26 June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to keep you up to date with the changes happening within and around the school in preparation for September.

Refurbishment

 We were expecting by now to have had some works started on site to update our teaching spaces. Contractors have been ready to roll for a month but there has been some administrative issues within the Local Authority that have held this up. The impact of this is that certain works we had hoped to have completed at May Half Term holiday will have to be done in the first week of the summer holiday alongside the work that was projected to be done then as well. This will mean completely emptying 8 classrooms of all their furniture and contents and putting them elsewhere within the school. Military operational planning seems to be the order of the day! So that contractors can start work on the Saturday, the Trust has agreed to us closing slightly early, at **2.00pm** on **Friday 26th July**.

This will enable us to have as many staff as possible to move and arrange furniture strategically without having to work round children. We may well put a call out for volunteer muscle to help us do this as we think many hands will make light work! We will **not** be able to provide an **After School Club** that night either as the Nursery will be being used as temporary storage area.

Uniform

We have just today heard that the Trust is going to pay for each child to have a new sweatshirt OR cardigan with the LEAD logo on it for September. We need to emphasise that the navy blue colour theme is not changing and clothing without the logo will be fine as in line with Government expectations about School uniform Policy. More information to follow on this as to how it will work, and no doubt we will work with School Trends Online to achieve the one free item.

Yours faithfully,

Chris Guest

Head Teacher