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Dear Parents,

I am very happy to report that the new children have amazed us all. They have been absolutely wonderful joining in with 'Group Time', 'Story Time' and a wide variety of carefully planned play activities. Thank you very much to those of you who sent in items for the 'Sound of the week' interest table.

This week the children have looked at lots of family photos, learnt about the fire procedure, and painted pictures of family members.

Next week, the theme will be 'Things we have at home'. In the book area photos will be taken of all the children to put on the 'Look at me' board. The imagination room is going to transform into the 'Three little pigs' story! The sound of the week is 't', and the interest table will be in the Book Area as usual. One of the 'Nursery Rules' is to use 'eyes only' when looking at the objects brought by other children for this interest table. Please help us by encouraging your children to 'just look' at the table! Thank you. If you would like to help your child at home, have a go at naming some of the more unusual objects you have around the house.

**Reminder - Information Evening** - is next Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 p.m.

**Developments outdoors over summer.** Many of you will remember helping with fund raising last year and also the proposed developments to outdoors. The summer has seen some changes to the outdoor environment – most noticeable is the addition of a water fountain for the children's use, and the raised sides of the flower beds. Thanks to Mrs Colley and Ms Todman for painting them at the beginning of this term. The cream walls have been painted ready for the living willow to be planted later this term.

**SORRY** – Please note mistake in last week newsletter - Harvest Festival – 5<sup>th</sup> October – not 7<sup>th</sup>!

Also please make a note that packed lunch are needed on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September as the dining room will be preparing for Open Day and are not serving food on this day.

**Junk Boxes** – We are really short of junk boxes, please recycle your cereal boxes, oxo cube boxes etc in our direction. Thank you very much. (Please remember we are unable to use loo rolls or egg boxes)

**Reminder** – The children should not wear any jewellery in Nursery.

**Finally** – Please help us by using our Library Book system as often as you like! Parents / carers are kindly asked to borrow a book, sign it out using the folder in the Library Area and sign it back in when finished. Please encourage the children to be independent when selecting and returning books to the shelves. The coloured sticker on the spine of each book enables your child to locate the shelf on which to return each book. As the term progresses, individual children will be given the responsibility of being a ‘Book Helper’ – they will help to make sure that books are carefully stored on the shelves. Thank you.

Have a very relaxing weekend.

Lois Johnson