



MORE SEPTEMBER NEWS....

.It's all change this week as our Playground Primary Spaces Lottery Project has both started and finished all planned works! Taking us all by surprise with a phone call on Monday evening- the work has progressed apace!

This Grant was awarded to school in April 2014- with the tender then being given to Pennine Playgrounds in summer this year. They have worked really hard with us, to both meet the needs of our very unusual and special setting; together with the limitations and rules that govern National Projects such as these.

Whilst the old playground markings have - in some cases- disappeared, the new safer surface and other aspects of the project will provide new stimulation and interest at play-time for all the children.

We now have extra space too, for those children who prefer a quieter spot - out of the hustle and bustle.

There are :

-Two Soft-Play Surfaced areas with markings to encourage a variety of activities and games. These are kinder also when trips and bumps happen.

-Target boards along the panels and at the end of the grass.

**-A shelter area with seats and Chalkboards.-
A running strip (blue & green) that goes part way up the path.**

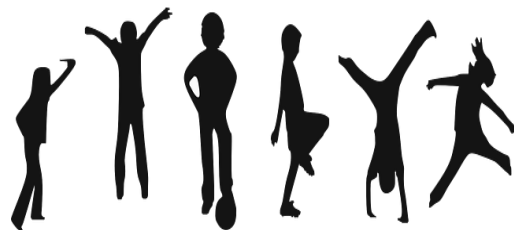
Our situation -whereby our playground *has* to be driven across for certain deliveries, has limited the extent of the Soft Play area.

Soft Play cannot be driven on- hence the two areas separated by the blue & green stripe which can be driven on.

We will still be able to have our PTA outside events with gazebos— the surface can be protected with wooden planks between the legs and surface.

This has given us the best option available.

It's been a lovely sunny day today, to try out our new playground and it all received a big 'thumbs up' !



Looking forward now to 'Supporting Others' Next Week with the chance to help others who live in very difficult circumstances.

Friday 25th Dave Baguley WinterWatch Founder visited us in Get Together today. We are again supporting WinterWatch for our Harvest Festival Charity. Dave told us a very entertaining story with a hidden message- making choices. He told us how we can help those in need and how our harvest contributions will help the WinterWatch project.

More information about WinterWatch can be found on the Urban Outreach website. We have now supported Winterwatch at Harvest time for 5+yrs!

Saturday-Sunday 26th/27th Have a Sort Out! Fill your Bags2School ready for Thursday....

Monday 28th Sign Up for a ShoeBox...will your family make Christmas better for a family...with very little... around the world?

Wednesday 30th PLEASEBring a £1 coin.....How far will £1 go?

Bring a £1 and you can wear your Weekend Clothes on Wednesday!

We had a Visit on Wednesday- from Holly Taylor-Smith ;former pupil, former Head Girl at Albany High School, current Miss Wigan Warriors and Charity Fundraiser for Variety Charity. Holly came in this week so the children would know just what their £1 was for! Her presentations to all classes were inspiring and thought provoking! Holly talked to all classes during the day to explain the aims of Variety Sunshine Coaches and Wheelchairs...- a children's charity close to her heart.

PLEASEBring a £1 to add to our trail up the Playground Stripes!! How far will the trail go?

Will your estimate be right?

Thursday 1st October Bring your Bags to School- support the Starlight Foundation...bringing support through special trips into the lives of terminally ill children .The total weight of bags means money for Starlight and school too.

Friday 2nd October Harvest Festival Service 9.30am. Bring a carrier bag with your WinterWatch contributions Y1 to Y6. These will be put on the stage in the Church Hall; Dave Baguley will collect all the bags during the day.

Reception children only please bring Harvest Fresh Fruit and Veg to take to church for local people in need.