

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a lovely few weeks with all of our children very excited and engaged with our eggs and chicks from 'Living Eggs'. The children all learnt how to care for them, how to identify male and female chicks and we even learnt how to handle them too – awe and wonder at its best!

In nursery the children have been looking at different fruits and where they hide their seeds. They've had lots of fun tasting the different fruits and planting seeds from them too. We have planted lots of different types of seeds and are now looking forward to noticing the changes over the next few weeks.

In Childcare we have been busy growing too. We have planted sunflowers, cucumbers and tomatoes and are excited to see what happens. We have been creating our herb garden with some very lovely smelling herbs that we will be able to use in our mud kitchen for potions and recipes.

SUNSCREEN & SUNHATS

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.



ALLOCATIONS FOR CHILDREN AGE 3-4 FOR SEPTEMBER

We will be contacting families in the next couple of weeks to offer sessions for our children who will be three to four years old in September. We do have some more spaces available and so please do let friends and family who might be interested know. We will happily organise for them to visit us to see our incredible environment. We have attached a poster that it would be great if you could share too. St Ebbe's also have some spaces for children who are eligible for reception in September and their poster is attached too.

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/>

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. 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.

Please note that due to OCC's insurance policy, car parking is permitted only to Grandpont staff.

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, F2's and 2 years old provisions

Half term – Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May, closed

Monday 3rd June – INSET day, Nursery closed for staff training

Childcare

Monday 27th May – Bank Holiday, closed

Monday 3rd June – INSET day, closed for staff training

With our best wishes,

Karen, Sarah & Claire