



The Portsmouth Grammar School Nursery,
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Head of Nursery
Mrs. L. Johnson
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Dear Parents,

On Wednesday morning the children went on a walk to visit the school nurse in the medical centre. This was arranged to reduce any anxiety they may have following an accident. The children had a very happy time meeting Sister Wright, who explained about stickers for being brave and her bed to lie on!

Children's Shoes – will be on sale in the Parents Room during Open Day. Please join Eva for a cup of tea of coffee and a browse at her wonderful collection of children's shoes.

Harvest Festival

Please come along to our 'Harvest' celebration next Monday 5 October. Coffee will be available from 8.30 a.m as you bring your child to nursery. I am hopeful that Rev. Burtt, the School Chaplain, will attend the short celebration which will take place at 9.30 a.m. Each child is asked to contribute an item of non-perishable food for the event. A basket has been placed by the Reception Desk – please put your contribution in the basket. Thank you. The food will be distributed after the event. If your child does not attend on Monday and you would like to take part, you are more than welcome to join us for the duration of the celebration.

Thank you very much for the wonderful array of items with the initial sound 'p'. Please continue to send in items – the children learn so quickly when able to experience real objects. The sound for next week is 'm'. The theme next week is 'Animals underground' and so we are planning to look under logs in the garden to find insects, introduce the idea of hibernation, make tunnels in the sand pit, play in the dark den to find out what it feels like to live in the dark! Also next Friday morning, we are looking forward to a visit from the Headmaster James Priory, who will be reading a story at group time.

The under threes have settled brilliantly into nursery routines, thank you for making sure they always have spare clothes etc – it makes nursery work a pleasure!

This term I am trying to introduce one Makaton sign a week to the children. They will be displayed in the Reception Area – please have a go at home.

Reminder - As the weather is getting a bit colder and we are having the odd shower, please make sure your child has coat suitable for cold weather in nursery everyday. The children will continue to go outdoors everyday throughout the winter!

Have a very pleasant weekend.

Lois Johnson