



## NORTH NIBLEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

# GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER - SPECIAL EDITION

*The Governors are delighted to announce that the plans for a new building for the school have finally come to fruition and building work will commence on 29<sup>th</sup> July. So instead of our usual termly roundup of governor activities, this newsletter will be devoted to giving details of the school's exciting new development.*

Our school has become increasingly popular over the years and this predictably has put pressure on every inch of space we have. When walking round the school it has become the norm to find parents in corridors hearing children read, musicians using corners of the hall and groups of students receiving tuition in the staff room, not to mention the increasing popularity of Superstars and how they're fitting into the equation! There is no spot un-used.



Paul Batchelor, Head Teacher, said "Almost all children work out of class at some point every week and many on a daily basis. Whether receiving additional challenge or support, this additional space will enable them to get the most from the opportunities we provide. Miss Allen said "With our mixed age classes, the ability to split year groups when they are working on their own specific work will be crucial for securing even better progress." Mrs Lewis added "We can't wait!"

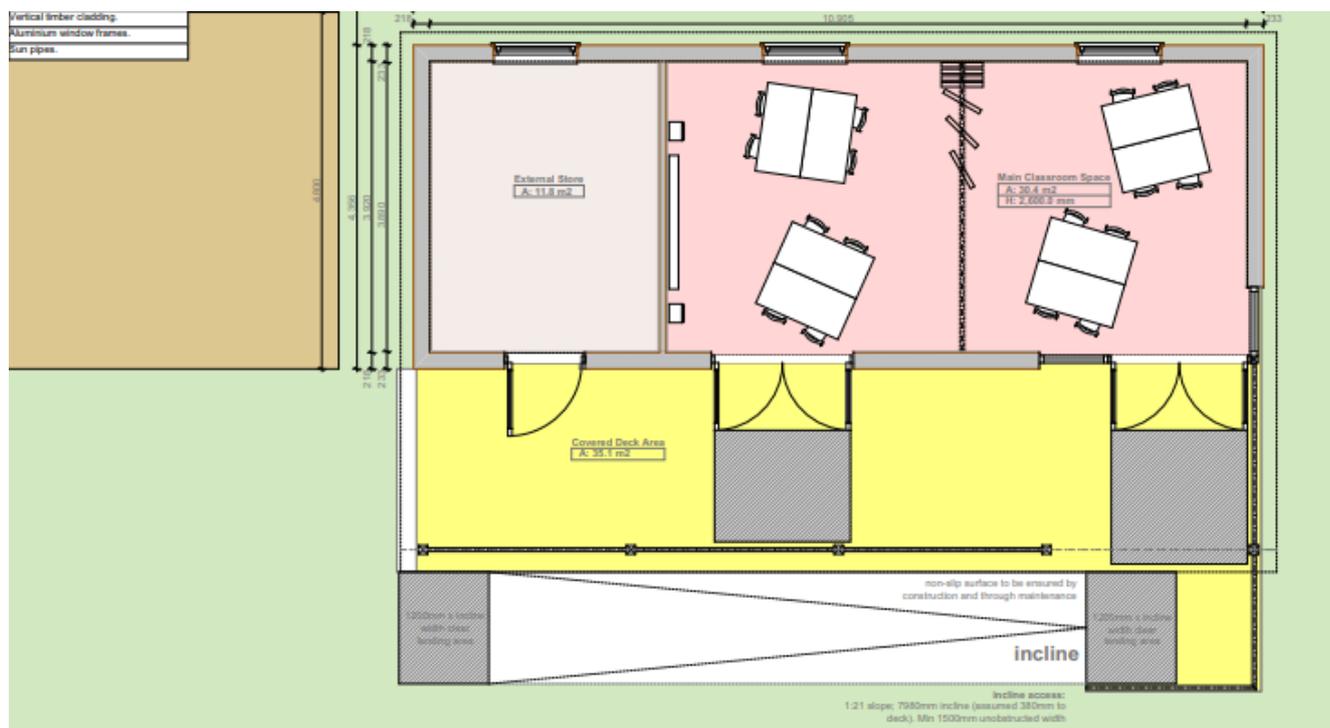
There is no doubt then, that the new building pictured above, will be welcomed by the school community. The new build will begin on 29<sup>th</sup> July and it is hoped that children and staff will begin to use it in the autumn term.

As you are aware from updates at the Parents' Meeting in the New Year and within the regular Governors' Newsletters, this project has been gaining momentum for some time. The provision of additional space to meet the ongoing needs of the School was initially discussed at a Governors' Strategy Meeting back in 2016. From there, Governors have conducted research, sourced funding, held meetings with the School staff, Parents, and suppliers. Quotes were received from contractors and these were compared and contrasted. Governors' briefings have taken place and grant and planning applications have been submitted. Governors have held presentations with the Parish Council and spoken at their AGM. Contracts and specifications have now been finalised. Much ground has indeed been covered (no pun intended!) All is now becoming reality. The selected supplier is T G Escapes.

Suggestions put forward by parents and staff have been considered in the decision process and have been incorporated where appropriate. We would like to thank you for all your contributions. There is still much work to be done; pre build site meetings, site preparation etc but no doubt it will be worth it.

**This fundraising is ongoing so please, if you are aware of possible sources of funds, please contact Emily Loveday or one of the Governors. We will do the leg work!**

It surely will be wonderful to see the children using this space well, able to focus on their learning without distraction and making the most of the support provided by teachers and teaching assistants alike.



Finally, a huge thank you to Parent, Emily Loveday, who has helped with the fundraising for this capital project. An equally huge thank you to parent governors Fiona Yarrow who has and continues to manage this project on behalf of the governors and to Jude Saunderson who unlocked a significant tranche of funding from a benefactor and whose financial guidance has paid dividends throughout. Associate Governor, Greg Smith and Parent, Jason Prosser, have also supported us with the review of the specification and contract. Many other parents and governors have made significant contributions to helping us reach this milestone.

\* Updated images will be shared as soon as we have them.

<p><b>Current Governors</b></p>		
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<p><b>We currently have two governor vacancies! Details of this interesting role are on the website -</b>  <a href="http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/governors-2018-2019/">http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/governors-2018-2019/</a></p>		
<p><b>Contacting Governors</b></p> <p>Finally, please do contact the governors directly if you have any comments or queries. We should always be pleased to hear from you. Governors are readily contactable. Send a letter or message via the School Office or email Sue Bradley-Jones - <a href="mailto:chair@northnibley.gloucs.gov.uk">chair@northnibley.gloucs.gov.uk</a></p>		