

# POTTEN END C of E FIRST SCHOOL

Newsletter

25<sup>th</sup> April 2014

Firstly, I hope you had a lovely Easter break and were able to take advantage of the wonderful Spring sunshine.

## **GOOD NEWS**

Many of you will already know that Mrs Stroud gave birth to a little girl - Olivia Rose. Olivia was born five weeks early whilst Mrs Stroud and her husband were having a holiday in Norfolk! Mum and baby are now at home and both are doing well.

## **WELCOME**

We are very pleased to welcome Mr Andrew Morris who is currently teaching Year 4 in Mrs Stroud's absence.

## **IMPORTANT NEWS REGARDING THE BUILDING WORK**

The building work is ahead of schedule and consequently work that was planned for the half term holiday in May can go ahead early - but this will mean that we will have no access to the Library doors or to the path leading from the Library doors down to the bottom of the Nursery classroom, for several days, within the next two weeks. This is to enable the covered walkway linking the new block to the main school to be constructed. Therefore, arrangements for collection and drop

off will need to change - possibly at quite short notice. Please look out for information notices posted on the gates.

- **Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will only be able to be dropped off in the morning and collected in the afternoon, from Nursery and Reception's play area (via the small side gate on "The Front").**
- **Year 3 and Year 4 children will need to only use the gate on Church Road at the top of the playground.**
- **Adults collecting Year 3 and Year 4 children need to wait at the top end of the playground near the cedar trees - well clear of any construction work. (If you have children in more than one class, I suggest you drop the older one off at the top gate and let them walk across the playground to their classroom fire door and then deliver the younger child.)**
- **Children in Year 3 and Year 4 will access their classroom via the fire doors only. There will be NO ACCESS through the Library doors.**

- **At playtime and lunch time, Reception and Year 1 be in the Foundation Stage outdoor area and all other children will access the playground through Year 3 and Year 4.**

We have a revised Fire Evacuation Plan and practised yesterday!

Although this arrangement is a little inconvenient, I feel it is worth it in order that Year 2 are installed in their brand new classroom, and Reception class return to theirs, as soon as possible. Thank you for your co-operation.

The car park has been enlarged over the Easter holiday and will now accommodate 5 additional cars. We are really pleased with the new

classroom block so far and are very excited about the prospect of moving in sometime in June!

### **INDUSTRIAL ACTION**

You may have seen in the media that there is a possibility of further Industrial Action by Teachers' unions on 23rd June. As several teachers here are NUT and NAS/UWT members, there is a strong possibility, if Industrial Action goes ahead, that some classes here may have to close. You may wish to "Be Prepared" regarding child care arrangements.