



Create a Difference

DAYSTAR FROEBEL AND MONTESSORI SCHOOL (DSMFS)

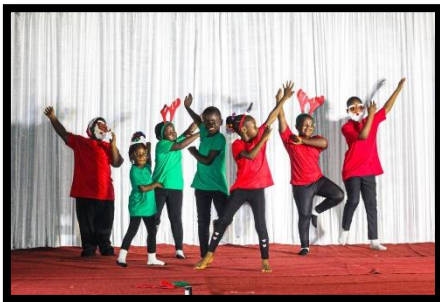
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Dear Cherished Parent / Guardian,

NEWSLETTER

*The Child is endowed with an unknown power and this unknown power guides us towards a more luminous future. Education can no longer be giving of knowledge only; it must take a different path. The consideration of personality, the development of human potentialities must become the centre of education. **Quote** The Absorbent Mind Maria Montessori*



*In **DSMFS**, each child is guided on their path of development by producing a prepared environment which nurtures the mind, body and spirit of the child. We also engage our children to work in harmony, and encourage them to exhibit integrity, respect, honesty, excellence, responsibility, professionalism and ensure safety in all they do. And our parents form an integral part of our children's success in school and our operations, we encourage our parents to get actively involved in the activities of the school that are held throughout the year. **We believe that together we can create a difference.***

*It feels so great to be back to school, and we are happy to welcome each and every one back to school for the second term of the 2023/2024 academic year. A warm welcome to all our cherished parents and guardians especially our new parents joining the Daystar Froebel and Montessori School, DSMFS community, with great joy we say **wesor**.*

Academics - Overview

This term will span 15 weeks, from 9th January, 2024 to 19th April, 2024. It is the second term of the 2023/2024 Academic Year.

The programme outline for the term: See attached as Annex A.

School Programme:

The management of the school has decided to sponsor and make the Cadet Training a mandatory extra curriculum activity in the school. This covers our children in Kindergarten Two (2) to Basic Eight (8), DSFMS Parliament remains the same, Gardening and Music and Dance, are optional. The Music tuition is still a learning area in DSMFS.



WEEKEND SCHOOL: *The management of the school is planning a weekend school package and would be communicated in due time*

UCMAS: *The UCMAS programme continues, parents who have ward(s) in K.G to Basic 8 and have not yet signed their ward(s) unto the programme are welcome. Parents are encouraged to engage the School Administration with their proposed payment plan to enable the School meet its obligation to the UCMAS.*

STATIONREY: *The school still runs the Catalyst system. The system is now such that the children in Upper Primary would now use the note one (1) book and all assignments would be written on the board for them to write as done last term.*

Homework and Project Work: *At DSMFS, we believe homework and project work contributes towards building responsibility, self-discipline, and lifelong learning habit. Our homework and project works are mainly brainstorming, challenging and relevant which helps the child to be critical thinker and develop problem solving skills. On that note, parents should be expecting their ward(s) in Basic 1-7 to come home with homework daily and on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for Pre-school. Please help us push this agenda by assisting our wards to do their homework, and reporting to the head teacher if your ward does not bring homework.*

LIBRARY BOOKS: *Introduction of **Shared Reading** among learners of Kindergarten and Lower Primary. This is an interactive read aloud where the students join in or share the reading of a book while guided and supported by the facilitator. Details has been communicated on the parent platform. Leisure and extensive reading is still encouraged in DSMFS; children visit the library to borrow a book each week to sharpen his or her reading skills.*

GOOGLE SERVICES: *An account has been created for each child to be able to access homework, project work and others online. Parents are entreated to guide and assist their ward(s) as and when online assessment is given. It is also within the time line of the school to have online(**zoom**) lesson for our absentees (pupils). To join the class. Update would be given on the Google services.*

SCHOOL FEES: The school has available flexible payment plan, a three-part payment plan for our parents. Parents are kindly to know that payment can be made directly to the DSMFS Administration Officer, or into mobile Money Account (**0244695092** – Jocelyn Emma Ackon) or through the **BOA Pay Link**.

DISCOUNT PACKAGE (3RD CHILD DISCOUNT)

The school continuous to extend to parents its 50% discount on tuition on the 3rd child. However, terms and conditions apply.

RENDERED SERVICES: DSFMS admits babies from 6 months, we are open for registration into our Infants and toddler Rooms, Pre-school (Nur. 1, Nur. 2 KG. 1 AND KG. 2) and Basic School (Basic 1-7). Kindly contact the Administration for further details.

We wish to inform parents that canteen and transport services remain optional. The transport fees is now **GHC600.00**, want to make it flexible for all

SCHOOL BUS: Our school bus is in full operation and ready to serve you better.

Punctuality plays vital role in the development of our children. We humbly recommend that parents who do not patronize the bus should endeavor to bring their world(s) to school on time and those who fall on the school bus should also endeavor to release their ward(s) on time at the vantage points agreed on to avoid lateness.

SOCIAL HANDLES: Our social handles such as Facebook and Twitter are very active and management would like to entreat his cherished parents and guardians to visit, like and share our posts.

STAFF: DFMS wants to strengthen management and also serve you better has employed a principal, a class teacher (facilitator) and a new French facilitator; **Mrs. Gloria Kumi-Okrah** – The Principal, **Mr. Humfery Tervor** – The Class facilitator and **Miss Michelle Amaglo** – the French facilitator

The school contact number is **0302904465** and **0277209085**. The parent WhatsApp information platform will continue to be used for dissemination of information; parents who are not on the platform should kindly see the P.T.A. Chairman or come to the administration office to be added.

Kindly contact Mrs Okrah, Sir Jonathan or Miss Christiana should you have any issue concerning administration.

Yours faithfully,



Jonathan Affo-Odoom
Head Teacher



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2023/2024 ACADEMIC CALENDAR – NURSERY/KG/BASIC

CONTACT WEEKS				SECOND TERM – 2023/2024										
15														
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
JANUARY 2024				FEBRUARY 2024				MARCH 2024				APRIL 2024		
<p> ● INDEPENDENCE DAY (6TH MARCH) ● MID-TERM (7TH - 8TH MARCH) ● EASTER FRIDAY(29TH MARCH) </p> <p> ● EASTER MONDAY (1ST APRIL) ● EID-UL-FITRI (10TH APRIL) ● VACATION (19TH APRIL) </p> <p style="text-align:center">65 Contact Days + 2 Mid-Term Days + 2 Public Holidays = 70 Days</p>														

PROGRAMME FOR FIRST TERM

WEEK	DATE	ACTIVITIES
1	9 th – 12 th Jan.	Children report for term two (2)
2	15 th – 19 th Jan.	Photo shoot: I survived my first week
2	19 th Jan.	Newsletter
5	5 th – 9 th Feb.	First Assessment Test (Student’s Learning)
6	14 th February	Chocolate Day
9	5 th March	A Documentary on Independence / Omanba Day
9	6 th March	Independence Day Celebration
9	7 th – 8 th March	Mid-term Break
10	11 th - 15 th March	Second Assessment Test
12	26 th -28 th March	Creative Arts / A Documentary on Easter
12	27 th \$ 28 th March	Open Day

12 \$ 13	29 th – 1 st April	Good Friday / Easter Monday
13	2 nd – 5 th April	Revision Week
14	10 th April	Eid-ul-Fitr Celebration
14	8 th – 15 th April	3 rd Assessment of Pupils' learning (End of Term Assessment)
14	13 th April	Parent Teacher Conference
15	15 th – 18 th April	Marking and Filling of Report Cards
15	19th April	Vacation Day – Friday, 19th April
Vacation Day = 25 Days		Next Term begins – Tuesday 14th May, 2024

