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Dear Parents,

Boogie Mites

'Boogie Mites' has been a great success this half term. Each Thursday morning the children have taken part in a music workshop learning some great new songs. I would like to thank Theresa for all her wonderful music making this half term. 'Boogie Mites' will be back with us again in the Spring.

Photographs taken by Ross Young

Ross Young has kindly taken some photos of the children during Boogie Mites and playing freely in the nursery. These photos will be available for you to look at from Monday 19 October. The secure website is www.rossyoung.co.uk/pgs09. The website gives details of how to purchase the photos if you wish.

Periodic Progress appointments

'Learning Journeys' are compiled for all children attending the nursery. They form a wonderful story of the achievements they are making during time spent at nursery. Please make an appointment to see your child's 'Key Person' using the grid on the door to the number area of nursery. This meeting is an informal chat about the 'Learning Journey' and a chance to identify possible 'next steps' in their development. It is also an opportunity for you to add your own observations of your child's achievements at home. At the moment the grid includes the two weeks commencing 2 November. Please make every effort to have a quick chat. Thank you.

Lunch boxes

Please put your child's name on outside of their lunch box please.

Reminder

Packed lunches must be provided for the week commencing 19 October – as the main school will be on Half term holiday.

Packed lunches are also needed the week commencing 26 October – as Holiday Care will be taking place in the nursery.

E-mail addresses

If you would like to receive this newsletter by e-mail – please let us have your e-mail address as soon as possible. As soon as the list has been compiled the newsletter will be placed on the notice board as usual and distributed by e-mail. A copy will always be made for parents / carers not using the e-mail service.

Booking Forms

Please complete booking forms for next term with Mrs Heyes as soon as possible. Please ask if you need any help. Any changes in attendance must be discussed in full with Mrs Heyes and where places are not available a waiting list is in operation.

Book library amnesty – please borrow one at a time!

Please would you be so kind and take care to be very quiet in nursery if you are collecting children during story time. I would ask that all adult conversations take place in the reception area so the story is not disturbed. Thank you.

Also due to Safeguarding requirements, nursery children will not be released into the care of any older siblings unless over the age of 16 years and who are named on collection information sheets.

This week, the children have been finding out a little about cultures. Mrs Martin has been talking in Czech and Mrs Killick also read us a story. Thank you very much indeed for making group time so wonderful.

The theme next week will be 'Homes around the world and Hansel and Gretel'. There are lots of pictures of different types of homes in the construction area in order for the children to experiment with construction toys. The story 'Hansel and Gretel' will be used as a starting point for cookery and designing wall paper and quilt covers as well as repeating patterns. Please help at home by encouraging comparison between different types of houses as you walk along the street.

Junior School – registration are being taken for attendance at Portsmouth Grammar Junior School – please let Mrs Heyes know if you need a form!

Have a very relaxing weekend.

Lois Johnson