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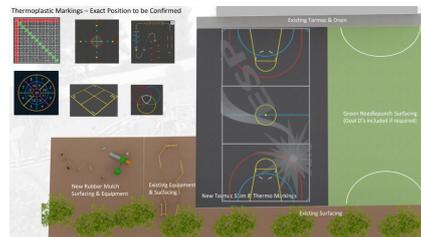
Building & Site Update

I am very pleased to be able to update you about our building extension works. The contractors returned to work at the beginning of May and they have worked really hard to progress the works. The external façade is now complete and they are currently working on plastering internal walls and fitting out the rooms. They plan to complete the works on 27th July.

An additional cycle shelter and scooter pod will be sited next to the current facility and should be in place by the end of term.

As soon as the builders move off the site, we are ready for our playground and site makeover to begin. This week I met with Steph Thurston, our Chair of Governors and Maria Hughes, our Business Manager to dot the i's and cross the t's on our plans. They are really exciting and we can't wait for this work to be complete. The city council have kindly donated £20,000 from sugar tax money to our project.

On a slightly different subject, yesterday I received a formal notification from Clarke Telecom that they are planning to upgrade the mobile mast at Lordshill Roundabout, Brownhill Way. This will include a new 20m mast supporting 6 antennae 'to ensure the latest 4G and new 5G technologies in and around the city. If you have any comments about the installation, please contact Jennie Hann, Planning Manager, Clarke Telecom for further details on 0161 785 4500.



Summer Sports Courses

During the summer holiday, our school will be closed. However, there will be a number of local sports courses, run by local providers, including SuperStar Sports. Simon Woods will be running a course at Mansel Park Primary School, Culver Close (off Porlock Road), Southampton, SO16 9HZ from 20th July, every week until Friday 21st August. For further details, please contact Simon directly on 07772 060840.

Health Update

Just to reassure parents and families that we continue to reinforce the need for all our children (and staff) in school to wash their hands during the day, particularly after going to the toilet, before eating and after sneezing into a tissue. Thank you for supporting good healthy practices at home.

We have increased the number of cleaning hours in our school to ensure that we are covering all areas as effectively as possible. I would like to thank every member of our site and cleaning teams for everything you have continued to do to keep our school community safe, particularly during the current hot weather. It is very warm in school even by 6.30am at the moment and this makes cleaning a very hot job!



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Reports 2020

From next Friday, the children's annual reports will be ready to go home. For our Year 6 children who have returned to school as well as our critical worker children, they will bring their report home on Friday. If you would like your child's report posted to you, please make an online payment of £1.15 to cover the postage and we will post these on **Wednesday** to ensure they arrive with you on time.

If you would like to collect your child's report from school **on Friday**, please come to the school office at the following time for your child's class:

Class	Time
3SH	0900-0930
3LV	0930-1000
3WS	1000-1030
4AE	1045-1115
4BP	1115-1145
4CW	1145-1215
4KS	1215-1245

Class	Time
5CT	1315-1345
5PD	1345-1415
5ZO	1415-1445
6AH	1445-1455
6AS	1455-1505
6GS	1505-1515

If you have paid for your child's Year 6 hoodie, you will be able to collect it at the same time.

Covid-19 Test Update

Just to let you know that yesterday was our second week as part of the DfE and Public Health England study into rates of transmission in schools and we tested 75 children and adults. We test every Thursday at the moment.

So far (touch wood!) we have had no positive results. We are really pleased to be part of the study, which contains only 100 schools across the country. Thank you to all our children and staff for participating in this important work and also to our Vice Chair of Governors Nikki Webb for helping us with the swabbing every week.

Competition to Name the Road

Oaklands School Development have asked Year 6 pupils in school to help them think of a name for the new circular road and the play area they are constructing. They are asking for us to share our ideas for a road name that represents Southampton either locally or historically.

Children will design the play area thinking about both the type of equipment they want to see and where they would place it.

Fingers crossed one of us will have the Honour of helping to make a legacy for the local area.

Keeping Healthy During the School Closure

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued understanding and support through these unprecedented times. I will continue to update you as the situation changes and we will continue to work for the best interests of all our children.

Please do not worry too much about your child's education. Every child is in the same position and when we are back, we will focus on their learning together once again. While your child is at home, please try to make learning as engaging and as enjoyable as possible.

I will remind you of what I said in my last 'proper' newsletter when we closed in March: At the end of all this, your child's mental health will be more important than their academic skills. How they felt during this time will stay with them long after the memory of what they did during the last few months has gone. Keep that in mind every single day and be kind to everyone during these uncertain times.

Very best wishes to each and every one of you.

Peter Howard

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