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Dear Parents and Carers,

As I write this first newsletter of 2022, I wanted to say what a good start to the year the children have had, and what a pleasure it is for us as a staff to be working with both the children and yourselves.

We've been delighted with the uptake for Tapestry (our new online communication system with yourselves). Tapestry also gives you the opportunity to comment on the photos or messages we send you about your child; to tell us what your child has been doing at home; to ask questions or to 'like' what you see. We'd love to hear from you!

If you've not yet given your consent to our including your child in our Tapestry communication and would like to, please contact Nicky in the Office on 01865 242900 who will be able to get a consent form to you.

May I take this opportunity to let you know that I am now the Designated Safeguarding Lead at Grandpont - if you have any concerns relating to safeguarding please contact me. This can be done through the Office by phoning and asking to speak with me, by emailing me, or by arranging an appointment. Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are Lucy Driver, Sarah Mason and Claire Thomas. If you are concerned about a child or safeguarding situation you can also contact the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 0345 050 7666.

We are hoping to be able to accept volunteers back into the setting after Half Term as covid restrictions ease, and should this be something you would like to do, please get in touch with me. We would very much welcome and appreciate help with outdoor gardening in the Forest School area, with our resources (sharpening pencils for example) or your sharing a story with children. We would need to ask you to undertake safeguarding training and have a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check, but are able to support you with both.

I would like to confirm our Nursery INSET days when the setting will not be open for the Nursery children due to staff training. These are on Monday 25 April (at the end of the Easter break) and Thursday 21 July 2022 (the day before the summer holiday begins). In addition the Nursery will also be closed on 6 June as this is the day being taken in lieu of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee day.

May I close by thanking you for all you are doing to support your child and their time here at Grandpont.

With my best wishes,
Grace

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