



## Building Work



I am pleased to announce that the building work is complete! Our new front entrance and meeting room have already been put to good use (as well as the additional office space and toilets!). The additional parking has been beneficial too! The pupils have enjoyed this experience, and were well informed throughout the process with photo updates and they really like this new space.

The next phase is to create an ICT Office and Rainbow Room (Multi-interactive learning environment financed by a donation from the RMA) in the old school office over the coming months.

Can I thank everyone for putting up with the upheaval that this has caused, but am sure that everyone agrees that it was worth it!

Here's looking forward to the next (slightly larger) building project—the re-build...

## Eco News



Since starting our Eco Schools Team in 2007 with just 3 team members & not much idea of how to proceed, we have come along way! We were the first & only Special School in Surrey to be awarded a green flag & in December 2011 achieved our 2nd green flag. We now have a large & enthusiastic team with the support of our school council & pupils, many of whom are expert recyclers.

But now it is time for me to say goodbye & hand over to Sunshine (aka Sam) & Squirrel (aka Debbie) who will now be leading our Eco Schools Team.

Thanks for all your support. **Rainbow**



You are invited to join us at Portesbery School on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April for a Working Garden Party. We are asking you to donate your time to help us tidy up the school grounds. As a reward there will be a yummy BBQ serving up burgers and hot dogs.

We are hoping to offer the Cygnet programme here at Portesbery later in the Summer Term. Cygnet is a parenting support programme for parents and carers of children and young people aged 7-18 with an autistic spectrum condition.

## After School Club



Last term there were two exciting ASC Trips including **Sports Club** completing a sports challenge at Virginia Waters and **MOVIE CLUB** enjoying popcorn at the cinema. Due to the success of both trips we plan to organise more trips in the future.

Confirmation of dates and invoices have been sent for ASC this Summer Term. Please contact Debbie if you have any questions regarding payment.

We are making plans for Summer Club 2012. Letters will be sent home in the next couple of weeks with sign-up forms. We will confirm details with you as soon as possible.

## Note from the Health Team

Please can we take this opportunity to remind you of our sickness policy.

If your child is unwell with a high temperature, please do not send them into school. If you need to administer medicine in the morning – they are probably not going to be well enough to cope with a whole school day. If your child has an episode of diarrhoea or vomiting, your child must be clear for **48 hours** before returning to school.

If your child presents as unwell at school, we will ring you to ask for them to be collected. One of the class team or nursing staff may make this call. Any decisions to send a pupil home will be a last resort, so please be understanding and make arrangements to collect them as soon as possible.

The Nursing Team

## Staffing News

At the end of the Spring Term we said goodbye to Lorraine Knight and Amie Godfrey (SNSAs) and Sam Hughes (MSA). Collette Smith will be starting as SNSA in a few weeks.

We are pleased to announce that Anne-Marie Bowe started her part-time role as Office Administrator (part of her role to oversee the AR process) after the Feb half term and has settled well.

We are also please to announce 2 new Mid-day Supervisor Assistants, Emma Haskins and Val Lees (who some of you may remember—she couldn't stay away!).

Baby News—Congratulations to Gabi on the birth of Maisie and Elliott on the birth of Theo.

