



# Simoko Trust School

## Newsletter, Kitwe January 2020

*"Aim for success, not perfection. Never give up your right to be wrong, because then you will lose the ability to learn new things and move forward with your life. Remember that fear always lurks behind perfectionism." - David M. Burns*

### 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.

We also extend our gratitude to parents and guardians for their continued support and trust. As always, we value your custom.

### New Developments

We are glad to announce that our school is now an examination centre and will, effective 2020, conduct Grade 7 examinations as set and supervised by the Examination Council of Zambia. We thank our clients for the continued support and making it possible for us to be registered as an examination centre.

### Term 1, 2020 School Events

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

- ◆ Weekly tests will be every Friday and Monthly tests will be given every last Friday of the Month. For computer lessons, only monthly tests will be conducted.
- ◆ 8th March 2020 will be Women's Day, and the day after, Monday, 9th March 2020 is a public holiday. Therefore, there will be no Lessons on this day. Simoko Trust School will be proud to celebrate our female staff and the women-folk world-over.
- ◆ 12th March 2020 will be Youth Day. At Simoko Trust School, once more, we will be glad to celebrate all our youths.
- ◆ End of Term Exams will commence on 23rd March 2020 and end on 30th March 2020.
- ◆ Closing day will be on 2nd April, 2020.
- ◆ Open (Consultation) day will be on 3rd

April, 2020.

- ◆ Next Term, School Opens on 4th May, 2020.

### Weekly Programs

Reporting time for all pupils is 07:20hrs, and classes begin at 07:30hrs. Knocking off time on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays is 15:30hrs and half-day 13:30hrs on Wednesdays and Fridays.

### Clubs

Tuesday afternoon, from 14:00hrs to 15:30hrs, has been set aside for clubs. The following are clubs operating in the school: HIV/AIDS Awareness, Poetry & Drama, Music, Debate, Conservation, JETS, Math, Dancing, Red Cross, Girl Guides & Boys Scouts, Art & Scripture Union.

### Communication Books

Where communication books are not available, parents are encouraged to share their views about their children and homework and general behaviour and concerns using homework books or class Whatsapp groups. WhatsApp messages may be sent directly to the Teacher in charge of the Class or the Headteacher.

### Accounts Corner

Starting January 2020, our school fees, per term, will be revised as follows:

Baby Class - Middle class:	K1, 250.00 per term
Reception-Grade 7:	K1, 350.00 per term
Day Care:	K1,500.00 per term
PTA Fund:	K50 per term

As usual, all parents who paid school fees for Term 1, 2020, before 6th January 2020 enjoyed 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 account name and number is:

Account Name: Simoko Services

Limited

Bank: Indo-Zambia Bank

Branch: Kitwe

Account No.: 0082030001248

### Dropping off and Picking up Children

Parents have been encouraged to drop their children in school no later than 07:20 hours. Children brought to school after 08:00hrs will be sent back home. Similarly, picking up children one hour or more late will attract a K50 surcharge for any hour late and a further K50 for a subsequent hour late.

### Our school buses

Please report any bad driving and unwanted behaviour. 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.

### Personal belongings

To ensure that children do not lose their personal belongings, parents are urged to ensure that each child's belongings are clearly labeled with their names. Labels or names should never be written in front or at the back or on the side but can neatly be written inside the School uniforms, jerseys, PE attire and head socks.

### Homework Policy

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

### High flying Dove

Our High flying Dove for term 3 2019 was **Kunda Kenny** of Grade 4, Congratulations!

Yours sincerely

**Simoko Trust School**

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