



30 November 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re. Project update: iPads and Astro Turf Pitch

Firstly, thank you for your patience as we finalise a few important details regarding both of the projects listed above.

Gary, our Finance Manager, is now set to order the iPads. Our SPA and community raised the money for this technology some time ago, primarily through the Sponsored Walk event. To get the most out of the iPads we needed to ensure that WiFi was fully installed. As you will know the WiFi work was completed over the summer holiday 2016 as part of capital improvement works being financed by Haringey Council. Since then we have been looking at all the options open to us to get the best possible value on the tablets to enhance our children's learning.

I am pleased to let you know that the SPA have agreed to fully fund the purchase of 30 iPads along with the cases and trolley needed to make the most of them. All of the children in the school will benefit from these tablets. Thank you all for getting your walks sponsored!

Additionally, you may recall that we managed to raise in excess of £32,000 to install an Astro Turf Pitch in the Key Stage 2 playground.

Since raising the money required we have arranged to have the trees trimmed back a little to reduce the number of leaves falling on the pitch. It will be much harder to sweep the leaves when the new playing surface is down due to the sand which is needed as part of the pitch foundation. This work will take place from Monday 19th December to Wednesday 21st December. After this, the drains will be cleared before the children return to school on Tuesday 3rd January 2017. With all of this in place, we have been looking at Astro Turf samples and have now worked with other local schools to choose a great product.

Whilst the date for installation is yet to be finalised, we have requested that Setter Play (the contractors) aim for January 2017 to get this project under way. We await final written confirmation of this but we are very hopeful!

As we are keen to get started as soon as possible we may need to close the football area for a short amount of time rather than wait for the half-term holidays. Fortunately we have lots of play space for the children to play in while this improvement takes place. I think the play value and enhancements will be worth the mild inconvenience - as we have seen with the Early Years playground, the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds too!

My thanks again to all of our parents, local businesses, Haringey Council, Tottenham Grammar Foundation and SAS Investments for your support with this project.

Not long now!

Yours sincerely,

James Wiltshire