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Dear Parents,

As I write this February newsletter we are approximately half way through the Spring Term, and I write to say once again what a pleasure it is for the staff to be working with you and your child, and to share your pleasure in all the progress they are making.

Our exciting 'Nature Now' woodland project is under way and some children in both Childcare and the Nursery have already enjoyed their first outdoor session. All the children will have the opportunity to have several sessions over the coming weeks – excitement is high!

Half Term for the Nursery children is just around the corner, and the Nursery will be closed next week (Monday 13 February – Friday 17 February inclusive). Childcare remains open throughout the week, but please remember that hot lunches aren't provided during holiday periods and to send a packed lunch into Grandpont with your child each day.

I come now to say how sad I am that my time at Grandpont as interim headteacher comes to an end after Half Term. It has been a very special privilege to have worked with you and your children – thank you for letting me share in this journey with you. I have also been honoured to have been working alongside the most fabulous and committed staff team.

While Cat remains at Grandpont as our Nursery teacher, she is to step aside from her headship role after Half Term. I would like to thank her for the fantastic job she has done in sharing the headship role since July.

I am delighted to let you know that our new full-time interim headteacher will be Karen Locke. Karen is a very experienced early years practitioner who has led a school and setting previously and is also a Lead Advisory Teacher with Oxfordshire County Council's Early Years Team. Karen begins at Grandpont after Half Term and I know you will want to join with us in welcoming her to Grandpont, as she works with you and your children.

With very best wishes to you all,  
Grace and Cat

Grace Slater and Cat Marriott  
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