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Dear Parents,

Change for September 09. The nursery staff will no longer take responsibility for applying sun cream due to the large number of children attending the nursery. From September please apply 'all day' cream prior to attending. Thank you.

Instead of applying sun cream – a new adventure will begin. We are hoping to join the Portsmouth City Council initiative for *teeth cleaning*. This will take place after lunch each day from September. At the beginning of next term you will receive a leaflet explaining the project and permission slip to sign.

This week the theme has been 'Baby animals' – and following the visit to Finkley Down, the children have enjoyed recalling the day and talking about their experiences of animals. The torrential rain was enjoyed by lots of children, especially splashing and sweeping up puddles!

Next week, the theme is 'Mini beasts'. The children will be looking at different sorts of very small animals. They will be encouraged to look through magnifying glasses to find little creatures in the garden as well as draw their own representations of them. In the maths area, caterpillars with lots of legs will be made and symmetrical butterfly prints will be made by folding paper. Some of the girls have been asking for role-play based on princes and princesses, and so Mrs Colley is planning a transformation of the imaginative room into a Fairy Tale adventure room.

Presentation to leavers

Just a final reminder – on Tuesday 14 July in the David Russell Theatre at 9.30 a.m. – all family and friends of nursery children very welcome.

Cathedral

Another final reminder – the children in nursery are walking to the cathedral on Wednesday 15 July to take part in the Thank you assembly with the Junior School. Only children attending on Wednesday afternoon on this occasion – leaving nursery at 1.10 p.m. If you are helping with this walk, please be in nursery at 1 p.m. Thank you very much.

Packed Lunch – hot dinners will be finishing on Thursday next week so a packed lunch will be needed for children attending on Friday.

Flu Pandemic

I have received guidance from Portsmouth City Council for use in an emergency situation. In the event of any staff member contracting flu like symptoms, they will be sent home immediately and contingency arrangements for staff cover will operate. In the event of a child contracting flu like symptoms, the child will be cared for in the parents room and parents/carers asked to collect the child as soon as possible, returning to nursery when completely well. If the outbreak causes several members of staff to be absent and the ratio of adults to children is compromised – then a decision to close the nursery would be taken. The nursery will

continue its common sense approach to cleanliness and hygiene, which should restrict the spread of infection. If you would like more details about Health and Safety in the nursery, the policy can be found in the policy folder in the Reception Area. If you have any questions, please ask.

To reduce this risk, please take care to keep children at home if they become unwell.

Have a good weekend.

Lois Johnson.