

Dear Parents,

### **Re. An update on our building works**

I hope you will have noticed that good progress has been made on the building of our new special needs centre and I delighted to inform you that the builders are currently on track to meet the final deadline.

#### **Car park and additional play space**

The first task was to create 8 new car park spaces for the additional staff who will be working within our centre. The second task was to create an area for taxis who will be dropping off and picking up many of the children within the centre. You may have noticed that this is a sizeable space and will be used during the school day as an extra play space for the children which will be a welcome additional to our infant playground.

#### **Groundworks & steel frame**

The groundworks and steel frame are now complete with the ground floor due to be installed during half term.

The builders have been very good at respecting our environment and I have been impressed with how they have kept noise to a minimum. Furthermore, when we have needed to give feedback to the team, they have responded swiftly which has been much appreciated.

#### **Next step**

The next step is the new roof for the centre building. To be able to carry out this work, the glass roof along the year 3 corridor needs to be removed. This is a significant piece of work which will begin on Friday, through half term and into the following term. As a result, the interior corridor outside Magpies classroom, Sparrows classroom, Mrs Ireland and Mrs Earl-Smith's rooms will not be accessible. Instead, access will be via their external doors. We have adapted our fire drill and lock down plans accordingly.

Finally, as always, I have appreciated your comments and questions during the build so far and hope that you will agree that any disruption to the children has been kept to a minimum.

Wishing you a wonderful half term; I have my fingers crossed for better weather!

Best wishes,

Kareen O'Brien