

December 2015

# KIRKNEWTON PS UPDATE

Your progress update on the refurbishment works at Kirknewton Primary School.



## All about the works

Approved budget of £1.35m

The works will include:

- New electrical system throughout including new lighting and ceilings
- New heat emitters and pipework
- New intruder alarm, fire alarm and door access system.
- External fabric repairs including roof repairs, cill repairs
- New decoration, flooring and fixed cupboards.
- Forming new enclosed GP space.
- Disabled access improvements including new accessible toilet, platform lift to upper areas and external ramp to entrance.
- Asbestos removal associated with the above works.
- All costs associated with the decant to East Calder Primary School.
- Temporary nursery for the duration of the works.

## Progress on site

**Maxi Construction have been appointed to carry out the works. Maxi Construction are based in Livingston and have over 40 years construction experience.**

Works started on site on 5th October and aims to be completed for the start of the summer 2016/17 school term.

With the school vacated and emptied of furniture and fittings, the contractor is now preparing the existing building for the refurbishment works to begin. Walls, floors and ceilings are being stripped back, old equipment decommissioned and areas of asbestos are being carefully removed by a specialist subcontractor. The contractor is also working outside on new level



access improvements and on a series of small repairs and alterations to the existing roofs. While this is ongoing, all the necessary preparations are being made for the arrival of new mechanical and electrical systems as well as new internal finishes and some minor alterations to the layout of the existing building.



## Construction Site Dangers

Maxi Construction will be carrying out a **safety talk with pupils** on the dangers of construction sites. This took place on 3rd December.

## East Calder

The children are **enjoying the facilities at East Calder** Primary school and have settled well into learning in the new environment. Playtimes are working well as are lunchtime arrangements.



## Bus Travel

**The children are coping well with the change to their daily routine.**

**They are enjoying their daily bus journey to and from school. We have found the bus drivers to be very helpful and supportive with the children.**

Breakfast Club arrangements are working well for all pupils even on the odd occasions when the bus is running a bit late or the level crossing barrier is stuck down!

Thank you to all of the parents for their positive comments regarding transport this is very much due to the efforts of the additional staff who are bus escorts.

A big thank you to parents who are sending their children at the appropriate time for their allocated bus. This will be particularly helpful as the weather deteriorates over the winter months.

## Parent Council

Parent Council meetings are being held in the **temporary nursery building** in Kirknewton for parents' convenience.

