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Head of Nursery
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Dear Parents,

Thank you very much to everyone who has signed up to accompany the various walks and outing between now and the end of term. Your help is really appreciated, as without help we would be unable to go out at all.

'Journey into Space' has been a popular theme, with many of the children building wonderful rockets and flying paper planes. 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 water channelling to be used outdoors. Please make sure that all children have sun cream applied before nursery. Thank you.

The theme for the week will be 'boats' and a walk to the harbour wall is planned on Thursday. If you are able to help, please sign on the list in reception. Activities, as you can imagine, will involve making paper boats and testing to see if they float in the water tray as well as filling different containers with bricks or similar small items until they sink! If you would like to support your child's learning, please watch and talk about the huge variety of ships and boats which move in and out of Portsmouth Harbour. Thank you.

Staff changes It is with sadness that I must inform you that Miss Preston is leaving at the end of next week. Miss Preston has only been with us since September and is moving to Southampton. I would like to wish her every happiness in the future.

Joining the team is Mrs Sue Jennings, whose children attend PGS. She will be taking over from Miss Preston until the end of term. I am sure many of you know Sue well and will join with me in welcoming her to the nursery team.

Holiday Care Don't forget to book your place for the half term break before Friday 14 May. Holiday Care is available from Tuesday 1 June – Friday 4 June.

Toddler Group operates in the Junior School Hall adjacent to nursery each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 9.30 – 11.30 a.m. It is relaxed group organised by Trish Brown and Suzanne Dunstan. If you would like information please do not hesitate to ask myself or Mrs Heyes.

Door Buzzer – Please use the buzzer at all times to indicate that you have arrived to drop or collect your child. Reminder to use the nursery front door – and NOT the gate especially when children are outside playing. Thanks

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.

Have a very happy weekend.

Lois Johnson.