



Simoko Trust School

Creating Value and Making a Difference in the Children of Today so that they Become Effective Leaders of Tomorrow

Newsletter, January 2021

Build a strong foundation and you can reach even the most unthinkable heights.
- M.J. Moores

Special Welcome and Thanks

We welcome all our new pupils and parents and guardians to Simoko Trust School. We also welcome back and thank our old and returning pupils to this exciting first term in this year! We are looking forward to a productive term together.

New Developments

We are glad to announce that our school is now an examination Centre and 2021 will, conduct Grade 7 examinations as set and supervised by the Examination Council of Zambia at our Kitwe Branch. We thank our clients for the continued support and making it possible for us to be registered as an examination Centre.

Term 1 – 2021 School Events

The following events are lined up for Term 1, 2021. Please take note and ensure you and your child participate fully:

- ❖ Weekly tests are every Friday and Monthly tests are given every last Friday of the Month.
- ❖ Women's Day is on 8th March 2021. This is a public holiday.
- ❖ Youth Day is on 12th March 2021. This too is a public holiday.
- ❖ Mid-term break will be from 8th March 2021 to 12th March 2021.
- ❖ End of term 1 tests begin on 29th March 2021 and end on 6th April 2021.
- ❖ Take note of public holidays on Good Friday 2nd April 2021 and Easter Monday 5th April 2021
- ❖ Closing Day will be on 8th April 2021.
- ❖ Open (Consultation) Day will be on 9th April 2021.
- ❖ Second term opens on 10th May 2021.

Weekly Programs

The following are our weekly programs:

- ❖ Morning Session: starts at 07:00hrs and finishes at 11:20hrs.
- ❖ Afternoon Session: begins at 12:00hrs and ends at 15:00hrs.
- ❖ Parts of classes attending morning and afternoon sessions will be alternating every month.
- ❖ Every Friday is physical education.
- ❖ Each class has leadership and team building games once a week.

Clubs

Clubs remain suspended for Term 1, 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Homework Policy and Communication Books

Class teachers have been asked to issue home-work on a daily basis to the children. Parents need to check books of their children and sign to ensure that this is the case.

Where communication books are not available, parents are encouraged to share their views about their children and homework and general behavior and concerns using home-work books.

Accounts Corner

Our school fees are as follows:

Day Care:	K 1,500.00 per term
Baby – Middle Class:	K1,250.00 per term
Reception – Grade 7:	K1,350.00 per term
PTA Fund:	K50 per term

All parents who will pay school fees for Term 1, 2021 before 4th January 2021 will enjoy a 10% discount. All payments should be made through the bank and, please, present the deposit slip to school so that a receipt is issued. The school bank account details are:
Account Name: Simoko Services Limited
Bank Name: Indo Zambia Bank
Account Number: 0082030001248
Branch: Kitwe

All payments must be deposited or transferred to the above account. Cheques are also accepted. No cash payments will be accepted.

Dropping off and Picking up Children

Parents have been encouraged to drop their children in school not later than 07:00 hours in the morning and 11:30hrs for the afternoon session. Children brought to school after the above times will be sent back home and this. Similarly, picking up children one hour or later will attract a K50 surcharge for any hour late and a further K50 for a subsequent hour late.

Kindly note that picking up of children should only be done by the same person known by the school, if any parent decides to send a different person to pick up the child, the person should be introduced to us in advance otherwise the school will not release the child to that new person.

Our school buses

Please report any bad driving and unwanted Behavior. Children using the bus must observe the rules of the bus, e.g. no eating or drinking in the bus, no standing, no sticking out heads or limbs from the window, etc.

Please note that the bus fares have been revised and all concerned parents must note this and collect the new fare chart from the school.

Child Protection Policy Statement

We, Simoko Trust School, commit to a policy that cherishes all children as a special gift, with the right to dignity of life and bodily integrity which shall be respected and nurtured, protecting them from emotional, physical and sexual harm or neglect. As a school, we accept that we have an obligation to ensure that children are safe whenever they are in the company of staff or fellow learners at our premises, away from school or in their own homes and that every possible measure is taken to protect them from suffering any form of abuse. We will take seriously and respond in accordance with the appropriate laws to any reported allegation, concern or suspicion of abuse. In all decisions and actions taken in response to an allegation or suspicion of child abuse, the child's welfare will always be the paramount consideration.

School Rules & Discipline

School Rules are made for the good of all learners, to protect the integrity of our institution, and to promote the values of all who are part of our family. Parents and learners must ensure school rules are followed to the letter. Any failure to follow the rules will be dealt with accordingly. Penalties shall include suspension and expulsion for repeated, deliberate and dangerous behavior. See the school rules for further guidance.

High flying Dove

Our high-flying dove for Term 3, 2020 is Kashiwa Dorcas of Grade 5. Congratulations Dorcas for your outstanding academic performance and exemplary behavior! Keep flying high!

School Canteen & Nutrition

Meals are served for learners who sign up to eat from the School Canteen. Charges are as follows:
Lunch: K600 per month
Breakfast: K450 per month

The meals served are clean, balanced and nutritious.

Yours sincerely

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