

December Building Update

Coulsons, the builders, are now in their fifth week of work on the school extension and are currently on time with the work schedule that was set at the start of the 40 week project. We will be sending half termly updates for staff and parents to keep you informed of their progress.

During the first few weeks the first task was clearing the site ready for the build; tree surgeons have cleared shrubs and trees, the mobile has been completely demolished and all trace of it cleared away and the school oil tank for the heating has been moved to a temporary position. The path that now runs from the door at the end of the main school corridor, down to the path that runs towards the back gate, will stay in place for the duration of the build and will be the main route in and out of the school building.

We have reassessed the safe exit routes for each class and have had a fire drill so that all staff and children are aware of any changes to their exit route in the case of a fire.

The builders are now working on getting all the foundations into place and are aiming to have these complete before they stop work for Christmas. If you look into the building site at the moment it is possible to trace the layout of a large section of the new building from where the foundation trenches have been placed.



Once we return from the Christmas break the next big task will be the delivery of the steel frame for the building which is expected on site towards the middle of January.

We have also just completed the installation of an all-weather mile a day track that loops round the edge of the school field from the back gate, along the perimeter fence up towards the PE shed and then goes across to meet the top of the path to the back gate near the climbing frame. The Ministry of Sport will be organizing the other children so that they can log how many laps of the field they have done with an aim of encouraging every child (and adult) to complete a mile a day. This track also has the added advantage of giving us extra play space while we only have half of the playground available to us during the build.