



April Newsletter, 2018

Dear Families,

Welcome to the summer term and to all our new children and families that have started with us in the last week.

Please read the newsletter to learn what is happening over the next few weeks. Please also look at the website, where you can see our up to date calendar and lots of other information, as well as our Facebook page where regular reminders are given.

Copies of the newsletter can also be found in the entrance hall.

Best Wishes

Lisa Fern

Headteacher

For Action

We will be having a '**Woodland Working Day**' on **Saturday 28th April 2018**.

I am looking forward to getting the woods tidied and ready for play, from 10:00am onwards. Please come along and support your Nursery School. If you have a wheel barrow we could borrow that would be brilliant! We need to distribute a mountain of woodchip around the woodland path ways, and a few other jobs too!

Many hands make light work!

Change of Booking Date- Please note that the next date to change any bookings with us is this **Friday, 27th April**. This will be for any bookings that you have with us and the change will happen from after half term- Monday 4th June.

We have to set our change of booking date early to allow us to manage the staffing levels in our day care setting and also to be able to offer new places to those who want them. This is for bookings for Blossom Room, Breakfast Club, After School Club as well as the Nursery School lunch period.

Any changes of bookings after this date may not be accepted and you may therefore be required to pay for sessions you no longer wish your children to attend. This is stated in our terms and conditions and can be found on our website.

We set this date each term and it is communicated to parents in the newsletters, on the website and also on posters and signs around the nursery. Please look out for them.

Sun cream- We have been discussing how to manage sun cream this term and 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 **donation of £1** from parents, to help us cover the costs of the cream. A donation box can be found in the entrance hall.

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.

Wellies- we see wellies as part of our Grandpont Uniform and strongly recommend that your child keeps a pair in Nursery at all times! We will be using the woods as much as possible this term as well as on Forest Fridays. We recommend that children have wellies to wear in the woods to protect them from prickles and stinging nettles. Or have a pair of trousers in school to wear instead.

Junk Modelling – Please bring in any boxes or suitable packaging for the children to make models with.

For Information

Term Dates- we are closed on Monday 7th May for the bank holiday and the half term break is Monday 28th May which is a bank holiday. Please remember to book a place at the holiday club if you require childcare that week for your children over 3 years from Tuesday 29th May. Blossom Room is open as normal that week.

Staffing News- We have appointed Chloe Jackson as the new key Person in Blossom Room. Chloe has lots of experience of working with children in this age group and she is excited about starting her new position with us on Monday 30th April.

May Day Celebration- On **Friday 4th May** we will be having a mayday celebration in the garden, where we will be doing some May dancing and would like to invite parents to join us. It will start at 2.00PM and 'Friends of Grandpont (FOG) will be running a café, to help us raise some funds for nursery. Please bring **cake donations** in on this day for us to sell in the café!

For those of you who have children to collect from school, we will be finished before 3pm to allow you to do this.

Dogs- Please do not bring dogs onto the school grounds.

Birthdays- We are happy to celebrate your children's birthdays with them and you are welcome to bring a small cake in for them to share with their friends in their key group but we would like to keep it as simple as that. We want to be fair to all of the children.

Community News

Lake Street Spring Fete. The Lake Street Nursery Spring Fete will take place on Sunday 13 May from 12- 3pm - with fun for all the family including stalls, games, a bouncy castle, face painting, cakes, crafts, a BBQ, music and much, much more. There's space both inside and out, so come rain or shine it'll be a great day of fun for people of all ages. Everyone is welcome and entry is only £1 entry per adult. Kids go free.

SOFR- is running their next **Family Fun** day on Saturday 28th April from 10.00am- 1.00pm.

Oxford Art Weeks – 12th, 13th, 19th and 20th May. This year we will be participating and some of the children's art work will be displayed in St Matthews Church. Do pop along and have a look. We will be taking some children over to see their work.