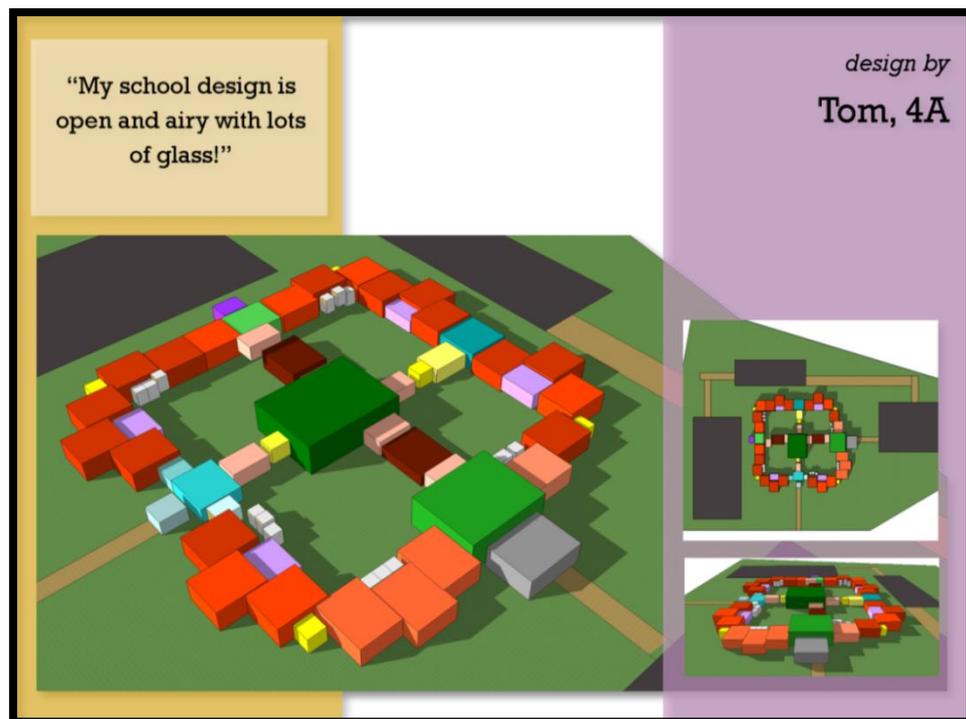


# SEVENOAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEW BUILD NEWSLETTER

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## Together Everyone Achieves More



Dear Parents, Staff, Governors and Friends,

Welcome to our first TEAM newsletter, keeping everyone up-to-date with our exciting New Build project, fundraising initiatives and how you can get involved. The TEAM slogan is not new, but sums up all that is best about our school and what we have achieved over the last 15 years. The best chance we have to deliver a school we can be proud of is for everyone from the children, parents, governors, friends and local community, to work together and support our new plans. We would also like to thank all the people who have generously donated their time or money to date. This has enabled us to make a great start before we embark on the major fundraising.



### EXCITING NEWS – NEW BUILD RECEIVES THE GREEN LIGHT!

We start our first edition with an exclusive! We have now had the project approved by the Education Funding Agency (EFA) and the Local Education Authority, so the new build **WILL HAPPEN!** It is incredibly exciting news. It is still too early to provide any specific details regarding the timetable for the actual build but we expect the work to commence during 2016, with completion in time for the start of the new academic year in September 2017.



### ALL SYSTEMS GO!

To achieve our ideal school, we have launched a fundraising campaign. Additional money will allow us to upgrade and expand the new building beyond that of Government funding and provide extra space for our much used facilities. We are looking to raise up to £500,000 to allow us to deliver an outstanding school and community asset.



We have raised  
£73,831.14  
24.61% of our total!

<b>THE TARGET TOTAL NEEDED:</b>	<b>£500,000</b>
LEA LOAN APPLICATION:	£200,000
<b>FUNDRAISING TARGET:</b>	<b>£300,000</b>
SPSA FUNDS RAISED SO FAR:	33142.07
PLEDGES/GIFTS:	3773.50
MATCHED FUNDS*:	36915.57

**BALANCE TO RAISE:** **£226,168.86**

\* through the generosity of the Hands Trust (see page 2)

## WHAT THE MONEY 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

## SEVENOAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (SPSA)

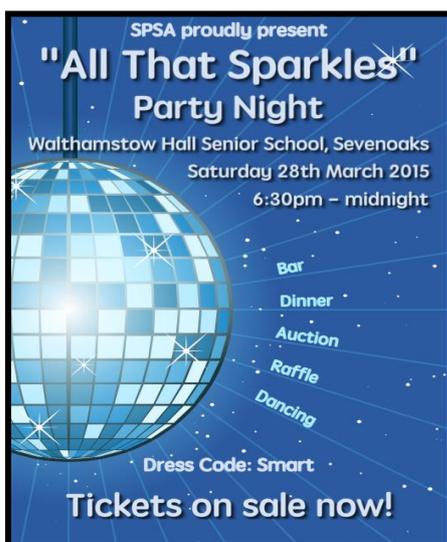
The SPSA, led by Pui Jellett, is playing a leading role in the fundraising drive by donating the majority of their fundraising to the New Build appeal.

*'We have an exciting opportunity ahead of us at SPS and should make the most of this. I would like us to unite as a community to support this initiative and work as a team to raise the necessary funds. The money we raise not only supports the children currently in Sevenoaks Primary but we are also hoping to build a school for all our future children. Your continued support is much appreciated and I look forward to seeing you at future SPSA events.'*

Pui

If you have any great ideas for fundraising or how you would like to play a part in the New Build Scheme, please contact Pui by email:

[spsa@sevenoaks.kent.sch.uk](mailto:spsa@sevenoaks.kent.sch.uk)



## 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.

## MR DUFFY'S WALK TO SCHOOL CHALLENGE 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2015

The date has now been set for Mr Duffy's 'epic' challenge.

He would be very grateful if you would sponsor him. His current total stands at close to £3000 and with match funding that comes to a grand total of £6000.

Please sponsor him online:

[www.justgiving.com/duffy-challenge](http://www.justgiving.com/duffy-challenge) or on the sponsorship form in the school reception area.

## Get involved

Do you feel brave enough to complete the entire walk or maybe a shorter section of the route? Mr Duffy is keen to find any volunteers to join him, especially those who can obtain matched funding from their own place of work.

## ARCHITECTS OF THE FUTURE - SKETCH UP COMPETITION

Mr Kirby set the children the challenge of designing a 'school for the future' using the IT program Sketch Up. The competition generated a huge amount of interest and we were staggered by the quality of the end result and their imaginative ideas.

Dominic Hook, a parent at the school and qualified architect, judged the competition. The winning design was produced by Tom H in 4A and we had a number of highly recommended entries.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- ★ Participation at fundraising events
- ★ Raising sponsorship
- ★ Offering items/services for the Promises Auction at the SPSA All That Glitters Event!
- ★ Donation of your time
- ★ Contributing to the New Build Fund

## 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.

## TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH AT 7:00pm FOR 7:30PM START- INFORMATION EVENING FOR NEW BUILD

There will be a meeting for parents and members of the local community on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March**. This will be an opportunity to learn more about the proposed building and address any questions. We hope as many parents as possible will be able to attend. We will also be providing information on the school website and will publish regular New Build newsletters.