

### New building update.

We are very excited about the construction of our new classrooms which will be replacing Ruby/Sapphire and Amethyst classrooms. The plans are currently being put forward for planning approval. This process could take anything between 4 to 8 weeks and as soon as it is granted the building work can start.

Obviously this means that we have to be prepared for part of our school playground to become a building compound this term. We will put together a very clear health and safety plan for the whole of our school community in partnership with the builders and Gloucestershire County Council. This plan is being drawn up as we speak.

The new classrooms will be built off site and then craned into place and constructed in the building compound. We will ensure that the A-zone will be flattened and turned into a playground area prior to the build starting, to allow for more playtime space.

The children will be taught in Ruby/Sapphire and Amethyst class during this process. The whole project is due to be completed within an eleven-week time frame. The old classrooms will be demolished after this time and KS2 will move into their new classrooms. Unfortunately, due to the impact of these works the school is restricted by health and safety and fire safety regulations regarding any whole school event performed and so these will have to be temporarily postponed until after the building work is finished. We understand that this will impact on the Whole School Christmas Production which is why we are planning for a Key Stage 2 Summer Production instead. Key Stage 1 and Reception children will produce a nativity play for their parents as this only involves 55 children.

This is a “once in a generation” opportunity for the school and the benefits will far outweigh any inconvenience to our school community.