

Dear Parents and Carers,

First of all an update on the building works scheduled to begin on Saturday and last for three weeks. The work schedule has been agreed and preparatory work has already taken place to guarantee a prompt start. "Safe Strip" will be first on site to take out the old floors and any possible contaminated asbestos waste. This will all be completed under controlled circumstances across the holiday week. If there was to be any major problem with this most important part of the works, anything that could delay the school reopening, then notice would be posted on the school website - if there is nothing there, then school will be open on time. I am assured that the works will be completed on time and it is just a precaution to mention the fact that we would have to wait if there was any threat of exposure to danger. No news will be good news!

As soon as their segment of the work is complete then another firm will take over to put everything back together again. There will be some disruption but we are looking to minimise any effects - the work has to be done.

The works are confined to the Infant end of the school so this will be where the impact will be. From Friday of this week Reception and Y1 children will line up for entry exactly as they do now. Y1 will enter first via the Reception cloakroom and proceed to their own class. Reception will then enter in the usual way. Y2 will enter via the main entrance and proceed to their own class.

Each evening at end of school, Reception will exit as usual via the fenced play area and gate. Y1 will exit via the Reception cloakroom and Y2 will exit via the main entrance. Please be ready to greet your child. Staff will be in attendance morning and evening at each location to greet or dismiss children. There are no changes to Junior / KS2 arrangements.

We will be practicing these new arrangements at all play and break times too this Thursday and Friday, so the children will be well aware of the temporary reorganisation. We are not anticipating any difficulties and a fire drill will also have taken place by the time you get this newsletter.

The Y5 Harvest Festival assembly was excellent from start to finish with the children memorising all of their parts and speaking really well to a packed hall. Children, staff and visitors really enjoyed their performance and I thought the children got their message across really well. Our sponsored walk was once again blessed with some lovely weather and a tremendous turn out of parents and carers to accompany the children in their Pastoral Care groups. Our new Reception pupils did so well - it's a long way on little legs! The extended play section afterwards was very enjoyable and the children really had a lot of fun and that is what we all like to see - it was a really nice occasion for the school community. Thanks are due to SAPA for the drinks and refreshments, setting everything up and working hard to serve the thirsty multitudes!

We have once again had excellent attendance across Open Evenings and my thanks are due to staff who have had in several instances, a series of long sessions over several

days and of course to parents and carers as some have had to be extra patient at times. All in all, a very busy week on which to end this first half term of the year.

I hope that the weather is kind during the week ahead and that you manage to enjoy some family time together.

I look forward to seeing you all again on Monday October 29th at the usual time - remember the new arrangements!

Best Wishes.

Yours Sincerely,

K J Smithson.

Head Teacher.