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Dear Parents and Carers

Update on Building Works and Change of INSET Day

I know I send a weekly newsletter, but I wanted to update you on the many things happening in school with changes taking place over the holidays and the date of return to school.

Not really having families into school means that you will not have the chance to see what we are doing to the internal fabric of the school building, to improve the learning environment for the children and staff.

As you are aware, our building is somewhat dated and although we are having a new extension which will provide us with an addition to our safeguarding procedures and an extra group teaching room, that is it to the outside of the building for the time being.

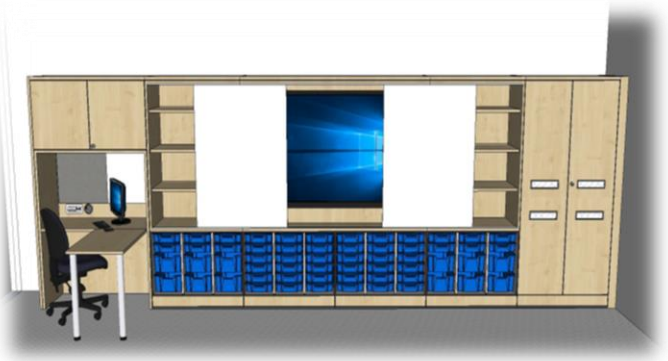
Here are some of the projects planned or already completed:

- Nursery and Year 1 now have a canopy which gives them much needed shade.



- Nursery also have a new outdoor surface which is all weather and colourful.
- All old paving slabs have been replaced by tarmac to ensure smooth surfaces at the front and rear of school.
- External lighting has been replaced.
- The hall now has very bright new ceiling lights.

- Every classroom will have completely new furniture - here is an example of what one classroom will look like.
- There will be a new SMART LED board to replace the old-style projectors and boards.
- Each class will also have new tables and chairs which will be at the correct heights for the age of the children.
- All excess furniture (cupboard/drawer units/tables/chairs) – we are working with a charity who will collect and ship out to schools in Africa.



The Learning Garden has now been completed and has already been made full use of by Y6 during their camp last week.



All this work does not happen overnight, and so we are working hard in school to pack up classrooms in preparation for the refits. The fitting of the teaching walls will happen during the last week of August - this is the only time in the summer break that they could fit us in. This does mean with the end of term soon upon us, and many events still to happen, staff leaving and new ones starting, school is busier than ever!

We are still aiming for uniforms to be taken over by Goyals on the 19th July. There are a few items of uniform currently in stock, but after 19th July uniform will only be available from Goyals in Maidenhead town centre.

We had been due to return to school on Wednesday 1st September for an INSET day, with the children returning on Thursday 2nd September. However, as I'm sure you will understand, I think we may still be unpacking boxes and getting new staff ready to roll. This means that we will be extending the summer break and returning on **Friday 3rd September**. We are moving the INSET day from 17th December to the 2nd September. I hope you understand and that you have enough notice to help us out. I have attached a new "Term Dates" document for your information.

With kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Kearney'.

Mrs J Kearney
Headteacher