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Dear Parents,

**Newsletter No. 35**

**Classroom Extension Building Project**

As you will have seen this morning, the builders have moved in over half term. We are very pleased that we were able to finalise the project just prior to half term with completion by the end of the Summer Holiday. The project will extend to the wall near the Amber Area to create a new Foundation Stage Classroom and a larger Staff Room. The current Sapphire and Ruby Classrooms and the Amber Area will be reconfigured and a new Amber Area created. We are delighted that the project is under way at last, as it has been under discussion for some time. It will significantly improve our Foundation Stage provision.

The phasing of the project will have the effect of reducing the playground area for the remaining seven weeks of term, but will not have much impact on the rooms until July, when the builders will work on the Staff Room. The internal remodelling of the Foundation Stage Classrooms will take place in the Summer Holiday. Children will still use the usual doors to enter and exit, but the Amber Area door will not be available. We are working closely with the builders to ensure that all will run smoothly, but please be alert to any changes in our usual arrangements.

You will notice that the site entrance for the workmen is the large gate off the sloped area of the playground. This will need to be left free of parked cars for the duration of the building work. Bollards are in place to remind you of this.

I will ensure that Poppies Parents have a copy of this letter, but please remind other family members who might be picking up or dropping off children.

Thank you.

**Recent Events**

It was a very busy week prior to half term, with several events taking place.

The PSHCE Day was a great success, and the children responded really well to the day.

The Year 4 children enjoyed their afternoon at Etonbury where they took part in a Literacy event.

The week ended with the SMSA Sponsored Bounce. The weather stayed dry, just! and the event went well. Once again, thank you to the SMSA for organising the event and the parents who helped on the day.

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## **Achievements**

Congratulations to this week's 'Star Award' children.

Alfie Kinnar	Aimee New
Lily Linwood	Sophia Saunderson
Rhys Day	Sienna-Chi Orbai
Natasha Ryall	Ethan Elliott
Alister Miller	Neve Church
Greg Anderson	Chloe Grainger-Mills
Tyler Lowden	Ellie Ferris
Sophie Howard	Dylan Moore
Darcey Bowles	Ewan Sharp

## **This Week and beyond**

The Biggleswade Chronicle photographer has been in the Foundation Stage Classes today, for their "First Class" item. Watch out for it in the next few weeks.

Weather permitting, Athletics Club will take place tomorrow (Tuesday) and Wednesday, this week and next.

Cricket Club has been changed to Thursday this week and next, at the request of Mr. Darlow.

Another change of date is the Cuffley Visit Meeting for Year 4 children and their families. Etonbury inadvertently set a parents meeting for Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> June, so the Cuffley Meeting will now be at 6.30 pm on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> June. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Next Monday, the Year 2 children will be receiving a visit from Fire Officers to talk about Fire Safety.

## **Dinner Money**

Dinner money for this half term is £61.20. However, due to visits for Year 3 children this will be £59.40 and Year 4 will be £54.00. All amounts are less any credits that you may have with cheques payable to Eden Foodservice with cheque card details etc on the reverse.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher