



I hope all members of our community enjoyed a lovely Easter break, particularly in the second week when the sun seemed to shine on us for the first time in a long time! As anticipated, I have some exciting updates about our two buildings as our contractors continued to work hard over the holidays.

Farm Lane: This picture was taken yesterday at the site at Farm Lane. The steels continue to go in rapidly. The Kier Team have now reached the School Hall and are about to start construction of the final wing which will house Science downstairs and Humanities upstairs. I'm sure you'll agree that you can now clearly see the proportions of the school and imagine the wonderful views we are going to have of Leckhampton Hill. I will be doing my first official site visit next week so will update families with photos of the visit.



Our Balcarras Home: The scaffolding is on its way down as the cladding has now reached the ground floor. The contractors have made remarkable progress inside and I am about to place our furniture order. I have met with the catering company about plans for the tuck shop/servery. We are ahead of schedule for handover!





Website: Thank you to parents who have emailed me with such positive comments about the new website, I'm so glad that you are beginning to explore it and that it is useful. Over the forth coming weeks I will upload more information about the systems and structures of the school.

Uniform:



I'm so delighted with the response to our uniform and would like to thank Universal Uniform and School Togs, for all their efforts in getting everything ready for you to purchase the items after May Half term. Our uniform policy is on the website and it is very important that you use this when deciding which items to purchase and from whom. You will be able to order school specific PE items at our **Parents' Talk at 6pm on 7th July**, where you will be able to look at samples to ensure you order the correct size. If you have any questions about uniform, please contact us before making any purchase. It is important that all pupils are wearing the correct uniform on the first day as it will aid their transition and help them feel that they belong to the school community.

Pre-Admission Form:

All Parents/Carers were sent an email this week (using the email on the admissions form that was sent to GCC with your initial choices) with a link to our Pre - Admissions form. There is also a link to the same form on our website. **Please complete this by 29th April 2021.** It looks like we have lots of pupils interested in additional music lessons, which is absolutely fantastic, and I am working closely with the Director of Music at Balcarras to ensure we have sufficient Peripatetic Teachers.

PTFA: First Meeting

Thank you to parents who have offered to help get the PTFA established. We will be meeting for the first time on **Friday 30th April 10-11am** at Balcarras School. We would really like a few more people to attend if you possibly can. If you would like to join this meeting, please email

THSL@baccarras-gloucs.sch.uk

Parent Governor Nominations:

We will be posting letters to all families on **Friday 30th April 2021** with further details about nominations for Parent Governor positions. The closing date for this information is **12th May 2021.** Please look out for the letter, which explains how the process works, and contact the school if you have any further queries.

Transition Day:

Just a reminder that our Pupil Transition day is being held on **Wednesday 7th July 2021** at Balcarras School. I will continue to liaise with the Primary Schools and you will receive further details after May Half Term.

With warmest wishes,

Helen Wood

