

Dear Parents/Carers

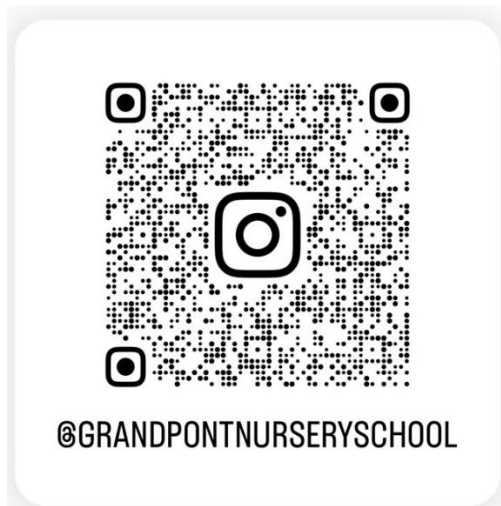
We do hope that you all had the chance to relax a little over the recent Easter break and are really pleased to see you all again. We have some exciting news for you and a few requests too!

LIVING EGGS

We are all incredibly excited about a special delivery that is arriving with us on Monday... we are going to be caring for some eggs. We are going to be learning about how to care for them, for other creatures and for each other. If you have any pet carriers/bowls etc that you no longer need, we would love to use them in our role play area.

FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM

Another exciting development. We have a shiny new Facebook page and a brand new Instagram page. We will be posting lots of lovely photos of the progress of our eggs. We will also signpost some fun local events and activities and useful information for families. Please join with the QR codes below and share with your friends and family.



Instagram



Facebook

OUTDOOR PLAY

As the weather warms (hopefully, keep your fingers crossed!) we are looking forward to spending lots of time in our gardens. Please make sure that your child has plenty of named spare clothes in their bag in case of accident or getting wet/muddy as part of their exploration and fun. Many thanks.

SELF-REGISTRATION IN NURSERY

You may have already noticed our self-registration photos in our keyperson areas in Nursery. We are encouraging the children to add their photo to the next available space on the left. It is a great way for the children to begin to use positional language including next to, at the top underneath and also to use ordinal language including first, second, last. Additionally we are talking with the children

about a 'full five frame' and needing to start on the next five frame. These are all useful skills to support the children's concepts of number.

MUD KITCHEN MAKEOVER – A FANTASTIC WORK IN PROGRESS!

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.

HERBS and FLOWERS

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. If you have a sunflower head from last year that the children could use to investigate, we would be very grateful. 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.

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.

Please see below for some useful guidance on keeping healthy.

<https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2024/01/03/a-parents-guide-to-keeping-kids-healthy-this-school-year/>

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

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday, Nursery closed

Friday 24th May – Term ends at 3.30pm (Afterschool Club open as normal)

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

Childcare, Funded 2's and 2 years old provisions

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With our best wishes,

Karen, Sarah & Claire