



4th October 2023

Dear Family,

As we enter week five I would like to share my sixth Space Village update with you. The good news is that we are still on track to finish everything by half term so that the school can get back to full operation when we return. Thank you for your patience and understanding over these last few weeks of disruption caused by remote learning.

I hope you have been following our progress on Facebook and in the news – providing two learners with the chance to speak about their experience on the radio was a real highlight last week. Here at school it is difficult to keep up with the pace. Each day we are ever more impressed with the speed at which these buildings are being brought to life. There is still plenty to do; however, our project manager Rebecca assures me that we will be ready for the handover of the first building - Alpha Block - in a week's time. I would like to thank Rebecca and Losberger De Boer, who are managing our project, for their professional approach. It takes a lot of skill to coordinate such a project and maintain such tight timelines. If you want to know more about the company that is working with us then you can visit their website here: <https://www.losbergerdeboer.com/>

Space Village Update

I was able to get on site yesterday to see the progress. Alpha block is up and the classrooms are currently being built inside it - walls have started going up. The Beta block foundation is now in place and the roof frame is almost finished. The crane should be deployed tomorrow to raise the roof so that the sides of the building can be put in place. When we return from the weekend both buildings will be up and the initial vision I shared with you will become a reality.

It really has been quite a learning journey for me; I never thought I would need to acquire any construction skills beyond painting a bathroom wall or two. I am now almost at garden shed construction level. We are so near to the end of the mission.

Space Village Branding

The '*Space Village - the impossible, possible*' logo competition proved to be quite a hit with learners across multiple cohorts. Over the last week I have received many entries to the competition. I will be announcing the winner before half term. As part of the competition I will be displaying all of the finished logos at our Open Evening tomorrow so that the community can cast their votes. Visitors during the evening will vote by simply viewing the entries in the main hall and putting a small sticker on their favourite.

In keeping with our Space Village and moonshot thinking theme we will be naming each classroom after a planet or moon and have created a poster to go outside each class to create a space themed art gallery to bring the corridor to life. Each poster will have a short description about the moon or planet. A couple of my favourites are Titan, Saturn's largest moon, and Kepler-16b, a planet with two sunsets just like the planet Tatooine where Luke Skywalker lived.

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Remote Learning

Next week (Week 6) C7 will begin their first week of remote learning. They will be joined by C8 who will also do one further week online. Cohort's 10 and 11 have now completed their remote learning and will be back in school full time from next week. Looking ahead to week 7 we expect to be able to get another cohort back into school as we should have access to the Space Village Alpha block. C7 and C8 will be back in for the last week and C9 will have their final remote learning week before we break up for half term.

Below is a reminder of the remote learning timetable.

Next Week

Week B (Wk6)	Cohorts in School	Remote Learning
9 th October	9,10,11	7, 8
10 th October	9,10,11	7, 8
11 th October	9,10,11	7, 8
12 th October	9,10,11	7, 8
13 th October	9,10,11	7, 8

Week A (Wk7)	Cohorts in School	Remote Learning
16 th October	7,8,10,11	9
17 th October	7,8,10,11	9
18 th October	7,8,10,11	9
19 th October	7,8,10,11	9
20 th October	7,8,10,11	9

Community Support

The great community furniture move will be taking place on Saturday 14th October. Should you want to help us get the rooms ready for Monday morning and fancy lugging some tables and chairs around, then we would welcome your support. Send Mrs Frogley an email if you would like to help, cfrogley@honywoodschoo.com. We shall send our details next week.

Moonshot Thinking

I have spoken to C7, C8 and C9 about Moonshot thinking and my love of sci-fi as well as turning a crisis into an opportunity. I hope that it has inspired a few of them to dream the impossible and to believe that their dreams are possible. We shall keep updating Facebook with images of the progress. Don't forget it is staff training day on Friday. In the meantime, take care and thank you for your continued support of our wonderful community.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Saunders', with a stylized flourish at the end.

James Saunders