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Dear Parents,

Yellow Moon fund raising book.

By now everyone should have a 'Yellow Moon' catalogue. If you do order items please quote the 'source code' on the front of the catalogue and the nursery will automatically receive 25% cash back. Any money received in this way will be put into the fund raising account. The plan at the moment is to raise funds to develop the sleep room into a sensory room.

This half term has flown by – the children have really enjoyed the 'People who help us' theme. I know that lots of children have been pretending to be doctors, nurses and fire men and have had a very happy time. This week the walk to the local shop was a great success – the children have really enjoyed using the items bought, they have been writing and posting letters.

Next week we will consider 'Other people who help us'. The 'Post Office' imagination room will continue for another week. Mr Deter has kindly agreed to share some aspects of the German and Swiss cultures with us on Thursday and Miss Stubel will help with some activities on Friday. The final part of this theme will happen on 25 February, when a fire engine will visit. The sound of the week is based on recalling the sounds covered this half term – so anything with initial sounds 'e', 'u', 'r', 'h', 'b' would be great!

Next half term the theme is 'Growing'. During the first week activities will be based around the book 'Percy and the Park Keeper'. More details next week.

NEG meetings have been organised for 3 & 4 March. From September 2010 the number of free Nursery Education Grant hours will increase from 12 ½ hours per week to 15 hours per week. These meetings have been organised to let you know how it is being organised at PGS Nursery. Everyone connected with the nursery can attend, however the changes only affect families whose children will be attending nursery in September 2010.

Some of the Nursery Policy Documents have been updated during January. You are very welcome to read them at any time – they can be found in the Policy Folder in the reception area. The SEN folder contains useful information sheets and is also in the Reception Area - you are welcome to ask for and look at this at any time.

Arrangements for the outing to Blue Reef Aquarium are well under way. Please return consent forms and medical questionnaire as soon as possible. Thank you

Security Door

For the safety of all the children in the nursery, please only allow familiar parents/ carers into the nursery if you are by the door. If this happens please be sure to press the 'buzzer' – it will make staff members aware that an adult has entered the building. Thank you for your cooperation.

Library Books

Thank you very much for changing your child's library book this half term. The folder is always in the Book Area – so if you have not made use of this facility, please borrow a book whenever you like! Mrs Jennings is now helping the nursery during some afternoons – she is doing a brilliant job of changing books for your children to enjoy at home.

Parent /staff social to Bowlplex was brilliant fun – if you have any ideas for future events, please let me know.

Have a very happy weekend.

Lois Johnson.