



The Portsmouth Grammar School Nursery,
High Street,
Portsmouth, PO1 2LN
Head of Nursery
Mrs. L. Johnson
8th May 2009

Dear Parents,

This week the children have enjoyed making a 'Toy Shop' in the Imagination room with the help of Mrs Jones. Do have a look in the book area, where you will find that the nursery caterpillars have formed chrysalides. The children are very excited about the prospect of butterflies emerging soon!

Next week The children are now spending more and more time outdoors, and at last the weather has improved enough for the water tray and water channelling to be used outdoors. Please make sure that all children have sun cream applied before nursery.

The theme for the week will be 'noisy toys' and so the children will use junk materials to build a large robot. They will also be using the programmable 'ladybug' toys, singing using the Karaoke machine, playing a 'soundtrack' game, listening to story tapes and discovering how a keyboard works. The sound of the week is recalling 'x, y and z'. If you would like to support your child's learning, please have a look at 'things that make a noise' or 'things that work' in your own home, and discover what makes them work. Thank you.

Holiday Care On Wednesday 27 May Holiday Care are going to Southsea Common to enjoy a Teddy Bears Picnic. They will be out all day. If you would like your child to join in the fun please book a place very soon. If you can accompany the day please chat to Miss Paterson as we do need extra adult help – thanks.

Mrs Byerley has worked in the nursery since its first day open in September 2001. The children she cared for then, are now in Year 6 at PGS! She is very sad to be leaving at the end of this term, but is going to do some things she has always wanted to try. I know Mrs Byerley will miss us all, but she hopes to visit very often as a supply member of staff. I would like to express my enormous thanks to Rosie – she is the most wonderful member of this nursery team – she will be greatly missed by all the staff and children. Mrs Byerley will say her goodbyes to us on the last day of this term – Tuesday 21st July.

Mrs Smith is also leaving after a short stay at the nursery. She will leave at the end of this half term to live in a different part of the country. Thank you Mrs Smith for all the hard work over the last 2 years.

Many of you will already know **Miss Sargeant** who has been working in the nursery for some time as a 'supply' team member. She will be taking over from Mrs Smith and is delighted to be a permanent member of the team.

The job vacancy outlined below is for a 'supply' team member willing to work at short notice to cover for staff illness, attendance on courses or holidays.

Toddler Group operates in the Junior School Hall adjacent to nursery each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 9.30 – 11.30 a.m. There are currently vacancies for more families on all days – so if you would like information please do not hesitate to ask myself or Mrs Heyes.

USBORNE BOOKS COFFEE MORNING - takes place on Tuesday 12 May in the Parents Room – 8.30 – 12 noon. Please do pop in and have a look. Any profit will be used for the outdoor development of the nursery.

Door Buzzer – Please use the buzzer at all times to indicate that you have arrived to drop or collect your child. Can I ask that for the safety of all the children who are in the nursery, that you refrain from holding the door open for other parents to gain access.

Learning Journeys Please do remember that you can look at the ‘Learning Journey’s we write about activities your children take part in by asking your child’s ‘Key person’. Please also remember that you are very welcome and encouraged to contribute to them, adding details of skills you have noticed at home.

Please may I remind you to empty your child’s tray – some of them are very full of precious things!

Have a very happy weekend.

Lois Johnson.

The Portsmouth Grammar School Nursery
Early Years Assistant
(Supply Work)

This thriving and popular nursery is seeking to appoint an enthusiastic, appropriately qualified and experienced person to work in a happy team. The post is to provide cover for staff taking annual leave or attendance training courses or to work at short notice due to illness. The successful applicant should have NVQ2 or equivalent qualification.

Hours of work: Variable.

Required as soon as possible.

Please telephone for an application pack:

Telephone: 02392 681337

Closing date for applications: 22 May 2009