

- new entrance/exit doors for children
- don't forget your opportunity to meet the teacher

9th September 2010

Dear Parents,

I would like to welcome you all back to the start of a new school year and hope that everyone had a good summer.

As most of you will be aware, the school has had major alterations over the summer and our builders have been working tirelessly to ensure the work is complete. We are delighted with the results although as of yesterday we were still moving furniture and cleaning up the remaining dust and debris! There are still a few "snagging" items to be addressed but the school is now all but finished and classes look bright and cheerful with new flooring and paint colours!

There have been some structural changes to virtually all the classrooms which you will see for yourself if you are able to attend our "meet the teacher" afternoons next week at 2.30pm (Y2, Monday and Y1 Tuesday) and once our Thursday open mornings begin after half term. Two main changes involve opening up and enlarging both Saturn and Earth class, allowing greater space for the children. In addition to this, each class now has an outside door which will be used at the beginning and end of the day when children arrive at and leave school. We are asking for your help in ensuring children use these new doors and for your co-operation in continuing to wait behind the yellow line at the beginning and end of the school day. Parents with children in Year R will be able to collect their children from the new doors located at the rear of the school, past the hall. Please note, for safety and security, the gate to Yr R by the hall will be padlocked until 3.10pm each day. Please ensure if you are collecting children from Yr R that you do not allow any siblings to play in this area or on our veranda whilst you are waiting.

The school now also benefits from ramped access and a new entrance to the hall in addition to ramped access and automatic doors to the main office which should make it much easier for wheelchair users and buggies! If you are visiting the office, please use the intercom system as usual but be aware the doors will open automatically once we know who is calling. Please ensure you stand back from the doors to allow them to open! To exit via the office, there is a large silver door release button with a wheelchair logo that just needs to be pushed. Please note this is placed at adult height to ensure children cannot let themselves out and any wheelchair users will be helped to use this by a staff member. Please note that due to health and safety reasons we have had to relocate the post box. It is now on the wall adjacent to the main entrance and will remain securely locked and be emptied daily to ensure all monies are kept safe.

We are also delighted to have a new community room that has been created following the division of Mercury Class into two rooms. This is accessible from the playground and can be locked to prevent access into the rest of the building.

Finally you may have noticed that our Botley Road entrance has also been updated with new fencing and car parking. Our existing car park has been made smaller to accommodate a larger area for Foundation Stage outdoor play and parking has been relocated to the front of the school. Please note however that our car park is extremely small and should not be used by parents. Any parent with mobility problems or who is registered disabled is welcome to speak to me and alternative arrangements can be made.

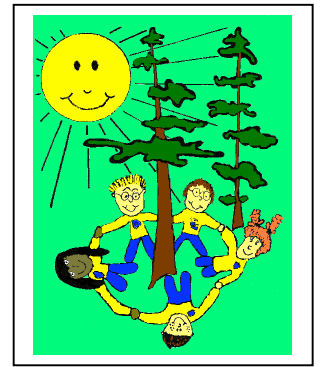
We hope that you and your children will enjoy the changes to the environment and look forward to the coming year.

Yours sincerely

Lucy Chambers
Headteacher

"Happy, valued and achieving together"

Headteacher: Mrs Lucy Chambers B.Ed. Hons



N
O
R
T
H

B
A
D
D
E
S
L
E
Y

I
N
F
A
N
T

S
C
H
O
O
L



Botley Road
North Baddesley
Southampton
SO52 9EE

Tel: 023 8041 2412
Fax: 023 8041 2413