



## *New School News – Number 4 – May 2012*

### **Construction Update**

What a difference since the last newsletter! The steel frame of the new building is now up, and sections of roofing are being added daily. Work is proceeding at a fair old pace and it's great to be able to see the progress being made. Everything is on schedule at present. We have a great view of much of the work from our second floor and lots of great conversations have taken place about what is happening at various times.

### **Partnership**

The Mansell staff have been great so far, communication well with us over any works or any minor issues which have arisen. Their focus on safety has been great, and they have been very open with information and understanding of any issues which we have had.

### **Education Work**

Alan Constable, former Head Teacher of Morgan Academy, and Mansell's Education Officer visited the schools with the Site and Construction Managers to deliver an Assembly on Building Site Safety which was very well received by the children.

Our pupil Construction Committee (Cameron from P6, Carly from P5, Abbie from P4, and Sean and Morgan from P3) joined with children from Charleston and Lochee to visit the site last week and are hard at work putting together a special newsletter about what they saw. Hard hats and boots supplied, and they got some smashing photos of certain Head Teachers being taught how to operate JCB diggers! Later on, Parent representatives will also be involved in site visits. We also have the advantage of a great overview of the site from our top floor classrooms so can have a bird's eye view of progress. We have invited children, parents and staff from the other schools to visit regularly for a look as well.

Please continue to regularly speak to the children about safety and reinforce to them that the construction site is completely out of bounds to them (even to collect footballs!) apart from during the organised visits mentioned above. This is an oft-repeated message in school.

### **Upcoming Site Work**

The movement of the electricity substation currently to the east of our building didn't happen at Easter as we thought, but work on this will start next week and so the boundary hoarding will be realigned during the upcoming holiday weekend. As you know, this means that we'll be losing another little bit more of the playground. This won't be a big issue in this better weather when we can use the grass area. It's all about safety.....and it's only for a year.....

### **Site Safety**

Extensive safety plans have been put in place for the duration of the construction. This includes detailed routing for delivery vehicles, banksmen on duty at the site entrance and a myriad of other procedures which will ensure the safety of children, adults and visitors at all times. The regular meetings between school and Mansell staff will have safety as the top priority. There will inevitably be some traffic issues but it is hoped that these will be kept to a minimum, and site traffic movement should normally be outwith school start and finish times .

### **Local Implementation Group**

The next meeting of this group is on 27<sup>th</sup> March in Charleston Primary at 2pm. We're always on the lookout for parents who would be able and willing to attend - if you could manage, please let me know. It's so important that St Clement's parents are involved in and informed about this project and the LIG is a great way for this to happen. Discussion points will include parking and drop off at the new building, joint parent activities and working together in the new building and playground. In the near future, discussions will take place around colour schemes and furnishings and I'm sure that many of you would want an input into that. If anyone wishes a copy of previous LIG meeting notes, please let me know. It is my intention to post information from future LIG meetings in the school's Blog.

As always, please contact me if there is anything you wish to comment on or discuss around the plans for the new building. The views of parents, families and, of course, the children themselves are really important in shaping the future of the new St Clement's Primary school in partnership with the new Camperdown Primary.

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