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Dear Parents,

### **This Week**

'Teddy bears' has proved to be a popular theme. The children have enjoyed bring favourite bears to nursery, and I know Miss Lane had a great afternoon with lots of children preparing cakes for the picnic on Thursday. Outdoors the children have had a wonderful, wet time with the new 'Water Channelling' equipment. They have made water move down hill, made very sticky mud pies and then used the equipment to transport play vehicles and balls from one place to another. The visit from the Lord Mayor of Portsmouth was a very pleasant surprise on Tuesday. The Lord Mayor answered the children's questions about his car, his chain of office and whether he wears glasses!!

### **Next Week**

The theme will be 'Moving Toys'. The main focus will be on looking at wheels and how they work. Activities will include printing patterns using wheels, making junk vehicles, using train set, happy street, cars and water wheels. If you have any exciting 'Moving toys' at home we would love to see them. To extend the theme at home, please look at non-fiction information how things move. Thank you.

The sound of the week is 'z' – we will be making lots of zigzag patterns. If you can think of something for the 'sound' table – we would love to display it!

On Thursday Mrs Garcia Tarifa has kindly agreed to come and talk to the children in Spanish and bring some items from Spain to show us.

### **Play house and climbing equipment safety**

Please make sure that even during the summer months that your children come to nursery with well fitting shoes which fasten securely onto their feet. Please do not allow your children to wear 'cros' or flimsy summer fashion shoes. 'Doodles' and summer sandals or trainers are appropriate for playing the outside area and for climbing up the steps to the play house. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Outdoor development**

On INSET day nursery staff considered carefully the development of the outdoor area. The money raised on Games Morning has been spent on a small greenhouse for the small veranda by the book area, some gardening tools, hanging baskets, wind chimes, compost and plants. Thank you to all who helped make this possible.

Future plans include raising the flower beds slightly and then in the Autumn adding a living willow structure to the small piece of ground by the water butt.

If you know of a source of tree stump logs, which would be suitable for use in the nursery garden, please contact me as soon as possible.

**Holiday Care**

Don't forget to book your place – closing date Friday 8 May. It will be a happy 4 days and will include a Teddy Bears Picnic on the common and party. More details next week.

Go on, treat yourself to day to yourself – book your children in!

Have a very happy Bank Holiday weekend.

Lois Johnson.