

GREAT NEWS!

The new building was signed over to us earlier in the week. We think it is wonderful! It will be open for you all to view during **Open Evening on Thursday 3rd (5.30pm-7.00pm)**

Additional outdoor ground works and the Pre-School entrance will be carried out over the summer holidays. I am extremely grateful to the architect Simon Slater, the design team from ARTELIA and to the contractors ASHE. They have all done a wonderful job and have been courteous, considerate and very obliging. Thanks to you all for your patience during this challenging period. From Monday children in Y1 and Y2 can be dropped off and collected from the Y1 outside door facing the new block. The pathway around Nursery will be open, but please keep children off the ungrassed area that has been prepared for the improvements to Foundation Stage outdoor area.

Sport England have awarded the school a grant to put an astro-turf sports' surface on our playground area. This may be built over the summer too, but could be deferred until 2015. This will make our PE provision second to none as we will continue to have the use of the Sports Field too.

The FOS are funding improvements to the Foundation Stage outdoor area. A Softplay surface, a climbing frame, a pirate boat, a train and a large sand pit will be installed. There will also be a "secret Adventure Trail" created through the shrubbery area leading to the outside classroom.

EVEN BETTER NEWS..... I enclose a report written by Mrs Batchelder relating

to yesterday's County Speed Stacking Finals:-

Herts County Final Speed Stacking Competition

On Thursday 26th June I took seven Y4 pupils and one Y3 pupil to Wodson Leisure Centre in Ware to represent Dacorum in the County Speed Stacking Final.

The morning started with an opening ceremony performed by Act One Arts Base. We were challenged by Lindsay Keable, one of the England netball team, "To become heroes of the future, and display values of Respect, Self Belief, Team Spirit, Determination and Passion".

We then headed to our venue for Speed Stackers! It was non-stop for three hours. Eighty children Speed Stacking!!!

- *Will won the 3.6.3 prize for the **fastest boy.***
- *Daniel, Reece, Will and Thomas won the 3.3.3 prize for the **fastest boys' team.***
- *Daniel, Reece, Will, Thomas, Leah, Grace, Katie and Ella won the **bronze medal** for the mixed team event.*

We returned home elated and tired. It had been a wonderful experience and a super day.

Gail Batchelder

WORLD CUP CHALLENGE

This was a lovely event organised by FOS and delivered free of charge by Arsenal Youth. The winning team was HOLLAND, otherwise known as Y1. Well done to them.

Thanks to all who sponsored the children's penalty shoot-out and attended the events.

HUDNALL PARK

Y4 had a fantastic 3 days at Hudnall Park. The weather was good and the children's behaviour was absolutely outstanding. Mr Morris, Mrs Norman and I felt very proud of them.

INDUSTRIAL ACTION - 10TH JULY

Please be aware that some teachers' unions and UNISON are planning a day of industrial action on 10th July. It is likely that some classes will not be able to open and you may need to make child care arrangements for that day. PLEASE NOTE - KS2 Sports Day has been moved from this date and will now take place on Tuesday 15th July.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

All children in classes R-Y2 will be entitled to a school meal free of charge from September. If you are in receipt of any of the required benefits that would normally

have qualified your child for a free meal, PLEASE ensure that you still make a claim as this generates considerable additional income for the school that we can use to subsidise clubs, outings and residential trips for your child as well as free milk (up to Y2).

FACEBOOK

Please ensure that any postings on Facebook or other social media sites do not contain negative content relating to the school, members of staff or any other stakeholder. Comments that could be interpreted as being damaging to an individual or institution's reputation could be considered libelous. At the very least such comments are unpleasant and hurtful.