

January 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We begin by saying what a good start to the New Year the children have had, and what a pleasure it is to be working with the children and yourselves. We have also been delighted to welcome new children and their parents to Grandpont.

Next week we will be celebrating Chinese New Year with the children – the Year of the Rabbit. Over the next few months we are also looking forward to working with the children on our new 'Nature Now' project, where the children will be able to enjoy small group outdoor sessions in Grandpont's own wooded area.

Please could you continue to check your Tapestry online communication accounts. You are able to comment on the photos or messages we send you about your child, as well as telling us about what your child has been doing at home; asking questions or 'liking' what you see! We'd love to hear from you. If you have any queries about accessing Tapestry, or about how to make the most of the two way communication the system offers, please speak to your child's key person or ring the Office on 01865 242900.

Should you have any safeguarding queries please contact one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads: Grace Slater, Sarah Mason, Claire Thomas or Kulsum Faisal. This can be done by phoning 01865 242900 and asking to speak to one of the Safeguarding Leads, by emailing head@grandpontnurseryschool.co.uk or by speaking with one of the Safeguarding Leads when you bring your child into Grandpont. Alternatively, if you have a concern about a child or safeguarding matter you can contact the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 0345 050 7666.

We are able to accept volunteers into the Nursery and, should this be something you would like to do, please let us know. We would welcome help with gardening, with our resources (sharpening pencils for example) or with your sharing a story with the children. You would need to undertake safeguarding training and have a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check, but we are able to support you with both.

You may have noticed our beautiful new willow tree to the right of the path as you come into Grandpont. This tree was kindly donated by the residents of Pegasus Grange to celebrate 'Plant a Tree for the Jubilee'. A willow tree was chosen as one such tree has stood for many years in Pegasus Grange, which was once the site of the original Grandpont Nursery. We are really grateful to Dan Rawstorne – father of one of our children - for sourcing and planting the tree.

The Half Term Holiday for the Nursery children is from Monday 13 February – Friday 17 February 2023 (inclusive) when the Nursery will be closed for the children. Childcare will remain open throughout this week.

With our best wishes,
Grace and Cat – Interim Headteachers
Claire Thomas – Acting Childcare Manager