



## **SPRINGVALE HOUSE**

### **Newsletter No 1 1st Term 2023**

13th January

#### **DEAR PARENTS & GUARDIANS**

Compliments of the season to you all and we hope you enjoyed the Christmas holidays.

It was lovely to welcome the children back to school this week and exciting to have all the new children, and families, at Springvale House—we wish you all a successful and enjoyable 2023.

The new children have settled in extremely well and my thanks to the staff for facilitating this smooth introduction to life at school. In order to help keep it this way, please remember to “drop and run” on Monday morning. We will have staff on duty at both the Infants’ dorms and Tear Drop Island (front of school) to take care of your children.

Due to the short week this week, there are no merit/effort badges nor house points—these will begin next week.

#### **Staff**

We welcome new staff to Springvale House this year. Mrs Jan Matthews will be teaching the bigger Grade 6 class this term. Mr Scotty Jones is our Housemaster and joins the Sports Department. Miss Nicole Chapungu is our Junior Mistress and Mr Emmanuel Nyamupingidza our Junior Master.

There are also some internal staff movements; Mrs Michelle Swemmer moves from the library to assist with Curriculum Support, and Miss Jess Broxham takes over the librarian role.

#### **Senior Girls dorm refurbishment**

The senior girls dormitory refurbishment has been well worth the wait—my thanks to all who were involved in this project. There are a few extras still to be completed, but on the whole it has been a wonderful transformation.

## Grade 6 streaming assessments

These were conducted this week and the Grade 6s have been placed in their respective classes. Parents will have received notification to this effect.

## Extra Options

Please discuss with your child this weekend and complete the Google Form you will have received on the class group.

## House Shirts

All Grade 3s and new children (Gr 4–7) have been told which Houses they are in. Please can the relevant T-Shirts be bought for them as soon as possible:- i.e. Carver – royal blue, Founders – yellow, and Grinham – red. Please purchase from Machipisa so as to keep the style and our colours uniform.

## Borradaile Trust donations

Please remember to send a grocery item with your child on Monday.

Yours sincerely,



**P.M. MARTIN**  
Headmaster

## Forthcoming Events

Wednesday 18 Jan

1330 Cricket & Tennis vs Lendy Park (venues as per calendar)

Friday & Saturday 20th & 21st January

Districts Quadrangular 1st & A Teams.

**PLEASE NOTE VENUES -**

Seniors at LCPS and Juniors at Bryden. These children are required to bring sleeping bags and pillows to school on Monday.

Hillcrest Fixtures - SVH B teams at SVH.

These children will stay overnight at SVH on Friday.

Possible squads have been chosen for these fixtures and children have been advised that they are in the running for a place in 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Team or Fillies/Colts A or B. Final selection will only take place after Wednesday's matches.

Team lists will be distributed on WhatsApp on Thursday. Quadrangular matches start 1400 hrs on Friday, 0730 hrs on Saturday and finish at 1500 hrs. These children may be collected at the venue, or at Cresta Lodge in Harare at approx 1630 hrs, or at Petrotrade/SVH at approx 1800 hrs. Hillcrest matches start at 0900 hrs and will finish at 1230 hrs. Please collect your child from SVH. Could parents please advise the school of their travel arrangements as soon as they are known.

## London College of Music Exams

Well done to Kaelyn Munzeiwa & Gabrielle Nyambirai, who both received distinctions in their piano exams.

## Citizenship & Manners Awards

Citizenship—Well done to Sabi Whittall and Kyle Hartman who received the award this week for their helpfulness with the new children in the dormitories.

Manners—Lincoln Takaedza/Ethan Alamwar/Christopher Saunders.

**#TeamSpringvaleHouse**





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