

20 May 2022

Dear Parents,

As I write the children are already well immersed into the summer term and all the exciting events that are part of it!

Our Nursery focus this term is on life cycles and the book 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle. As part of this, we're very excited to be welcoming some caterpillars into Grandpont next week and watching them as they transform into butterflies!

Childcare children are enjoying spending lots of time outside and especially in taking part in gardening activities. Their current focus book is 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see?' by Bill Martin.

Hot lunches have now been running successfully for 3 weeks, and we're delighted by how very much the children are enjoying the meals!

We hope you're enjoying seeing photos and observations of your children on Tapestry – we love seeing your comments and 'likes' too, so please keep them coming. If you're able to share the photos with your child and talk with them about what they've been up to (you may be agreeably surprised!) this would be so good. Thank you.

Just a couple of reminders please:

Firstly, on sunny days we would be grateful if you could apply your child's sunscreen before they arrive at Grandpont. Please remember to send a named sun hat with your child too.

Secondly, should you have any safeguarding concerns please speak with me as Grandpont's Designated Safeguarding Lead. Alternatively, should you prefer, you can ring Social Services (the MASH) on 0345 050 7666.

Following the success of the 'Painting Party', we'd like to have a 'Gardening Party' after Half Term with the aim of making the fabulous wooded areas within Grandpont grounds more enjoyable for the children to use. I'll write with more details once we have confirmed arrangements, and we'd be thrilled should you be able to join us. Thank you!

Please note that the Nursery is closed for Half Term from Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June. The Nursery is also closed on Monday 6 June in lieu of the Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday, meaning the children's first day back at Nursery will be Tuesday 7 June.

Childcare remains open for most of the Half Term week, but will be closed over the two Bank Holidays (Thursday 2 June and Friday 3 June). Childcare is open on Monday 6 June.

As you may have realised we are currently short staffed in the Office and I hope you will bear with us if things take a little longer during busy times of the day. Thank you.

We hope you and your children have fantastic Bank Holidays, and I conclude by thanking you as ever, for your continued support of your child and of Grandpont.

With my best wishes,

Grace

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