



The Portsmouth Grammar School Nursery,
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Head of Nursery
Mrs. L. Johnson
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Dear Parents,

On the behalf of all the Nursery Staff, may I take this opportunity to say a very big 'Thank You' for all the wonderful cards and gifts we received at Christmas. I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to a number of new families who are joining the nursery over the next few days.

The theme for this term is 'Nursery Rhymes'. This week the children considered the 'Hickory Dickory Dock' and have been trying to build a junk grand father clock. A home has been developed in the imagination room, with lots of talk about the time of the day. Much of the talk this week has been recollections of Christmas adventures and presents. The children have talked and talked about all the excitement they had!

Next week some activities will revolve around 'Incey Wincey Spider'. The children will be making there own 'weather' words and pictures, listening to weather stories and rhymes, weaving wool webs and making junk models of Incey on a pipe! At home please help your child by ensuring they know their own address, or telephone number, which they could use in the case of an emergency. Thank you.

The letter of the week is 'e'. Please bring items with the initial sound 'e' for display on the sound table clearly labelled with your child's name. Thank you.

Boogie Mites – music workshops will take place again this term, each Wednesday morning until half term. All children attending nursery on Wednesday morning will take part.

Extra Boogie Mites – starting on Tuesday 18 January at 10 a.m. there will be Boogie Mites music workshops in the hall adjacent to nursery. There will be 5 workshops costing £20. If you would like to attend with your child, please leave a message for Toddler Group leader Trish Brown at reception. Early booking essential!

Parent / staff social event – Bowling at Bowlplex in Gunwharf on Friday 28 January at 8 p.m. –£12.99 for 2 games and meal. Wendy has a list at reception – please sign up, it should be great fun! This booking has to be paid in advance so money and numbers attending by Friday 21 January at the latest. PLEASE COME.

Richard the Lion

For those of you who do not know about 'Richard the Lion' and his Diary – a soft toy lion comes to visit each of you at home for a sleepover, and asks that you record his adventure briefly in his diary. The story is read to the rest of the children each day at group time. The resulting record of the year is wonderful – there are several in the Reception Area if you would like to read about 'Richard the Lions' adventures!

For your information – these are the contact telephone numbers for the Nursery. If your child is ill please inform us on the first day of any absence. Thank you for your help in this matter.
Normal daytime direct line contact telephone number for the nursery: 02392 681337
Daytime contact number for PGS: 02392 360036

Spring Walks

I would like to take the children for two short '**Spring Walks**' to the Co-op shop in Cambridge Road on **Thursday 3 February** and to harbour wall on **Thursday 10 March**. Quite a lot of adult help is needed to make this possible. Please let me know if you are able to come with us.

Nursery Education Grant forms are on the Reception Desk again for all children aged three and four years – please make sure you sign it as the return for this term has to be completed by Thursday 20 January. Thank you.

Outdoor clothing

A quick reminder – please can you help us by making sure outdoor coats, hats, gloves, etc., are clearly labelled. Thank you.

Please find attached a list of dates for this term.

Have a restful weekend.

Lois Johnson

Term Dates – Spring Term 2011

Tuesday 4 January – Spring Term begins (packed lunch)

Wednesday 5 January – hot lunches available.

W/C 10 January – 4+ Assessments for Portsmouth Grammar Junior School

Wednesday 12 January – Boogie Mites begins for 6 weeks in nursery.

Thursday 20 January – Visit school nurse

Friday 28 January – Parent / staff social- Bowling at Gunwharf

W/C 31 January – Chinese New Year in nursery.

Thursday 3 February – Spring Walk to Co-op shop in Cambridge Road.

Wednesday 9 February – visit to Senior School library.

Friday 18 February – **PACKED LUNCH!**

W/C Monday 21 February – Holiday Care – packed lunch needed this week – book a space as soon as possible.

Monday 28 February – second half term begins.

Thursday 3 March – World Book Day – Dress up as a book character.

Thursday 10 March – Spring Walk to Harbour.

Tuesday 15 March – Games Morning – fund raising for nursery sensory room.

Wednesday 16 March – Nursery Parents Forum meeting.

W/C 21 March – Periodic Progress reviews – look at children's 'Learning Journey's with key person.

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Tuesday 5 April – Easter Bonnet Parade and coffee morning. The children will parade and sing to you at 9.30 a.m. in the David Russell Theatre (refreshments available from 8.30 a.m.)

Thursday 7 April – end of term.

Friday 8 April – **NURSERY CLOSED** – training day.

W/C Monday 11 April – Holiday care – packed lunches.

Monday 18 April – Tuesday 19 April – Holiday Care – packed lunches.

Wednesday 20 April – Monday 25 April – **CLOSED**

Tuesday 26 April – Summer Term begins.