



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

Thanks to everyone for bringing in sun cream and sun hats. The children have certainly enjoyed playing outside for longer periods of time this week. Please don't forget to apply sun cream at home before nursery each day. Thank you.

This week the theme has been 'On the farm'. The children have enjoyed talking about their own experiences of animals and visits to farms and zoos. The 'fire station' role play has been a huge success, and will be developed further next week.

Next week there are more exciting happenings. On Tuesday afternoon Zoolab will be bringing some creatures for the children to look at and touch. Other activities will focus on 'Pets'. Please help by letting your child bring in a photo of your pet(s) and any items you use to care for the pet(s) e.g. water bowl, food, lead etc. Thank you very much. The letter of the week is 's', so contributions to the interest table as usual please.

Photos – If you would like to purchase any of the photos please make sure they are returned with payment by next **Thursday 11 June**.

HELP – The children have been having a wonderful time making fantastic junk models – so many in fact that we have run out of boxes!! Please collect your small cardboard boxes, cereal packets etc and bring them to us – we will really make use of them, and promise to recycle!

Mrs Martin – Summer Sandals

Mrs Martin will be in the Parents Room on Wednesday 10 June from 11 a.m. – 4.30 p.m. with her beautiful shoes. If you would like to have a look before next Wednesday please visit her website - www.healthykidsshoes.co.uk.

Teddy Bears Picnic – Friday 26th June

We will leave nursery at 11.30 a.m. to walk to Governors Green, after a lovely picnic lunch we will walk back to nursery at about 1 p.m. Please don't forget to bring your Teddy Bear. This event is for children going to school in September 2009.

Spare clothes in nursery – Please have a look at home for any spare clothes we could use when children have accidents in nursery. We have a spare clothes cupboard which is looking very empty! We don't need girls knickers, but are in desperate need of boys pants and trousers, tee-shirts etc and girls trousers etc.

Progression to Reception classes.

For many children the exciting 'transition' to school has started. Reception class teachers have made dates to visit the children in nursery. The reception class teachers from PGS will be visiting all the children in nursery during the week commencing 15 June.

The school aims to ensure continuity of care and progression from one stage of education to the next. There are very close links between the Nursery and the Junior School thus enabling a very effective delivery of the Foundation Stage of Education and smooth transition. A transition meeting has also taken place for children moving to schools in the local area. Miss Lane and myself were able to share information with some of the schools we feed. These schools have also been invited to visit the nursery and many have already visited. The Portsmouth Transfer document will be used for all children, to give each individual child's stage of progress to their next teacher. During this final half term your child's 'Key person' will make an appointment at a suitable time to celebrate achievements in nursery. You will be invited to contribute to this 'Transfer Document'. If you have any queries I am always happy to help.

Have a very happy weekend.

Lois Johnson.