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Head of Nursery
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Dear Parents,

Thank you very much for the wonderful gifts which are being donated for the 'Harvest' celebration on Monday. Please do try and come as Rev Burt (school chaplain) will be helping us understand a little more about harvest time, and the children are busily learning songs for you to enjoy.

Open Day last Saturday was enjoyed by parents, friends, children, families and visitors. It was great seeing the whole school looking so splendid! On Wednesday Mrs Martin read a wonderful story to the children – if you or any family member would like to join us to read a story, please let me know and we will book a date!

Next week the theme is 'Harvest'. There will be lots of different sorts of fruit and vegetables to look at, draw, paint and use for printing. Salt dough fruits will be made and then used for sorting, counting and matching to number symbols. A space rocket has been developed in the imagination room – and will continue next week, with lots of space helmets and adventures in space! On Wednesday stories will be read by Mrs Dickson- Lowe and her friend.

The sound table continues to be a great place to learn; please find something at home with the initial sound 'i'. In nursery the children will be playing 'I spy', watching ice cubes melt, and writing invitations. Please can I ask you to support your child at home by playing 'I spy' games. Thank you very much.

Swine Flu

An update letter regarding Swine Flu has been issued by the Headmaster. If an outbreak occurs, details will be written on the Whiteboard in the Reception Area. The nursery will only close if there are insufficient staff members to care for the children. You will be notified by e-mail or telephone. Parents please be aware of the sickness policy displayed on the notice board, especially in relation to Swine flu. Children must remain at home until they are symptom free, to prevent the spread of infection.

Holiday Care

Holiday Care provides the same opportunities to learn as term time, although in a slightly more relaxed atmosphere. The 'key person' system will operate and a list of children will be placed on the notice board just prior to half term. The staff will continue to record their observations of each child's development, achievements and interests. Miss Sargeant is organising a fun week of things to do – please speak to her for more details.

Holiday Care will be open from Monday 26 to Friday 30 October. If you have not already booked your place – there are still a few places left!

Cold Weather

It is our policy to play outside three times every day in all weathers, the only exception being when it is very very wet. Please ensure your child has a named coat in Nursery throughout the winter months. We do have nursery coats but they are only thin shower proof coats and do not provide enough warmth for more than a few minutes outside.

Newsletters

A new development for the nursery is underway – with the expert help of Mrs Heyes. You should receive a letter asking for e-mail contact details. If you would like to receive the weekly newsletter by e-mail, please return the form as soon as possible. Thank you.

Did you know...

On the notice board in the Reception Area is the contact telephone number for Ofsted and ISA. If you are happy with the education and care your child is receiving in the Nursery – please ring them and let them know!!

Have a very pleasant weekend.

Lois Johnson