

Friday 25th November 2011

As you will have noticed there has been a lot of activity on the roof of our new building this week. A few of us recently visited the site to see how work is progressing and it was very exciting to walk around the classrooms and curving corridors, see the outdoor learning spaces and the upstairs balconies and stand in our fabulous new library.



One of the conditions of planning for the new building was that we delivered the targets on our school travel plan – which, in essence, means that we need to reduce the number of people driving to school and increase the number walking.

Many of you saw me patrolling the top of Ellingham Road on Thursday. This was in response to concerns from parents and our neighbours that some cars are not being parked safely or considerately. I cannot stress enough how important it is not to park on zig zag lines or across driveways. Research shows that by the time children are 16 at least one child in every class has been killed or injured when crossing the road. Our road safety officers, Shaye and Holly, are working with staff on a campaign to ensure that Ellingham children can get to and from school safely – you may see the girls in Ellingham Road soon!

A couple of parents have recently approached me about parking for scooters as, although we will have this in the new building, we don't have it now. We are going to take this point to the next building meeting to see if we can have the scooter stands earlier and then transfer them.

Finally, I am sorry to say that our Year 2 teacher, Mrs Nikki Richardson, is currently in hospital undergoing treatment. We all wish Mrs Richardson a speedy recovery and know that she will be back to her best very soon.