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Dear Parents,

This week the theme has been 'Pets'. The children had a fabulous time on Tuesday afternoon meeting some very friendly animals including a millipede, frog, tarantula and rabbit. Zoolab brought the animals for the children to enjoy. On Wednesday morning Miss Wood (Larina's mum) visited with pet dog 'Gussie' The children were all so fascinated. They listened very carefully, and stroked very gently! Thank you Miss Wood.

Next week the theme is 'Dinosaurs'. During the week activities include developing the imaginative room into a 'Jungle'. Lots of dinosaur drawing, painting, building and counting will take place as well as looking at lots of fiction and non-fiction books about dinosaurs and other animals. *Please can each child bring in a pebble – to make a dinosaur egg of course!*

The sound of the week is 'a'. Thank you for providing items for the interest table so regularly. If you would like to develop learning at home, please have a look at non-fiction books about animals. Thank you.

Birds of prey and photos – more details!

On Friday 19 June the children attending nursery in the morning will be taken to the David Russell Theatre at 10.30 a.m. to see the birds of prey. I know that some of you have already requested photos – arrangements for the photos are as follows. The photos for nursery children will be taken at 1.30 p.m. If you have requested a photo and your child is still in nursery, Mrs Heyes has agreed to take the children to the theatre. If your child has been collected from nursery at 12.45, then I must ask that you take them to the theatre at 1.30 p.m. if you would like the photo taken. Thank you for your co-operation.

Holidays Please let Wendy know if you taking your children on holiday before the end of term. Thank you.

End of Term The end of term for the Junior School and Senior School is Thursday 16 July. The end of term for nursery is Tuesday 21 July. As many children have older siblings in the Junior and Senior Schools, please will you let Wendy know if your child will have an earlier end of term. This is especially important for the children leaving to go to school, as we have folders of work and transfer documents to organise for you.

Holiday Care booking sheets are now available. Holiday care is operating as usual from Wednesday 22 July – Friday 21 August. There will be lots of fun activities! I must warn you that are some days during the summer when only limited spaces are available, so do book early to avoid disappointment. The last day for booking a place in Holiday Care is 3 July.

Summer Fete There is a box positioned in the Reception Area – please have a look around at home for suitable Tombola items – and bring them to nursery. Thank you very much indeed.

Finkley Down Farm Park A big thank you to all those who kindly offered to help with this trip. Unfortunately I have not been able to accept all offers of help, but please don't let this put you off coming on future adventures. A *parents meetings* for those helping with this visit will take place on ***Thursday 18th June at 8.30 a.m. and Monday 22 June at 3.30 p.m.*** Please come to one of the meetings, which will explain the risk assessment undertaken for this trip and give you an idea of the children who will be in your groups. Thank you.

Help needed for the Teddy Bears Picnic – Friday 26 June 11.30 – 1.15 p.m. (children going to school only)

Thank You Assembly – For the first time ever, the nursery children have been invited to join the Junior School at the Thank You Assembly in the Cathedral on Wednesday 15 July at 1.30 p.m. The nursery children will only be staying for a short while at the beginning of the assembly – please help us to take the children, and help us wish Mrs Byerley a very fond farewell.

Have a very happy weekend.

Lois Johnson