



Palatine News



Building Update

Dear Parents and Carers

Those of you who pick up and drop off each day will have noticed the ongoing building work at school. As I mentioned in the February newsletter the local authority is working with us to make improvements to the site. So far the entrance path has been relayed and fire doors in the main building replaced. 3 classes have had their flooring replaced and some new interactive clever touches installed.

As a result of health and safety recommendations from the local authority the pond has been drained. Once this has been filled in this area will be turned into a wildlife / sensory garden that all children can access all year round. This will utilise the decked paths that were laid by parents and volunteers last year that remain in situ around the former pond area.

The builders have started laying the surface for a Multi-use Games Area in the back

playground that should be completed in the next month.

Around Easter time a considerable number of old windows and frames will be replaced and repairs made to the external buildings as required. The back playground will also be resurfaced. The corridor carpet in the main school building will be replaced with a high quality, low decibel washable hygienic flooring. The dining hall flooring will also be replaced. Essential maintenance and upgrades to the boilers and plant room for the pool are also in process at the weekends. Hygiene room improvements are also being made e.g. more child sized toilet seats are being fitted! We have put in further bids to the local authority to replace the prefabricated classroom but we have not yet heard the outcome of this.

You will see from this extensive list that our school business manager has put in considerable efforts to secure funding from the local authority which is fantastic news and I am grateful to her and the office and premises team for the considerable extra work they are doing to work with the contractors to ensure safety whilst they are on site and to make sure work is completed to a high standard!

Please do bare with us during this time! The school site looks a bit messier and as I explained previously some of our usual activities such as our garden open day and Easter Egg Hunt cannot take place but it will be worth it eventually when we have improved our site utilising local authority capital monies!

Please do feel free to ask any questions you may have at parents evening.

Kind regards

Catrina
