



# Devon Contractors

## On Site News

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Welcome to our Second edition of the “on Site Newsletter @Orchard Manor School”.

We are sorry we didn't issue one in October, the team were so rushed off their feet as we prepared the site for the timber frame. You will have noticed some visual difference over the last few weeks as the scaffolding has appeared over the top of the hoarding! The site will continue to be a hive of activity even as the days draw in on the run up to Christmas! It was really nice to see some of you onsite the other week and we are hoping to have a few more school visitors over the next month.

We have had a new member of the team join us this month. His name is Sam and he is one of our Assistant Site Managers who is here to help Toby as the site gets busier.

#### Summary of Works this Month

- ◆ **The Groundworks Team** – these guys have really put a good shift in this month. Whilst you were off for half term they worked all the hours they could to install a new underground drain on the lower drive. This was a cracking piece of work from the team as they knew the road had to be ready for your return. They have also finished off the all the drainage on the sports hall site and prepared the building for its concrete slab.  
  
You should have seen them up at the workshop as well this month as the foundations are underway. They have again prepared the slab ready for concrete. You will see them up here a bit more over the coming weeks as they push this area on.
- ◆ **The Scaffolding Team** – we had our handy team of scaffolders in to install the really tall scaffold to the Sports hall. Hopefully you can start to see the size of project now.



- ◆ **The Brick Laying Team** – this team stayed with us for most of October. They prepared the areas for the timber frame to sit on.
- ◆ **The Concrete Team** – you might have seen a big pump over the top of the hoarding a few weeks ago. This was the concrete pump which pumped a massive 140 tonnes of concrete!

#### Proposed Works for next Month

The works on site over the next month will consist of the following:

- ◆ Our Groundworks Team will continue to install drainage to the workshop and down the main road. They are also installing a lot of the kerbs to the Sports Hall. Keep an eye out for some big machines moving lots of top soil next month as well.
- ◆ The most exciting part of the job — the timber frame! This will commence at the end of November and run into December. There will be lots of cranes and big timber panels to see.
- ◆ With the frame going up to the Sports Hall we will have a team of carpenters preparing the outside for cladding in the New Year whilst our internal workers will start fitting out.
- ◆ The Workshop slab will be poured and everything will be made ready for the Work Shop frame in the New Year.
- ◆ We hope to see a few of more of you over the next few weeks. Make sure to wrap up warm!

Many thanks for taking the time to read our newsletter. Please recycle after reading.



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# Orchard Manor School Neighbourhood Updates

November/December 2021

Dear Neighbours and Friends

As you may have noticed from the appearance of the scaffolding on our new build, things are progressing at a pace and we are really pleased that some of you have come down to the site to meet Toby, the Site Manager, and see the build first hand.

The children have also been included on site visits too, and we will have the exciting opportunity to see first hand, the timber frame being installed, and the big crane which will be used to do it.



As usual, it will be a busy few weeks until the end of term with our preparations for the Christmas celebrations. Not only do we have a whole school pantomime trip planned to Exeter, we will be having our first ever Christmas Cracker Fair and Concert on the evening of

Friday 3rd of December. We do hope that you will be able to come along and enjoy festive music, craft stalls, delicious hot and cold food, as well as festive fun and games. It promises to be a really enjoyable evening and we have some fantastic prizes in our Grand Prize Draw too. Tickets are on sale in Reception.

“Live” updates of the build and information regarding the new development will be published on the new school website which will be coming soon, but in the meantime, please turn the page for the newsletter from Toby, the Building Site Manager.

Best wishes to you all - Orchard Manor School