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Dear Parents,

4 Peaks Challenge

Georgina & Brian Park, Grace Park's Mummy and Daddy, have pledged to raise over £5000 for Seafarers UK by completing the grueling 24 Peaks Challenge in July this year. The challenge involves scaling 24 of the most notorious peaks in the Lake District, including Scafell Pike and Helvellyn, in just 24 hours. They are undertaking this once-in-a-lifetime challenge in memory Georgina's father, the late Surgeon Vice-Admiral Ian Jenkins, who died unexpectedly in February 2009 and was the Chairman of Seafarers UK at the time. Seafarers UK (formerly King George's Fund for Sailors) has been helping improve the quality of life within the UK maritime community since 1917. It is an umbrella charity that awards grants to charities supporting the Royal Navy, Merchant Navy and fishing fleets, as well as those that help seafarer's dependents. You can find out more about the challenge at www.justgiving.com/forian, and look out for updates in the nursery over the coming months!

This week the children have really enjoyed playing in the role-play area. Many sick people have made very speedy recoveries following the medical attention given by the children! The children had a very happy time visiting the Senior School library. We were welcomed by the librarians, who read us a story whilst we relaxed and listened on beanbags!

Next week, the theme is 'Post Office'. The role-play area will transform again, this time into a play Post Office. The children will be encouraged to use the till, fill in forms, write letters, wrap parcels and make deliveries! We are hoping to write postcards and send them to you at home – so watch out for a PGS postcard. The sound of the week is 'b'. To help at home, please talk to the children about the job of the postman, and how post travels to its destination. Thank you.

Spring Walk

On Wednesday 3 February during the morning, the children will be going for a walk to the Co-op in Cambridge Road to buy some resources for the imagination room 'Post Office'. The final list of children and adult helpers is in the reception area. Thank you very much to the adults who have offered to help.

Packed lunches Please provide a healthy packed lunch which includes some fruit or vegetable. Please keep crisps to a minimum and remember that chocolate or sweets are treats for at home!

Parents Room

This room is available at all times for your use. If the morning is wet or cold, and you would like to delay leaving the nursery, please make a drink and make yourself comfortable!

Help

Do you wear a uniform to work? Do you bring your child to nursery? Are you able to wear your uniform and talk to the children about why you wear a uniform during a morning or afternoon group time next week?

If you are able to help please let me know as soon as possible – thank you very much.

Have a very happy weekend

Lois Johnson.