

Dear Parents/Carers

We this was an interesting week of weather wasn't it! The children have had lots of watery fun and made the most of the rain. Please see attached for a lovely insight into what the children have been busy doing in Childcare, blossom room and in the Nursery School.

#### OFSTED BIG LISTEN

You may already be aware that Ofsted are in the process of asking people to give their views on Ofsted. They are asking for the views of parents and carers. If you'd be interested in contributing your thoughts and views, please see the information at the end of the newsletter.

#### LUNCHES

If your child is attending childcare or holiday club next week, please remember to provide them with a packed lunch. Many thanks.

#### SUNSCREEN & SUNHATS (for the slightly less wet days!)

Please can you send your child in each day with sunscreen already applied. There are sunscreens available that protects for longer but if you need to provide a bottle for us to apply for your child later in the day, please name it and hand it to your child's keyperson.

Your child also needs a named sunhat.



#### SPARE CLOTHES

Please ensure that we have some spare clothes for your child in case of need. It would be great if they could be named and in a bag on their peg.

If you have clothes that your child has grown out of and you no longer need, we would be very grateful to have them as 'just in case spares'.

#### OUR NEXT REVAMP – THE HOME CORNER

The home corner is an amazing space for the children to play. During their play they are busy developing their imagination, understanding of the world and their personal, social and communication skills. We would like this area to be as warm, inviting and homely as we can.

If you have any of these items that you no longer use, we would love to use them in our home corner; plastic vases, photo frames, clocks (they don't have to work), calendars, diaries, technology such as old phones, laptops, cameras etc and small suitcases, in case they decide to go on holiday.

#### RELATION KIT

Our Oxfordshire Early Years team have shared the Relation Kit website with us. It is a great website that can be useful to help families with some of the things we all need to manage as parents.

<https://relationkit.co.uk/>

#### KEEPING YOU IN TOUCH

Please also check our Facebook and Instagram pages for information about what we have been doing and about local events too.



Instagram



Facebook

## SICKNESS

A gentle reminder that if your child is sick and/or has diarrhoea, please keep them at home for 48 hours after the last bout. This will help us to minimise the spread of tummy bugs, many thanks.

## SAFETY

**CAR PARK** - For your child's safety, when dropping off and collecting your child from Grandpont, please keep them on the paths and not in the car park itself, many thanks.

**DOORS** - For the safety of all of our children and so that staff are aware of who is in the building, please do not open doors for other visitors, including parents, many thanks.

**TIMINGS** – A reminder to drop off and collect your child on time, many thanks.

## 50 THINGS TO DO BEFORE YOU'RE FIVE

This is an amazing app that offers lots of fun and engaging ideas of things to do in and around Oxford. There is also an app for older children that may be useful if your child has older siblings.

<https://oxfordshire.50thingstodo.org/app/os#!/welcome>

Let us know how you get on and how much fun you've had!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY –

### **Nursery School, 2 years old and Funded 2's provisions**

Half term – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May, closed

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – INSET day, Nursery closed for staff training

### **Childcare**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday, closed

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – INSET day, closed for staff training

With our best wishes,

Karen, Sarah & Claire

## Ofsted - The Big Listen – we want to hear your views!

The National Centre for Social Research (NatCen) is carrying out a short survey on behalf of Ofsted. We want to hear from parents/carers of children who are under 18 years old. It should only take around 10 minutes to complete. We are interested in views of, and any experiences with, Ofsted, including Ofsted's inspection, regulation and reporting practices. We really want to hear from a wide range of parents and carers, even if you don't have strong opinions about Ofsted, or haven't had any experience of Ofsted. The survey findings will be used to help Ofsted improve the way it works in the future.

Please click on the following link to find out more or take part in the survey:

[survey.natcen.ac.uk/TheBigListen](https://survey.natcen.ac.uk/TheBigListen)

You can look at our [Taking Part webpage](#) for more information about the research, and our [Privacy Notice](#) for what will happen to any information you give. Links to these webpages are also included in the survey.



### Who we are

The National Centre for Social Research (NatCen) is responsible for carrying out this research with parents and carers. NatCen is Britain's largest social research organisation. We have delivered research for many government, regulatory, and public bodies, and have expertise in carrying out research with the public to inform strategic decision-making in policy and practice. We are a non-profit organisation, independent of government departments and political parties.

### Contact us

If you have any questions about the research NatCen is conducting as part of the Big Listen, or have trouble accessing the survey, please contact the research team via email at [thebiglisten@natcen.ac.uk](mailto:thebiglisten@natcen.ac.uk).

If you would like to confirm the authenticity of this research please see Ofsted's webpage detailing the two organisations commissioned to help with Ofsted's Big Listen: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/ofsted-big-listen/independent-research-surveys-providers-and-settings>

Thank you so much for your help with this vital independent research as part of the Big Listen.

Kind regards,  
The NatCen Big Listen research team