



April 2021 Newsletter

Dear Families

Welcome back to the summer term and a warm welcome to our new families whose children are joining Grandpont this term, both in the nursery school and in Mulberry and Blossom Rooms.

If you have not received this letter emailed to you via Mailchimp please can you let Nicky or Aga in the office know so we can ensure that you are receiving emails from us. This is our primary form of communication with you. You can also find information on our website and we sometimes post on our facebook page.

Also, if you use the family room they have an active facebook page where you can book stay and play sessions and Karen posts lots of information and news of things happening there too. Their page is called South Oxford Family Room.

Best Wishes

Lisa Fern

Headteacher

Summer term necessities!

- **Hats-** Please send your child to nursery with a named sunhat. We do have a spare collection of hats but not enough to go round everyone.
- **Suncream-** Please ensure that you put suncream on your children before they arrive at nursery. We suggest that you use a once a day cream for this, to ensure that your child is as safe as possible from the sun and that we can avoid lots of skin on skin contact applying cream to lots of children, that is not ideal during a pandemic. However, if you would like your child to have a top up during the day, please provide a named bottle that we will keep in a safe place and supervise them to apply it themselves.

Children who attend Mulberry and Blossom rooms please provide a named bottle and the staff will apply this for them.

- **Water-** just a reminder that water is accessible at all times for all the children at Grandpont and we will ensure they have extra drinks during the hot weather.

- **Shoes-** Please continue to send children to nursery in sensible shoes for child's play. Sandals and flip flops are cool in the hotter weather but do not allow children to climb and run safely.

Face coverings- I am aware that some of the local schools are no longer requiring parents to wear face coverings at drop off and collection times. We have decided to continue with this best practice for the time being as we are aware that we have longer conversations with families than perhaps schools do where the children are older. Please respect our risk assessment and continue to wear face coverings at drop off and collection times.

Nursery School parent meetings- We recognise that we regularly have great conversations with parents at drop off and collection times and feel that our home/nursery links are good. However, we will be offering you an opportunity this term to have a more focused meeting around your child's learning and progress. More information and dates will be sent to you soon.. In the meantime, if you have any concerns or questions about how your child is currently progressing then please do talk to your child's key person to arrange a conversation.

Parent Survey regarding place allocations- We are interested in collecting more information from our local community to gain a greater understanding of the requirements for childcare and early education for your children. This is to allow us to review our offer to come in line with local requirements. Covid-19 has been hugely detrimental to our finances and it has been a challenge filling places this year and we are keen to understand why and how we can amend our offer to support requirements. Many of you have already completed our online survey but if you haven't please click on this link to do so- <https://forms.gle/5yCQ53kjpKikX8Ht6>
Please pass this link on to others you know who may be interested in sending a child to Grandpont at some point. Thank you. This link will be available for the next week or so and we will be considering the responses at our next governors meeting.

Blossom Room request- We are still keen to make a collection of handbags for the children to play with. If you have any unused handbags with short straps that you are willing to donate to us we would be very grateful- Thank You.

South Oxford Family Room- Stay and play sessions are now open and there will be an arts group available for interested parents and families on a wednesday morning. Please contact Karen on coordinator@sofr.org.uk or look on the facebook page for more information.