A reminder that B Block entrance will be closed from 16 September 2016, access will be via A Block.

Welcome to Acorns  The Child Development Centre (CDC) has completed the move into F Block which will be known as Acorns. The move has enabled a number of local children’s services to be brought together to provide an integrated and easily accessible service. The new facilities are all on the ground floor of the building. There is a visitor car park immediately adjacent to the building which has a covered walkway to the main entrance.

The new building includes the following facilities and services: Audiology; CAMHS; Children’s Community Nursing; Community Paediatrics; Dietetics; Occupational Therapy; Outside therapy areas; Paediatrics; Physiotherapy; Portage team (early intervention service); Sensory room; SPA (Single Point of Access admin support team) Speech and Language Therapy, Reception area and waiting space.

Based on a theme developed with the children and staff, learning through nature, the art work and interior has been designed by weaving nature inspired graphics and objects into patient areas.

A large art work of floating leaves has been installed in the light-well of the building and looks amazing, especially with the new lighting. “Staff are excited about starting clinic sessions in this new development and look forward to welcoming you on your next visit,” said Ann Lane, Head of Specialist Children’s Services.

Maddox Kemp, aged four, has a physiotherapy session in the outside therapy garden with Paediatric Physiotherapist, Sarah Macknelly on opening day.
Phase 1 work is progressing well, over the last month contractors are on programme. The key construction operations have included: dry lining, mechanical and electrical first fix, courtyard infill, level 0 below ground drainage, mechanical risers installation, fire alarm infrastructure installation, chiller installation and delivery of the first air handling unit.

The courtyard infill work has been delayed due to the contractors finding a large section of concrete buried in the ground. On investigation and looking into the history of Queen Mary’s Hospital, the concrete was from the original construction project from the 1970s and was the foundation for the tower crane base.

Work has now been completed by diamond drilling through the crane base to enable completion of the piling and construction of the ground floor.

In the courtyards scaffold is being erected in order to install replacement windows. All the original timber windows are being replaced with metal windows to enhance the ‘look’, reduce the maintenance and improve the thermal efficiency thus saving heating costs.

On the ground floor Outpatients 3 is on schedule to be complete by 16 September 2016 which will be used by Oxleas Learning Disability Service. The service is due to move at the beginning of October 2016.

The offending crane can be seen in the background of this old photograph.

Kidney Treatment Centre

The lease has been agreed and work commenced on the 30 August 2016 on the construction programme. Contractors have a seven month programme of works, so completing in the first quarter of 2017. The patients have been involved with the design and have selected the wall colours for the new dialysis unit.

Please do keep sending in your stories or any information or newspaper cuttings from the old Queen’s hospital or the current Queen Mary’s from when it was built to the present day. We have had some wonderful stories sent in but we know there are plenty more out there. We have regular articles coming in and they are so lovely to read and we look forward to sharing all of these with you throughout next year. Please do get in touch with Denise Webb at Queen Mary’s or via denise.webb@oxleas.nhs.uk.

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The new Cancer Centre is due to be completed and handed over to Guy’s and St Thomas’s in approximately six weeks time. Following commissioning the date of opening is yet to be determined.

Car parking works

The contractor has made good progress with the reconstruction of the car parks, focusing first on the staff car park and now on the visitor car parks to install the new lighting and to make improvements to the pedestrian routes and white lining. Additional parking is being provided close to the main entrance for visitors with disabilities who hold Blue Badges.

Car park 2 (outside the old A&E entrance) will become a visitor car park while the work takes place on the visitor parking and to minimise the disruption to visitors while the main entrance of B Block is closed.

Please remember that car park 11 by the new Acorns Centre is for patient/public use and is a pay and display car park. Any staff parking in this area will receive a penalty notice.

May we also remind car users to please park sensibly and within the white lines of parking spaces. The area within a car park has been checked for the correct amount of cars so please do not add your own parking space.

You can get a copy of the site layout from main reception in Queen Mary’s.
**Cheese and cheesecake**

On Friday 19 August Meadow View patients and visitors were treated to a “Cheese & Cheesecake Afternoon” – funded by donations from staff on the unit. Michaela Lucas, Social Care Assistant organised the collection and arranged for staff members to bring in something cheese related for the party. One of the patients did a lovely impromptu speech thanking the staff for the occasion and the afternoon was finished with a “Cheese or Disease Quiz” which was lots of fun. Activity Co-Ordinator, Fenelly Dowsett sends a huge thank you to all the staff who contributed and made the afternoon possible. A cheesy good time was had by all!!

**Hospital Watch**

It’s a desire of the hospital to start a ‘hospital watch scheme’ for the site. Queen Mary’s hospital has the privilege to be chosen as the pilot hospital within the Metropolitan Police area. This will entail staff being the eyes and ears for any suspicious incidents or concerns for the site but will not require any physical intervention from the co-ordinator, as this will primarily be left with the Police to tackle. It will not require any more than what every staff member currently does but it will be a more controlled means of disseminating information throughout the site. This is a natural extension of the Bexley Neighbourhood Watch.

It is hoped to hold an official launch in October 2016, however this will not be possible without staff volunteering to be a hospital watch co-ordinator. If you are interested please contact either Peter Bates on ext 3015 or via peter.bates@oxleas.nhs.uk or Denise Webb on ext 3013 or via denise.webb@oxleas.nhs.uk for further details.

**News in Brief**

**SELBCT** - Would like to inform everyone of their new phone number. Please now call 07593 720208 and not the number that appeared in last month’s newsletter.

**Old staff permits** - The old plastic parking permits were replaced with paper ones at the end of March 2016. Plastic permits are no longer valid and must be replaced. Failure to display a valid permit will incur a penalty notice.

**Example of old permit**

**Your news and questions**

If you have any interesting news from Queen Mary’s new or old you would like to share, views about anything within this newsletter, or any questions you would like to ask about what is happening around Queen Mary’s, do get in touch. If you would like this newsletter emailed to you please do let us know.

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