staggered finishing times, arrange with class teacher to wait in the library.*

### I can't get to Woodland Heights at my child's pickup time.

Please book your child into Aftercare if you know in advance that you cannot get to Woodland Heights within 10 minutes after your year group pickup time. *If you're just running a little late for some reason on a particular day, please let Ms Funani know.*

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

### Eco bricks

Read about [how to make an ecobrick here.](#)

### Clothing donations (U-Turn)

Clean second hand clothes can be dropped in the white, clearly labelled bin near reception.

### Tinned food

Our tinned food items are collected by Constantia CAN for sharing in their community projects.

*TINS ONLY*

### Bread tags

[Bread tags](#) collected at Woodland Heights will be sent down to the Struben campus.

## AFTERCARE

**To book:** Parent Portal  
(web version)

**To view your bookings:**  
Parent Portal OR Edana  
app

**To cancel a booking:**  
Contact Ms Funani by  
phone or email  
(v.funani@isct.co.za)

Aftercare phone number  
(14:30-16:15)  
**083 285 6321**