
NEWSLETTER EXTRA

CONSTRUCTION COMMENCES



Classroom Re-location Complete - Phase One

- After a successful day of unpacking and final risk assessments all pupils were safely relocated to their new classrooms. It has been a time of change for some of our Year 2 pupils, but our Year 1 and Year 2 teachers are happy that this has been a smooth transition.
- Many areas around school have restricted access so exit and entrance to certain areas have been changed and emergency evacuation routes have been slightly altered. We completed a full fire drill and evacuation on Tuesday and this was executed without issue. The builders assure me that they are happy with the way the school has been reorganised and due to good weather last week they are slightly ahead of schedule.
- The space in the school yards have been reduced in size due to deep drainage work - this phase should be completed at the end of this week and we will gain a little more space. Could I please ask that parents drop their children off in the mornings but not to wait in the yard as space for the children to play is already very limited. There are members of staff on duty and the children are well supervised.

Next Phase of Development

- The builders will be beginning foundation work on the Eastern Block (school building next to the car park on the Woodbourne Road side) The foundations will reach out as far as the location of the double mobile prior it being moved at Easter.
- Railings and steps and the bank by the hall have been removed in preparation for so that the laying of the Foundations for the new hall and outdoor classroom can commence.
- The Department of Education, Sport and Culture have a policy of school grounds being open and accessible. Please note that this does not include access to the building site or construction compound for reasons of health and safety. Outside of school hours the Police will be regularly checking the area and CCTV will be installed this weekend just for the site compound. The building site is an extremely dangerous place and no unauthorised persons are allowed to access the compound.
- The Project Manager from Auldyn Construction will be joining me during regular school assemblies to talk to the pupils about the progress and process of our new school building. looking at areas of health and safety and answering questions that the children might raise about this exciting project. There is an ideas box in the foyer of school for the children to contribute any ideas.

Parking Issues

The size of the staff car park has been reduced which will mean that St Mary's Road may be used by some staff for Parking. Can I please ask parents and visitors not to use St Mary's Road to try and ease some of the congestion.

Building Construction Sub Committee

Every Friday our building sub committee, made up of 4 School Governors, Headteacher and the Project Manager from Auldyn Construction, meet to discuss progress and matters arising. If you have any issues you would like raised at the meeting please contact one of the Committee. Julie Charlton is the Parent Governor, Dawn Quinn is the Staff Governor or contact school directly

