

Dear Parents/Carers

In Nursery we have been having a very lovely time learning through the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' lots of huffing and puffing and houses being blown down! Let us know if your child can tell you the story, we'd love to know how well they know it now.

In Childcare we have been having some removal fun and creating new spaces and places to play.

#### MUD KITCHEN MAKEOVER!

We are often very busy making and creating in our magnificent mud kitchens. As with most kitchens, sometimes they need a bit of a revamp and ours are just the same! We would like to ask for your help with the revamps. If you have any picnic ware and/or pots similar to the ones below we would love to have them.



We would also love to reuse old microwaves, toasters and kettles if you have them. If you are growing herbs and have some spare, we will happily care for seeds/cuttings or seedlings – the children love snipping them and putting them into their creations. Also as and when you are lucky enough to be given flowers, please bring them in when they're going over as they are fantastic for potions and perfumes. There is a bucket near the front door for the flowers, please just bring them in as and when you've finished with them. Many thanks.

#### TAPESTRY

We are reviewing our use of Tapestry as a communication and assessment tool. While this is ongoing, we will keep you up-to-date when you drop-off and collect your child and with some lovely photos on the website. Check the website for some new photos from this week!

#### 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 gentle reminder to collect your child on time as much as possible, 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**

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Term ends at 3.30pm

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Term begins at 9.00am

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday, Nursery closed

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Term ends at 3.30pm

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

### **Childcare**

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Bank holiday, closed

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Bank Holiday, closed

Tuesday 2 April – Childcare is open

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### **Funded 2's and 2 years old provision**

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With our best wishes,

Karen, Sarah & Claire