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Dear Parents,

I hope you had a very Happy Easter and are looking forward to another long holiday weekend! May I also welcome the children who have joined Nursery this week. Thank you so much for writing observations of your childrens' development at home, it is much appreciated by all key adults and have been added to 'Learning Journeys'.

This term is really very busy as you can see from the list of dates attached to this letter. I do hope you enjoy all the events planned for your children.

Staff change – Please give a warm welcome to Mrs Rebecca Sandy who has joined the staff team this week. She is working with Miss Stubel during After Care and is sharing a 'key group' with Miss Lane.

Outings / walks this term.

Thank you to everyone who has offered to help with the walk to St. Judes Nursery next week – the list of children and times will be on the board very soon!

There are two more outings this term on May 18 to the Model Village and to Finkley Down Farm Park on June 29. If you are able to help with either or both of these outings please add you name to the lists in the reception area. As the whole nursery is going to Finkley Down by coach for a fun day out I will need lots of adult help for the trip to be successful Thank you very much for your support.

CRB Clearance

We would prefer that if you are able to help out regularly on trips that you have CRB clearance. If you are able to accompany any of the trips and are willing to complete a CRB clearance, please let me know as soon as possible. Thank you very much indeed.

Friday 6 May - Pyjama Day - £1 fundraising for nursery.

Please come to nursery wearing your pyjamas and help us raise funds for sensory room equipment. Thank you.

Stay and Play dates - Monday 9 May and Tuesday 10 May (8 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.)

This is something new for the nursery. If you are able to stay and play with your children in the nursery on either of these two mornings you are very welcome. The idea is for you to find out a little more about how the nursery is organised and the activities your children take part in. Stay until 9.30 a.m. if you wish. Looking forward to seeing you.

Sun Hats and Sun Cream

Please bring in a clearly labelled sun hat to be kept in nursery, in a box behind the reception desk for use as the weather improves!

Please get prepared to put on ALL Day sun cream each morning before nursery. Thanks

The theme this term is 'Toys'. This week the focus has been on 'Small World Toys'. The children have been talking about happenings during the holidays, making huge train tracks in the construction area, and developing 'Three Bears Cottage' in the imaginative room.

Next week, our attention changes to 'Soft toys'. The children will continue to play in the 'Three bears cottage', and will be having a small 'Teddy Bears Picnic'. Please continue to look at home for items with the initial sound 'y' and bring them in for the interest table, and also a teddy for the week. Discourage other toys as they can get lost or damaged. Don't forget to label everything clearly so that it can be returned safely. The children will be encouraged to look at a map to find Sri Lanka and take part in some cookery.

Imagination Room / Under threes

The new children are settling really well with Miss O'Mara and Miss Saunders. They are also enjoying the opportunity to play both in the Imagination Room and the rest of the nursery. The door of the Imagination Room is closed during group times and at the end of each session, so the youngest children can spend some time getting to know each other well. The organisation of the day for the under threes is displayed on the wall of the imaginative room.

Holiday Care – A fantastic time was had by all. Mrs Rhone and her team did a brilliant job organising lots of exciting activities. The Holiday Care team are already looking forward to the half term break – keep your eyes peeled as more fun and exciting happenings are planned! To book a place please see Mrs Heyes!

Library books – Please use the Nursery Book Area like a library. Sign books in and out using the folder in the Book Area. The books are catalogued by colour in order that your children can select and return books easily for themselves. Staff members are always available to give any help you need.

Increasing sessions

As spaces are very limited for the years 2011/ 2012/ 2013 – please let Wendy know as soon as possible if you would like to increase attendance. You will be placed on a waiting list and sessions allocated as they become available. Thank you.

Have a very happy weekend.

Lois Johnson.

Important dates for your Diary:

Friday 29 April – extra Bank Holiday – Nursery closed.

Monday 2 May – Bank Holiday – Nursery closed.

Friday 6 May – Wear Pyjamas for the day - £1 fund raising.

Monday 9 May – Stay and play until 9.30 a.m.

Tuesday 10 May – Stay and play until 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday 11 May – Visit to St. Judes Nursery – Kidsrome Farm.

Wednesday 18 May – Visit to Model Village Southsea.

Thursday 19 May – possible fire engine visit to nursery.

Friday 27 May – End of first half term.

Monday 30 May – Bank Holiday – Nursery closed.

Tuesday 31 May – Friday 3 June – Half Term Holiday Care – packed lunches needed.

Monday 6 June – Second half of term commences.

Tuesday 7 June – Stay and play picnic tea

Friday 10 June – Stay and play picnic tea.

W/C 13 June – Progress review meetings.

Wednesday 15 June – Parents Forum meeting @ 8.45 a.m.

W/C 20 June – Progress review meetings.

Monday 20 June – Parents meeting for Finkley Down outing @ 3.30 p.m.

Tuesday 21 June - Festivities week – Unpacked Theatre Company in DRT to which Nursery are invited.

Wednesday 22 June – Parents meeting for Finkley Down outing @ 8.30 a.m.

Friday 24 June – Big Toddle

Sunday 26 June – JSA Summer Fete @ Governors Green 12 noon.

Wednesday 29 June – Visit to Finkley Down Farm Park

Thursday 7 July – Parent / staff social.

Tuesday 12 July – Presentation to those leaving the Nursery for reception classes.

Wednesday 13 July – end of term for Junior School

From Thursday 14 July – packed lunches needed.

W/C 18 July – packed lunches needed.

Tuesday 26 July – Nursery End of Term

Wednesday 27 July – Holiday Care commences

Autumn Term 2011 commences on Friday 2 September 2011.