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Dear Parents and Carers,

The development to expand Sandy Hill continues at speed, over the summer the builders completed the regeneration of the Reception classrooms which included new toilets and a covered outside area. They also converted the ICT suite into a new base area for Kids Club with a fully functional cooking kitchen to be used by the school. Between the rain showers, they put up the steel frame, staircase and floors to the new build. Over the next two weeks, the builders will focus on the roof before starting on the external walls.

Using the side entrance in and out of school has ensured that all children and adults can safely enter the school site at peak times. The side gate is open at 8:15am with a member of staff on duty at the gate and in the main playground. The hand bell is rung to signal school starting at 8:30am. Please allow a few minutes extra in the morning to ensure that you arrive at school on time and we can punctually start lessons at 8:30am. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Yesterday the Year 5 class were very busy in the vegetable garden learning with the Perennial Harvest Gardening Club. We are delighted that with their support Sandy Hill Academy has secured £2000 funding from the Postcode Lottery to develop this exciting teaching resource. All year groups will access the garden and take responsibility for its development during the year. We welcome any volunteers who would like to support us further.

Sandy Hill Academy encourages any parents who would like to support school life in the classroom, particularly with reading in KS1 between 8:30am and 9:15am, please speak with your child's class teacher if you are able to help. You will need to complete a DBS check before starting any volunteer work. Miss Gutridge and Mrs Williams can provide all the information you need at the school office.

We will soon be welcoming prospective parents for our new Reception intake 2018-2019. We have arranged tours on 27th September, 11th October and the 8th November. Please book via the school office with your preferred choice of dates if this applies to your family.

I look forward to catching up with many of you on the 2nd October at the Macmillan Coffee Afternoon. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate in contacting either myself or Mrs Rundle via the school office to arrange a meeting.

Best wishes,

Miss Helen Bingham
Head of School