



May Newsletter, 2018

Dear Families,

I would like to say a huge 'Thank You' to all the families that came and helped at our 'Woodland Working Day' a couple of weeks ago. We are very excited about the newly organised woods and the children are really enjoying playing in the space and climbing the trees. We have updated our risk assessment of this area and the children are learning how to access the space. Another thank you to the scouts in Witney who donated an old tent that we have also put up in the woods for us to use. Pictures of this event can be seen on the Facebook page or on our website in the news articles.

Best Wishes

Lisa Fern

Headteacher

For Action

Oxford Art Weeks- We sent out a letter last week regarding the art work that we are exhibiting in St Matthews's church over Art weeks. Please do pop along and see our great display. The exhibition will be open on May 12th, 13th, 19th and 20th from 1-6pm. (Lucy D will be there between 3-5pm on Saturday 19th and 1-2pm on Sunday 20th)

We are also having a gallery opening of our own in Grandpont on **Wednesday May 23rd at 3pm**, parents, carers, friends and relatives are invited to come and view the art. We will be selling ice creams, and we hope to raise money for 'Children with Cancer UK' charity.

We look forward to seeing you at these events.

Change of Booking Date- Please note that the next date to change any bookings with us is **Thursday 14th June 2018**. This will be for any bookings that you have with us from after the summer holidays- 6th September 2018.

Invoices- Yesterday was the deadline to pay outstanding invoices. Please can I give a nudge to those who still need to pay this term's fees. Thank you.

Sun Cream Reminder- We have decided on the following;

Blossom Room- Please ensure you put sun cream on your child before they arrive at nursery. Please also provide a named, bottle of sun cream in your child's bag so that their key person can reapply during the day. We have decided to ask for individual bottles to be brought in as in the past, many children required different brands of cream for various reasons.

Nursery School- Like in Blossom room please ensure your child arrives in nursery with sun cream on. During the day we will reapply another coat.

We will provide our own bottles of cream but we would like to ask for a voluntary **donation of £1 or £2** from parents, to help us cover the costs of the cream. A donation box can be found in the entrance hall or ask at the office.

If your child is allergic to certain types of cream then please bring in their own named bottle of cream for us to keep at nursery.

Hats- we have a big selection of hats at nursery and we will expect each child to wear one in the garden. If your child would rather wear their own hat then please bring one in and make sure it is named.

For Information

Dates and Half Term- we are approaching half term week. The Nursery School will be closed for the week beginning **Monday 28th May**. Please remember to book a place at the holiday club if you require childcare that week for your children over 3years. Blossom Room is open as normal that week. We will be back on Monday 4th June.

On the calendar on the website we have added the term dates and inset dates as well as the Blossom Room closure dates for next year.

Friends of Grandpont (FOG) - raising extra funds really helps us to offer rich and varied opportunities and resources, extra to the curriculum. In order to do this we need your support in various ways. Over the next couple of weeks we will be holding a FOG meeting to discuss and plan some fundraising opportunities for the next few months. Please look out for a letter and pop along. You can offer as much or as little of your time as you can, but every little helps!!

Over the past few years Grandpont has put on a summer family BBQ, Teresa is renowned for her excellent quiz nights and the Christmas bazar has always been popular. Plus we can always make a bit of money at a cake sale! If you have got any other suggestions then we would love to hear about them.

May Day Celebration- Thank you to so many families who came and joined us for our May Day celebration. We all had lots of fun. Thank you to New Hinksey School who lent us the May Pole and a big Thank You to the ladies from Friends of Grandpont (FOG) who ran a very successful cake and refreshment stall where we made over £100.

Ad Hoc lunches- we cannot make any ad hoc bookings for lunches this term on a Tuesday or a Thursday as we already have a high number of children booked in to these sessions. Although we aim to be as accommodating as possible we are also bound by staffing ratios, and we are now at capacity on these days.

Community News

Jigsaw at SOFR- The next Jigsaw session is on **Monday 21st May from 12.30-2.30PM** in the family room. Please come along.

This is a new drop in session for families with children with additional needs. You'll get a warm welcome, meet parents who will understand what you are going through and it's a great environment for your children to play in.