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Dear Parent

PGS 'Great Big Bring and Buy Book Sale' - Friday 8 July 2011

The main aim of The PGS Great Big Bring and Buy Book Sale is to encourage children to explore the pleasures of books and reading by providing them with the opportunity to buy books of their own. To this end PGS is holding a Great Big Bring and Buy Book Sale. We ask that you encourage your child to bring a book, they have read and enjoyed, to school where they can deposit them with Mrs. Mitchell in F1 (this may be fiction, non-fiction, examination text books etc.). On the day pupils are asked to browse through the books and, for £1, purchase a book to read and enjoy. This is a delightful opportunity to widen the pupils' reading matter, and for them to immerse themselves in a reading culture. The monies raised on the day will go to support the fantastic work of the Piam Brown Children's Cancer Ward at Southampton General Hospital.

The Piam Brown Ward is the Wessex Paediatric Oncology Centre - based at Southampton General Hospital, treating all types of childhood cancer in the age range of a day old to eighteen years of age. The unit has ten in-patient beds and a day ward area. Leukaemia is the most common type of childhood cancer, accounting for approximately one-third of new patients each year. On average the unit receives 60 to 80 new patients each year, whilst caring for approximately 100 to 150 patients on treatment at any one time. The unit covers the whole of the Wessex region - stretching from the Isle of Wight, Dorchester, Brighton and on past Basingstoke and includes the Channel Islands.

This is a wonderful event which will encourage your child to enjoy books whilst providing valuable support for a very worthy charity. I thank you, in advance, for your support

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