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## **Letter to Parents – January Update**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to wish you and your family a Happy New Year. It's been great to welcome pupils and staff back to school for what is quite a short term. However, we have a lot of exciting work planned as we continue to focus on our ambitious school improvement plan.

### **Building Work Update**

Those of you who have visited school in the New Year will have seen the steel frame for the new extension being assembled. It's been fascinating to watch and most pupils have really enjoyed seeing new bits of machinery in school. For example, the crane which was delivered recently sparked a huge amount of interest and it was lovely to see pupils so engaged.

All departments have embraced the building work and staff are designing their teaching and learning activities around this theme. The main contractor (Wilmott Dixon) has undertaken many activities to help our pupils understand the building process. I am particularly keen to hear all about Department 1's theme of 'Muck, Mess and Mixture' which was launched in style last week with a great assembly from Wilmott Dixon. Pupils are busy learning new 'Signalong' signs to support this theme.

On January 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, nearly all members of the school community took part in a 'Signing the Steel' celebration whereby everyone made their mark on a section of the steel frame. This included signatures, handwritten names and handprints. This was a very symbolic event which means that nearly every member of our school community has left their mark in history. This is also evidence of the tremendous school community of Trinity Fields and reminds me just how lucky we are to work in such a fabulous school.

You may have seen that the new 'no dig' car park is also under way at the far side of the neighbouring council owned sports pitch. This is due for completion in March and will provide much needed additional parking which will in turn relieve some of the pressure around the main site of the school.

Elsewhere across the school, classes are engaging in activities such as Minecraft building projects, making time capsules and completing reports on the weekly progress. It's fair to say there is a real 'buzz' around the school.

Unfortunately, our hydrotherapy pool remains closed. However, we are nearing the end of the work and hope for it to be open this side of half term. Remaining tasks which need to be completed include installing a new hoist, changing benches and a thorough deep clean. We are working extremely hard to get the pool open ASAP.



## Curriculum Development

We are also continuing our work on curriculum development, assessment and progression. Staff have been busy working together on this work so we are able to build a consistent picture of what progression for our learners looks like in Trinity Fields and how individual pupil target setting can support learning and the Individual Development Plan (IDP).

Shortly before Christmas, all teachers were able to take part in a pupil work celebration event which was supported by members of the Governing Body. Staff were able to share examples of the work being undertaken by the pupils in their classes. In addition, we are also working on ways to share the work pupils complete in real time through SeeSaw so you are kept regularly informed about the progress your child is making.

## Youth and Leisure Services

I am delighted to inform you that during a recent inspection by CIW, our Youth and Leisure Service which is organised by Geraldine Smallman received a glowing report and received a judgement of 'Excellent' in all categories. This is testament and a true reflection of the hard work, dedication and expertise of Geraldine and her team. I wish to extend my sincerest congratulations to all involved. More information relating to our Youth and Leisure services are detailed on our school website <https://trinityfieldsschoolandresourcecentre.co.uk/>

I look forward to seeing you over the next few weeks. As always, if you have any ideas, comments or concerns, please don't hesitate to raise them with me or any member of the school's leadership team.

With very best wishes



Dave Jenkins  
Executive Headteacher

