

Friends' School development update

A MESSAGE FROM HILL PARTNERSHIPS

First stage ground works are now complete. This work consists of digging foundations, installing drainage and new roads. We are now busy working on the brickwork and getting ready for the roof construction. Regrettably, during the course of the remaining works some inconvenience may be caused, but we would assure you that this will be kept to an absolute minimum. Please don't hesitate to make me or our Resident Liaison Team aware of any issues if they arise so we can deal with them promptly. May I use this newsletter as a reminder to all parents that building sites are dangerous places, particularly outside working hours and although we



make every effort to ensure our sites are as safe as possible, please make sure all young people are aware of the dangers of building sites and do not attempt to enter at any time. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ben Ephgrave

A FITTING FAREWELL TO GIBSON GARDEN



Thank you to Hill Partnerships and their kind sponsorship of the marquee, which enabled the Infant Nativity, 'Prickly Hay' to take place in the Gibson Garden this year. The staging was dressed with natural materials to give the feel and look of a stable with hay bales as seating for the audience. It was a wonderful celebration of the season and also a fitting farewell to our Infant buildings and garden as we look ahead to the New Year and the excitement of moving into our brand new purpose-built classrooms.

THE SITE AS A SUBJECT

Sixth Form photographers used the building site earlier this term when they were set a mini brief to 'show both the good and the bad'. Below are some images taken with that brief in mind.



THE CAR PARK



Just in time for Christmas the whole of the car parking area is now surfaced with permeable tarmac. The parking bay lines will be added in the week before Christmas with some landscaping completing the task leading into Spring. Staff parking will be from the top by the minibuses, around in front of the Sports Hall and if necessary onto the newest area by the playing fields, leaving the top nearest the multi use games area for the use of Junior School parents.

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW...

The single storey new build is well ahead of schedule with the roof slates in place, while the two storey main building will be up to roof level by the Christmas break. We have been very lucky with the weather and have lost very little build time during the project so far. Fingers crossed that we can have both buildings water tight before the weather changes.



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