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Dear Parents,

Information about building and refurbishment work at St John's

Over the Easter Holidays a number of refurbishment projects are taking place in the school.

Staircase refurbishment

The front staircase is being refurbished including new, modern floor tiles, re-plastering and decoration of the walls. After the work has been completed, the doors into the area outside Brazil classroom are also being replaced although this may not happen until the Summer term as the company are still awaiting their delivery.

Demolition of the Chimney

Many of you will have noticed that the disused chimney on the side of the lower playground has been fenced off for a number of months now. The chimney has not been used for many years and has now started to crumble away. Therefore, Hampshire County Council have decided to demolish it. This work is scheduled for the Easter holidays and, while we are confident that the work will be completed before the children return, there may still be fencing in place when term restarts as there will be remedial ground works to be completed to 'fix' the playground surface.

Toilet refurbishment

St John's has been lucky enough to secure a significant amount of funding to refurbish the toilet and cloakroom area at the year R end of the school. During the Easter break, the toilets are to be completely removed, the space reconfigured and then new toilets installed. We have been advised that the work will take approximately 6 – 8 weeks to complete so will continue into the summer term.

To enable the builders to have dedicated access to the building, they will be using the passageway down the side of the year R classrooms. This will therefore not be available for use by parents to access the year R playground or to collect children from the KS1 classrooms. We appreciate that it will therefore be difficult for parents with young children in buggies or those with limited mobility to collect their children from the classroom doors due to the only access being the steps. Therefore, for the duration of the work, the following changes will be made to Key stage 1/EYFS end of the day collection arrangements:

Latvia class – normal collection point but please remain at the top of the stairs, by the fence and Miss Latchman will send children up to you. This will enable her to see all parents whether they have a buggy or not.

Brazil class – Mrs Brewer will dismiss her class from the double doors by the bike racks along the side path of the building.

Sweden class - Miss Saunders will dismiss her class from the double doors on the side of the hall. Please wait on the lower playground for the children.

Ghana class – Mr Gardner will dismiss his children from the exit door to the right of Denmark class exit. If you are unsure where this is, please follow the pathway from the playground, around the building, past the adventure playground and between the library and the main building. The door is at the end of this path.

Although I appreciate it is inconvenient that we have had to change exit doors, it is essential that we ensure that not only are children handed safely over to their parents or carers but also that all parents can still have contact with the teachers at the end of the day.

While we did consider bringing the Key stage 1 children onto the playground, we couldn't ensure that we could maintain the safety of our younger children as the playground area can get really busy and therefore concluded that dismissing directly from the building was better.

In the mornings, children will enter through their normal doors. Anyone who is unable to reach the doors and needs to speak to a teacher should come to the front office, and arrangements will be made.

Thank you in advance for your support with this. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or myself.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Angela Nicholls
Headteacher