



MOTHER TOUCH GROUP OF SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

VICTORIA FALLS INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR SCHOOL

OPENING NEWS LETTER



TERM 1 2024

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Dear Parent/ Guardian

Greetings to you all.

Mother Touch International Junior School Victoria Falls would like to welcome you all, to the first term of 2024. We thank you for entrusting the young ones with us. We will ever work diligently to ensure we nurture the boys' and girls' talents to produce the Great Global God-Fearing Leaders.

The school has done all opening preparations to ensure that all necessary measures are in place to guarantee a safe environment for our learners and staff.

Our Curriculum

We offer a rich and wide curriculum taking up ZIMSEC and Cambridge syllabi that are running concurrently. ZIMSEC competence-based curriculum has 6 examinable subjects namely, English Language, Shona, VPA and PE, IsiNdebele, Agriculture Science and Tech, Social Sciences and Mathematics. The school has practical subject teachers to enhance specialization for effective learning in order to get the excellent results. We have put programs in place to ensure effective syllabus coverage.

TERM 1 NOTICES

Timetables

Lessons start at 07:30hrs ending at 15:00hrs (Morning work from 07:00hrs-07:30hrs) from Tuesday to Thursday. On Mondays and Fridays, school ends at 16:00hrs to cater for sports. Friday is assembly days and all junior learners should put on correct complete and clean summer Mother Touch uniform with a blazer. Wednesday is tracksuit day and learners put on MTGS clean tracksuits and white takkies for sports and kindly note that our club day is Thursday.

Stakeholders Meeting and Curriculum consultation.



This is an opportunity for a face-to-face meeting with the learners' class/subject teachers on Thursday 25 January 2024 from 13:00hrs to 17:00hrs. On this platform the teachers will share their operations and requirements they may need from you in order to have a smooth run of the learning process. This also includes curriculum consultations from all stakeholders.

EDUCATIONAL TOURS

United Kingdom (UK) tour

We are excited that our United Kingdom (UK) tour is on this year again. MTGS learners will have yet another chance to travel to Wales for the annual musical festival and will have the opportunity to tour Wales and London. They will compete with seasoned performers in the world. Registration is already in progress. Tour tentative dates are 2 July to 14 July 2024. The trip cost is estimated at USD\$ 3 200 for 10 days.

Kindly check the payment plan below;

Month	Amount	Due date
January	\$500	30/01/24
February	\$500	24/02/24
March	\$500	31/03/24
April	\$600	28/04/24
May	\$600	31/05/24
June	\$500	16/06/24

United States of America Tour

This is the Baseball and basketball tournament tour in March 2025 of which our school is part of the events. Parents are encouraged to make a deposit of \$500 for us to start the visa applications logistics six months before the event. Kindly note that the trip is open for all learners from grade 1 to 7.

LOCAL EDUCATIONAL TOURS

Trip Destination	Participants	Costs	Full payment by	Trip Date
Infant Trip (Bamba Tram Rainforest Tour Crocodile Farm – Lunch at Three Monkeys)	ECD-Grade 2	\$80	01 March 2024	08 March 2024
Inyanga	Grade 3-7	\$500	14 March 2024	21-24 March 2024

Leadership Camp

The school is organizing a leadership camp which will take place locally at Elephant Hills Hotel on the 19th of January 2024 and parents are advised to pay a fee of \$25 per learner. The event will cater for grades 4 to 7.

Clubs

We have exciting list of clubs which include Young farmers, Robotics, Allied Arts, Spelling Bee, Golf, Gymnastics and Chess. Learners are encouraged to participate in at least one club.

Sports



One area we have geared ourselves to re-brand and taking it to the high level is sports. The school humbly invites you to support this cause by supporting learners in providing the correct and smart attire and equipment that may be required. This term we have lined up sports events that will require you to come and support your teams. However, this term we will be doing athletics, basketball, swimming, golf and chess. The school is implementing a competence-based curriculum to ensure all learners are equipped with necessary life skills and moulding them to be God fearing global leaders. After the assessment tests currently underway learners will be grouped according to needs, which will allow individual attention. We encourage you to support the learners as you may find there will be a lot of work given through assigned subject teachers. Parents are urged to avoid allowing unnecessary learners absenteeism so that they will not miss out and lag behind. Class teachers will be available for all your communication.

Uniforms



Our new uniform introduced at grade 1

All learners should put on the correct, complete and clean uniform with neat hairdos as they come to school. We remind parents that our School Uniforms are available at the school. New learners should purchase the school starter pack, which includes all uniforms such as formal school attire, sports attire, bags and other items. MTGS branded satchels is compulsory for quality and excellent school tone. Be advised that plastic bags are not accepted as book bags or kit bags. School hats are compulsory every time the child is outdoor for the wellbeing of the child as direct continuous sunlight have negative health challenges. All learners (ECD A & B, Grade 3-7) should put on Mother Touch clean work suits on practical days.

Transport

School transport is available on a first come first serve basis. Parents are therefore encouraged to book for transport as soon as possible to avoid inconveniences and to allow the school to plan on routes early for smooth operations. On that note, we would like to remind our old and notify our new parents that we do not do door-to-door pickups. On booking, parents are encouraged to check for the nearest possible bus stop and the timetable.

Civvies

This is an exciting moment for the learners as they enjoy the freedom from the strict school uniform trend. We always applaud you parents for the creativity and the efforts you make towards these days. Looking forward to attires that are more exceptional. Each learner brings in USD\$3 for the civvies.

Date Dress code

31/01/24 Book theme (Lion King)

29/02/24 Book theme (Sea Life)

22/03/24 Book theme (Tourist Day)

Exeat Weekend

Our midterm break is from 16 -21 February. School will resume on Thursday 22 February.

ZIMSEC Registration

Parents are encouraged to prepare for ZIMSEC registration for 2024 October-November Examinations, dates will be advised. Registration fees communication will be availed to the respective levels once we receive the requirements.

Achievers Assembly

We have an achievers assembly dated on 23 February 2024 where by the school rewards excellent achievements of learners.

Fees and Levies

As a school, we strive to continue working diligently to bring out academic and non-academic excellent results for our learners. For this to happen we need parents' support. We would like to thank the parents who diligently paid their fees on time, which enables the school to plan on time ensuring provision of necessary resources for smooth operations in the term. Please kindly note that the office will close at 1400hrs and parents are encouraged to pay all fees through the bank. Kindly check the bank details below;

Our banking Account details are as follows:

Mother Touch Group of Schools, Bank: CBZ, Acc Number: 11123814680035, Selous Branch. For more enquiries kindly call +263 77 402 1660/ +263 71 902 1660 or visit our website: www.mohtertouch.ac.zw. Our e-mail address: inforvicfalls@mohtertouch.ac.zw

In conclusion, we would like to thank all Parents and Guardians for choosing us for the education of the God fearing global leaders and for your continued support to the school.

Term 1 ends on 27 March 2024.

Let us keep working together for the common good of our children.

Best wishes in 2024.

Regards



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(A/Deputy Head)





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