



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

This week the children have enjoyed looking closely at wooden toys. Thank you very much for all the splendid toys the children have brought from home – they have really enjoyed showing them during Group Time each morning. The role-play has transformed into a ‘home’ and after half term will become a ‘Fire Station’ as requested by James Curwood! The photographer commented on Wednesday very positively about all the children – how beautifully they play and learn together!

After half term the theme is ‘Animals’. Activities for the week will revolve around ‘The Farm’. The children will look at and taste some fruits and vegetables, build farm buildings and sort animals into sets. The sound of the week will be ‘qu’ – in nursery we will be taking about bed quilts and making crowns to be a queen or king. If you have anything at home for this tricky sound – please help us out!

If you would like to extend learning at home – please look at and talk about the properties of both 2D and 3D shapes. Thank you.

JSA Summer Fete Sunday 28 June 2009 at 12 noon – 3 p.m. on Governors Green. The Junior School Association raises funds to buy additional equipment for the school. Last year they very kindly bought the ‘play house’ in the nursery garden. It would be great if you are able to help the JSA by offering to help on the Nursery Tombola Stall or bring an item for the Tombola Stall or come to the fete – and have a great fun filled afternoon. If you can help see Linda Povey (Max is in nursery) or let Wendy Heyes know.

Treasure chest book boxes – these are in the Parents Room and are for the children going to school in September 2009.

Photos – Caroline took some wonderful photos of all the children in nursery on Wednesday 20 May. The proofs will arrive on Monday 1 June and will be available for one week for you to look at and order. The completed photos should arrive during the week commencing 22 June.

Periodic Progress Transfer Records – For children going to school in September 2009.

During the final half term of this school year your child’s key person will invite you to look at a ‘Learning Journey’ and make a contribution to the Transfer Record. For children going to local schools, reception class teachers have been invited to visit us at PGS (some have already been!) and a Transition Meeting took place on Wednesday 20 May. For children going into PGS Junior School dates have been arranged for the reception class teachers to visit nursery to meet the children, and ‘Learning Journey’s will be passed on to them at the end of term. If you would like any more information about transition arrangements please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you to all who have brought a bottle of sun cream, sun hat into the Nursery. We are hoping for great weather after half term!!

Have a very happy half term.

Lois Johnson.