



November Newsletter, 2018

Dear Families,

I am so grateful to the extremely motivated and dedicated team of parents who are putting together the final arrangements for the Grandpont Christmas Market, on the 8th December.

All families should have now received their own pack with ideas in which you can help. We have **lots more raffle tickets to be sold**. So please collect more from Chelsea in the office. Please also return any purchased stubs and money, also to Chelsea who is kindly organising this for us.

Best Wishes

Lisa Fern

Headteacher

Message from Blossom Room

Staffing News- We are still looking to recruit two childcare assistants to the Blossom Room team. There is a link to the advert on the website, where all the information regarding these posts can be found. This could be a training opportunity, whatever your age. Please spread the word for us.

Soup and Sparklers- Thank you to all of you who attended this event. The Blossom Room team worked hard to make this successful again this year. Well done and thank you to all involved.

Message from The Nursery School

Book Week- Our second book week of the term has come around and next week we will all be exploring the wonderful Jill Murphy book; **Whatever Next?** Here is a clip to see the story being read on You Tube;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6c5cb0u0rPM>

Our Bike Work Shop- you may have noticed our Bike Workshop that we have had in the nursery for the past few weeks. This provocation has given many children the opportunity to explore how bikes are made and have had wonderful first hand opportunities to explore and tinker with the bike. Language opportunities have been in abundance and many children have been really engaged with this opportunity to be curious.



For Information

The Police Briefing- The police would like to thank those who were able to spend some time with them on Monday this week, discussing their work in trying to prevent drug crime in the local area. Once they had finished talking to parents they enjoyed some time in the Nursery, playing and chatting with the children. This was a great bit of community cohesion. Here are some pictures for you to see!



Christmas and the plans for the end of term-

Wednesday 19th December- Christmas Lunch for those who stay for lunch.

Friday 21st December- Christmas Party day and last day of term.

- Party lunch prepared and provided by the Nursery.
- Morning children are welcome to stay for lunch
- **Christmas Singing 12- 1.00PM** parents are invited to join us for a small concert to celebrate christmas. All children attending Grandpont on this day will be involved.
- **1.30pm-** home time and start of the christmas holidays.
N/B- If you have paid for a booking on this afternoon and require childcare, then we will honour that booking. If you have paid for a booking but would like to take your children home early, unfortunately we will not be able to reimburse payments for this session.
Please let your child's key worker know your end of day plans before this day so we can prepare for the afternoon.

End of term and January 2019 arrangements-

- We break up in the Nursery school and Blossom Room, for Christmas on Friday 21st December at 1.00pm (see above).
- Blossom Room and Holiday Club will reopen on Wednesday 2nd January 2019.
- The whole centre is closed for staff training on Monday 7th January 2019.
- The whole centre and Nursery school reopens on Tuesday 8th January 2019

Details of end of term Christmas celebrations will be coming your way soon.

For Action

Car Parking- On several occasions we have noticed cars parked in front of the Grandpont gates at drop off and pick up times. Please avoid doing this as it blocks our emergency entrance and is dangerous when children and families are walking down the path to the nursery entrance.

Friends of Grandpont (FOG)

FOG is a group of people from the community who are willing and keen to help us to organise some fun events and raise some extra cash for Grandpont- we are looking for new parents to support us and join this group.

Family Christmas Market- If you would like to help out at the Market but have not been able to attend a planning meeting, please let a member of staff know and let them have your email address, so we can pass this on to the organisers to get in touch with you.

Raffle Tickets- We are keen to sell as many as possible. Books can be purchased or collected for sale from the office.

Community News

In the Night Garden- Thank you to everyone who supported this event, we made nearly £500, for SOFR.



