

## School Expansion Update

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The temporary staff car park is now complete and the entrance and exit from Church Road is working well.

Daily updates from the Site Manager ensure that we are up to speed with works taking place that day and any impact there may be. Work has now moved to the front of the school and the digging out of foundations by the offices. Some of the border has been removed outside of Birch Class in preparation for later works and the many frogs which were rescued from there have been returned to the pond – much to the relief of the children.

Daily checks with teachers take place, which enables them to raise any issues or concerns they may have in relation to the building works. All teachers report that there has been no impact on the work in classrooms apart from a little mud here and there and getting to grips with the changing of outdoor shoes. On the playground and field, the children are so engrossed in their play and activities that it feels they have almost forgotten that we have contractors on site. Work will begin to move to the far end of the field soon and so it will feel quite removed from the school for some time.

There are plans to address any noise issues some classes may face once the building work comes closer to those rooms, which is some time off yet. Timetabling of lessons and room use will be carefully planned, as well as the option to use break out rooms, such as the Tech Room and Studio. We will of course inform parents when these works are due to commence but anticipate this won't be for some weeks. As you can imagine, the time during school holidays will be maximised by the contractors in order to complete as much work as possible. Teachers are fully aware of the planned programme and the works taking place, however the whole team's focus remains very much on what matters the most; the children.

The school assembly from Speller Metcalfe is due to take place on Monday and the children will be introduced to Buzz SiteGear. He is a character which teaches children of all ages about the importance of staying safe and that construction sites are unsafe places to play, a message which we hope stays with the children as they get older. The children will receive an activity booklet with word searches and colouring activities as well as being able to enter a safety poster competition.

More to follow next week.

Best wishes  
Sam Porter