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Dear Parents,

This week the new children have been settling in and making new friends. The assessments for entrance to the Junior School are finally underway despite all the delays due to the snow and Boogie Mites visited on Thursday. It has certainly been a very busy week!

### **Next week**

The theme in nursery is 'Ambulance'. The imaginative room will be transformed into a scene from the inside of an ambulance with bed, medical kit, bandages etc. The children will be able to try out the bandaging techniques and will be visiting the school nurse on Tuesday!! Lots of role play using play telephones to call for emergency services will be encouraged. If you would like to help with your child's learning, please ensure they know their own address. Thank you. The sound of the week is 'r' – so please send in items with this initial sound for the 'Interest Table'.

### **Little Cubs / Imagination Room**

The new children are settling into the daily routine. If you would like to see the routine and planning for the under threes, it is displayed on the wall inside the Imaginative Room. Miss O'Mara and Miss Saunders are very happy to answer any questions you have.

### **Holiday Care**

Holiday Care will be open as usual during the week commencing **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February**. If your child attends term time only and you would like to book a place please add your child's name to lists on the reception desk. The last date for booking a place is **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January**. Those children who attend 45 weeks are automatically booked in. The theme for the week will be 'Olympics and sports'. Pancake day will also be celebrated!

### **Toddler Group**

Toddler Group is continuing as usual this term in the capable hands of Trish Brown and Suzanne Dunstan. If you are interested in bringing a younger sibling to the Toddler Group, there are currently a few places available. If you would like to know more about the Toddler Group please do not hesitate to ask.

### **New staff**

I am very happy to welcome Heidi Preston to the nursery team. She has a 'key group' of children with Mrs Horton, and despite the disruption caused by the snow, is just beginning to settle in with us.

### **Parent / staff social**

Bowling at Bowlplex – Gunwharf on Friday 29 January – We would love you to come along.

### **Sweets**

It has been brought to my attention that children are coming into nursery with sweets or chocolate in their pockets. Please can you ensure that the children leave all food items at home unless in packed lunch or tea box. The nursery now cares for a number of children who have food allergies or restrictions and in order to care for them effectively we need to be very certain that the nursery environment is safe.

Have a restful weekend.

Lois Johnson