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Tuesday 7th May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

On Friday we held the first site meeting for the planned building works to the hall block. I am sure I do not need to explain about the impact on our school of the continual problems with water leaking into Kestrels. We also have intermittent leaks to the hall itself and the kitchen where the school meals are cooked.

We hope that final planning permission for the reroofing will be granted in mid June and this stage of the project cannot and will not begin until this is granted. However some initial work will begin before May half term. The project is expected to take 14 weeks hence we need the building work to start as soon as possible to ensure the classroom is ready for September.

As a school we have not paid for any of the building work and the next stage is also being funded and project managed by the local authority. The next stage is intended to be a permanent repair and involves the installation of a new roof and also redecoration of the building.

The intention is that the build will start on Monday 20th May and the whole building will **be out of bounds** from this point further. There will be no assemblies in the school hall from 20th May onwards and no clubs will be able to use the school hall.

Please help us to keep you, your school age and pre school children safe by making sure that children are taken to classrooms and that you leave the premises quickly. The building team have been fully briefed on site security but we require the cooperation of everyone to make sure that everyone is safe. Can I politely remind everyone once again, regardless of building work, that no children should play on the play equipment or on the playgrounds after school.

Arrangements for school meals have not yet been confirmed. This is the responsibility of Hertfordshire Catering Limited and representatives from this company were invited to, and did, attend the pre building works meeting on Friday. I am sure they will be in contact with you in due course.

This building work means that the parent invite to Coffee and Chat sessions/Celebration Assemblies planned for 24th May and 12th July will not go ahead. However if there are any parents who wish to meet me for a 15 minute "chat" on these dates, please make an appointment with the office. For all general concerns, please follow the school communication policy so that you know which member of staff to contact: [Communication Policy](#)

Thank you in advance for your anticipated support,

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