

8th July 2009

Dear Parents,

Very Good News! - Proposed Building & Refurbishment Project as part of Solihull MBC - Primary Capital Programme and Strategy for Change.

Valley Infant and Nursery School has recently secured Circa £1.78 million to finance the proposed works commencing in approximately April 2010. The local Authority has recently been given the go ahead with funding support from the Department of Children, School and Families (DCSF). The proposed building work consists of the replacement all the existing external wall cladding, windows, roof cladding, gas main and internal pipe work. A new extension will be built to provide a new School Creative Room / Community Room with an entrance lobby, kitchenette, disabled WC facility and numerous stores. The existing computer (ICT) suite will be extended, remodelled and refurbished to include new ICT Infrastructure. The Main Entrance will be extended and refurbished to provide a new secured lobby and all classrooms will be refurbished. The Governors, staff and I are all very excited with the news and wanted to share this with you. You will notice many different people around the school site who are part of the development team.

We are keen that the new building will offer a bright, modern and inspirational facility for our pupils. Additionally, the new facilities will have increased availability and spaces for night classes and room bookings. We hope these facilities will help enhance the local community both socially and economically by providing skills and social settings for local residents.

As well as providing an excellent educational and community facility, the team also want to create a sustainable building. To meet this objective the project stakeholders require the achievement of a BREEAM Schools (British Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method) rating of 'Very Good'; which promotes excellence in design and sustainability. It covers a vast array of activities such as preventing pollution, improving local ecology, recycling, improving security, sharing facilities with the community, reducing pollution, grey water recycling and encouraging cycling and the use of public transport. It is a scheme which seeks to enhance the building, the wider school, environment and most importantly the experiences of the people who use the building.

I shall organise a meeting early in September, and invite Brett Goody (SMBC - Building Design Group - Design Team Leader) to come and talk to you and our local residents, so you can see the plans and ask any questions. We are thrilled with this new development for Valley Infant and Nursery school. If you want to ask any questions don't hesitate in contacting me.

What a wonderful opportunity for our children!

Healthy Schools

I am delighted to inform you that Valley Infant & Nursery School received recognition for National Healthy School Status on Friday, 3rd July. We are delighted to receive this award which is down to the hard work of Mrs. Archer, Mrs. Napier, Mrs. Broughton (Governor), and all the staff, children, parents – and of course me – and has made this possible!

Mrs. Archer and I attended an awards ceremony on Tuesday, 7th July where we were presented with our plaque and certificate.

Creative Partnership

Valley Nursery & Infant School has been accepted to be part of a creativity project during the next academic year. Again, we are looking forward very much to working with outside agencies.

Once again, thank you for all your continued support!

Yours sincerely,

R.J. Narroway
Head Teacher