

SEVENOAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEW BUILD NEWSLETTER

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Together Everyone Achieves More



Dear Parents, Staff, Governors and Friends,

Welcome to our second TEAM newsletter, keeping everyone up-to-date with our exciting New Build project, fundraising initiatives and how you can get involved. In the three months since we published the first instalment, we have been hard at work publicising the project and garnering support

amongst the local community. We have also enjoyed some notable successes in terms of events and we have many more fun filled activities planned for the year ahead.

We are still in need of further help, so please do contact me if you would like to support this exciting project.

Alan Duffy



@SevenoaksPri

Keep up to date with the latest New Build updates

Sevenoaks Primary School or, to be precise, Mr Duffy (!), has been introduced to new forms of communication since our spring update. The school website now has a **microsite** devoted to the New Build, which includes the newsletters, frequently asked questions and over time much more.

The school also has a twitter account (**@SevenoaksPri**). Twitter allows us to keep you informed on a regular basis of the many wonderful things that the children are involved in. Please sign up and feel free to suggest areas you would like us to cover through your class representatives.

WHAT THE FUNDRAISING WILL BE USED FOR

- ★ Significantly extending the Main Hall to support the numerous and very popular extra-curricular activities, sports, performances, assemblies and the varied community use of the space
- ★ Increasing the size of the Dining Hall to cater for the increased numbers enjoying our fantastic lunches and to provide a base for the Breakfast and After School Club
- ★ The introduction of shared teaching areas to reflect our rich and varied curriculum and to enhance our teaching environments

Building Update

We have been informed by the Educational Funding Agency (Government Body undertaking the scheme), that the design aspect of the project will commence in Term 1 2015 (September). We have not been provided with a detailed timetable but we would hope to share the plans before the end of Term 2 (Christmas 2015).

The overall timetable has not changed. The building work will commence in 2016 (again we haven't been given a timetable for this but the work should commence by Term 6) and will be completed for us to occupy the building in September 2017. I will update you as soon as we are given any definitive dates.

Nizels 18 Hole Championship Course Golf Day – Friday 3rd July

Why not enter a four ball or sign up to join a team?

£60 per person, incl. light meal and refreshments.

Tee off times from 1:40pm

For further information, please contact Sue Thompson in the school office:

fundraising@sevenoaks.kent.sch.uk

The Mr Duffy Challenge

Mr Newman and I, accompanied by a merry band of supporters along the way, successfully completed our 50 mile walk, visiting the majority of schools within the area. In the end the total mileage actually came to 55 miles and, believe me, we felt



every one of them!

Despite the fact that my feet may never be the same again, I loved every moment of the challenge and it exceeded all expectations. What came as a lovely surprise was the reception we received from each of the schools we visited along the way.

We have now collected most of the donations and the funds have been boosted by a contribution of £750 donated by Ibbett Mosely.

The current total stands at **£6055.99**

I am currently working on my next challenge so any ideas would be welcome!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- ★ Participation at fundraising events
- ★ Raising sponsorship
- ★ Donation of your time
- ★ Contributing to the New Build Fund

[SPSA Summer Fair](#)

[Saturday 4th July – 12:00 – 3:00pm](#)

This year's theme is 'Sporting Activities' and there will be a range of fun games including an inflatable obstacle course.

There will be a BBQ, adult bar and refreshments along with traditional stalls.

It promises to be a fun-filled afternoon and we look forward to seeing many of you there!

THE HANDS TRUST

The Hands Trust has generously offered to match fund any money raised by Sevenoaks Primary School, up to a total of **£500,000**, in connection with fundraising for the building of the new school. 'This means that for every pound raised by the school, The Hands Trust will contribute one pound up to a total contribution by the Hands Trust of £500,000. This match funding does not include any sums raised by way of loan or any monies provided by the local authority or government.'

This is an incredibly kind act on the part of the Hands family and I thank them on behalf of all those involved at the school.



**We have raised
31%
of our total!**

THE TARGET TOTAL NEEDED:

LEA LOAN APPLICATION	£200,000
FUNDRAISING TARGET	£500,000
SPSA FUNDS RAISED AT 29 th MAY	£40,859
PLEDGES/GIFTS	£5954
MATCHED FUNDS	£46,813
BALANCE TO RAISE	£206,375

All That Sparkles Party Night

The SPSA would like to thank everyone who attended and supported the "All that Sparkles" Party night, held on Saturday 28th March. 160 guests were present at Walthamstow Hall and the feedback from those attending was that it was a very enjoyable evening with delicious food, good entertainment and lots of wine flowing! Mr Duffy did us proud with the Auction and we managed to raise approx. £6300 in pledges towards the New Build Fund. Well done to the Party Sub-Committee comprising of Alison Potter, Lisa Doleman, Kim Pincott and Sue Thompson, as well as additional thanks to the staff and parents who helped with setting up and helping out on the night.

Sponsored Bounce Total

We can now confirm that the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children raised an impressive £954 so far towards the new build fund for their one day Bounce on Thursday 23rd April!! Congratulations to all the children who participated and a huge thanks to those who sponsored them.



Sevenoaks Primary School is now a proud member of the Chamber of Commerce and we have already established useful contacts with a number of local businesses and organisations.

Ibbett Mosely very generously contributed to the Mr Duffy Challenge and are also supporting our Summer Fair, along with more of our future events.



Handelsbanken have also donated to our New Build Fund to show their commitment and support to the project.

I recently returned with some of our Year 6 children to receive a very generous cheque towards the new build.

They are keen to be involved and to support in any way they can.



The school has a long standing relationship with the Rotary Club and they very kindly invited me to a recent meeting to explain the project. I look forward to further collaborations with them in the future.

We are hoping to involve other businesses and organisations to develop the school as a true community resource. If you have any contacts or perhaps you run a local business and would like to be involved, please email newbuild@sevenoaks.kent.sch.uk

A new hero!

My new hero is only 5. Aleksander is currently in Foundation and he is going to be taking part in a 5km colour run.

Aleksander has decided to use the run as an opportunity to raise money for the New Build and he



has already exceeded his target of £100. I am in continual awe of our children and I think it is amazing that they are prepared to do their bit even at the tender age of 5! A huge well done to Aleksander!

If you would like to sponsor Aleksander, his JustGiving link is as follows:

www.justgiving.com/Aleks-Goscomb

Boosting your donations

Did you know your gifts to the school can be increased in a number of ways?

- ★ **Using Gift Aid**
- ★ **Through employer matching schemes**
- ★ **Give as you earn schemes**

Please contact the school for further details.