



20<sup>th</sup> October 2011

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

This week has been an extra challenging one for us in school, as alongside all of our usual learning we have been getting to grips with the preparations for the final move out of the old buildings. As most of you will now know, **after half term the main entrance to the school for children and adults will have changed** to be the footpath that runs down past the Day Nursery and Youth Centre to a new gate onto the playground.

**If you are visiting the school office**, or bringing your child to school after the day has started and the gate closed, there will be a pathway via what is now the entrance to the Slade Nursery to the front of the school. The way in will be through what is now the fire door.

During the holiday you will see that the builders will be busy putting up fencing around the site, in preparation for the next phase of construction. The actual demolition of the old buildings is due around the start of December – before that can happen the builders have to do an important piece of work to remove any asbestos in the building. As you probably know, asbestos is a material that was commonly used in schools and other buildings in the 1950s. It is perfectly safe inside a building – but when broken up it can give off dust that is harmful to people working with it. For this reason the asbestos must be removed by specialists, who will seal the areas they are in so no dust is released. During this time you may see people on the building site wearing protective clothing – don't be alarmed by this: it is perfectly normal, and part of the planned work.

Tomorrow (Friday) we are holding our **Harvest Festival at 2:00**, which will also be our final assembly in the old hall. Please do send in your harvest donations to the school, which will be sold after the assembly to raise money for charity.

After the assembly has finished all of the children will need to return to their classes – school finishes at the usual time of 3:10 but if you have been at the performance and want to collect your child slightly early we will ask you to collect your child from their classroom door. For safety reasons we can't let anyone collect other children (for example, your child's friend) early.

Can I remind everyone that tomorrow is the last day for school photograph payments. Also, the final date for parents/carers of children in Y6 to return their secondary school applications to the admissions office is 31<sup>st</sup> October. Miss Holman has given an application form to any children that we believe do not currently have an application registered – if you are in any doubt please contact the county admission team to check.

Good luck to our footballers who are playing against St. Michael's after school today. And finally, best wishes to all of our children and families who will be celebrating Diwali during half term!

With best wishes for a restful break

From Mr Lewin and everyone at Wood Farm School

**School finishes tomorrow at 3:10, and is closed next week for the half term break.**



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