



# Ripponden Junior and Infant School

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**Headteacher: Mrs L Bamforth**

12<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

## **The Bungalow**

We are delighted to announce that The Bungalow has been 'handed over' and it is ours! We are absolutely delighted with the quality and finish of the building and who would have known that this former 3 bedroomed caretaker's bungalow would transform into the multipurpose space that there is now.

Right from the conception of the idea of converting The Bungalow, we have had a fabulous architect on board, Mark Thompson from Greenhalgh and Williams. In our initial meeting, we sat down and I said "I would like....." with a 'wish list' of requirements and lo and behold, he drew up plans which were exactly what we wanted. From this, the job went out to tender and the local and family business; Crawshaw's were commissioned to take it on.

From this point, Crawshaws were the epitome of professional. The job has been completed to such a high standard, with nothing being too much trouble for them, even when we asked them to do additional bits and pieces. I would like to thank Graham, Emma and all of the team who have been so thorough and approachable throughout.

Another big thank you has to go to Mrs Fradgley, who has been the point of contact for many of the contractors and has often been on the end of a telephone chasing something up or ordering something else. She has also had to put up with me saying "Mrs Fradgley...." 20 times a day!

So, The Bungalow is up and running and the main reason for the conversion is to support and extend the learning in school, so we are busily timetabling groups and interventions to take place in here after half term. There is also a fully fitted kitchen, so we will be looking to have cooking groups in there timetabled too. Busy Bees will be operating out of here from after February half term. If your child already attends Busy Bees, they should have received a letter from them directly.



INVESTORS IN PUPILS

Another main idea around converting The Bungalow was at the centre of our aims – for the school to be at the heart of the village. We are hoping that we will be able to offer The Bungalow out to different community groups to hire for different activities – groups, meetings, courses, regular lettings. We have designed the space to be so versatile, almost anything is possible! If you or anyone you know would be interested in letting The Bungalow out on a one-off or more regular basis, please do get in touch. We would be happy to show you round and discuss any requirements.

This whole project has been possible due to the hard work efforts of all of our fabulous staff team over a number of years, by 'making do' and saving money where we can to have the pot of money to be able to convert this building. To have this space to extend the learning experiences of our children and also give Busy Bees this fantastic space is just phenomenal. I am incredibly proud to be the headteacher of this school, with such hard working and dedicated staff. It is such a great team to be part of.

Enjoy the photographs below and I will also add them to the website. In the meantime, have a lovely half-term holiday and we will see you all on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

Thank you for your continued support,

Lorraine Bamforth (Mrs)  
Headteacher

