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Dear Parents,

This Week

'Up, up and away' has proved to be a popular theme. The children have enjoyed thinking about different ways to get 'off the ground'; they have made passports and tickets as well as designed paper planes. Outdoors on the veranda the children have had a wonderful, wet time with the 'Water Channelling' equipment. In the garden the willow tunnel is growing brilliantly thanks to Ms Colley, Mrs Todman and the children's brilliant plant watering techniques!

Next Week

The theme will be 'Journey into space'. There will be lots of counting backwards and ordering of numbered rockets in order to 'blast off!' Experiments will take place involving black paper and powder paint in order to create planet paintings. The mirror box, dark tent and torches should be fun as children discover what it is like to experience the darkness of space. To extend the theme at home, please look at non-fiction information about space travel and planets. Thank you.

The sound of the week is 'qu' – which is a tricky one! If you can think of something for the 'sound' table – we would love to display it.

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.

Holiday Care

Don't forget to book your place – closing date Friday 14 May. It will be a happy 4 days and will include lots of fun activities as usual. More details next week.

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

JS 10th Anniversary Calendar Competition

Details for this have been placed in your child's tray. Please return any calendar entries as soon as possible, but by the end of next week. Thanks.

Walk to the seafront – Thursday 13 May

The theme during the week commencing 10 May is 'Boats'. We would like to take the children to the harbour wall to look at some of the boats passing by. Two groups will be organised, but we really need some help to make this possible. The first group will leave nursery at 9.45 a.m. and the second group at 10.45 a.m. If you can help for the whole morning or for either of the walks please sign on the list in Reception. Thank you.

Activity Day – Bird World – Monday 5 July

The annual outing this year will be to ‘Bird World’. The nursery will be travelling by coach for the day. The adult child ratio must be high for this outing – please come with us. You will receive a letter and permission forms very soon. Please sign up to accompany us. Thank you.

Parent staff social – Friday 11 June – BBQ on Southsea Common

This year something different! Please join us on Southsea common at 7 p.m. onwards for a fun, relaxed evening. Tickets £10 to include food and a glass of Pimms are available from Mrs Heyes. As this will be the last social event before many of the children go up to the Reception class, it would be great to see you! Volunteers to tend to the BBQ greatly appreciated!!!

Ethan Buckley’s wonderful achievement climbing the Pap of Glencoe during the Easter break is displayed in the reception area – please have a look at the photos.

Junk boxes needed please, so we can design space rockets next week. Thank you.

Please check your child has spare clothes in nursery. There are now two places for water play – so wet clothes are an almost inevitable occurrence!

Dates for this term are listed below.

Have a very happy Bank Holiday weekend.

Lois Johnson.

Dates for Summer Term 2010

- 13 May – Walk to the harbour wall
- 20 May – Children taking part in a traffic census at the school gate.
- 28 May – Last day of this half term.
- 1 June – 4 June – Holiday Care
- 7 June – Second half of term.
- 11 June – Parent/ staff social
- 22 June – ‘Across the deep blue sea’ a presentation in the DRT - Portsmouth Festivities Event.
- 25 June – Big Toddle – Charity fund raising walk.
- 1 July – 10th Anniversary Picnic at Hilsea
- 5 July – Activity Day trip to Bird World.
- 13 July – Presentation to children leaving nursery to go to school, in the DRT.
- 16 July – Teddy Bears Picnic, Clarence Field (for those going to school Sept 2010)
- 20 July – Summer walk to the park
- 21 July – End of term
- 22 July – 3 August – Holiday Care
- 4 August – 31 August – Nursery closed
- 1 September – Autumn Term begins