



## February Newsletter, 2019

Dear Families,

Don't forget it is half term, week beginning the 18th February. The nursery school is closed for the week. Holiday club spaces are filling up fast, please see Chelsea if you require places. Some sessions are already fully booked.

I hope you are all enjoying Easy Peasy and are having fun with the games. I have noticed that there are still many parents who have not yet had a go. These are free games for you to play with your children. They are 'real' practical games, not played on a device and should support your children in many ways, especially with their language development. If you are not sure about Easy Peasy, please talk to a member of staff for more information. Otherwise, have fun and do leave a comment about how the game has gone!



**Lisa Fern**

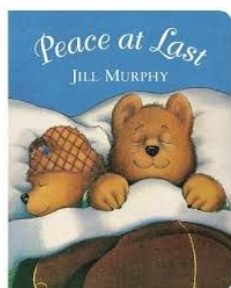
Headteacher

### For Information

**Quiet Room-** The fairies visited us over the weekend and we now have a beautifully decorated quiet room for everyone's use at Grandpont. We have decided to adopt a 'shoes off' policy, to keep this space special and clean and it will be a place for children to go and relax, attend 'relax Kids' sessions and of course the youngest children will enjoy it for sleeping in. Thank you to Leanne and Cayley who worked so hard to make it look so lovely.

**Car Parking-** A meeting was held recently regarding the traffic issues on Whitehouse Road and was attended by parents, staff, governors of both schools as well as council representatives and the local police. Several options were discussed that might help to improve the situation. I will be able to share more information with you in due course. Until then, please can I ask you to remain patient and be safe if you are parking to drop off and pick up your children and please be respectful to the local residence, ensuring they have continued access to their property.

## Nursery School



**Book Week-**Last week we enjoyed reading the book; Peace at Last By Jill Murphy. Each key group read it and explored all of the different characters in the book. We also set up a role-play situation, which many children in the nursery enjoyed. You can look at a retelling of the book here; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9U9y35kWBvM>

**Woodwork-** Anne Worsnop has been very busy revamping our woodwork area over the past few weeks and we now have a fantastic, newly resourced space for children to get busy with hammers! If you have any spare wood that would be suitable for the children to use in this area we are happy to take it off your hands!



**Parent meetings-** Thank you to everyone who has attended the parent meetings so far this term. Here is a reminder of the dates of those key groups that have not had a meeting yet. Please put these in your diary.

Jennifer	Tuesday 19th March	8.30-9.30AM
Anne W and Lucy D	Tuesday 2nd April	8.30-9.30AM
Lucy D- PM Children	Tuesday 2nd April	12.30-1.30PM

The meetings take place from 8.30-9.30am in the family room (SOFR). We need to finish on time to allow staff to get back in to the Nursery. If you are very keen to meet with your child's key person, we recommend that you arrive early.

**Lateness-** I sent an email last week to remind you to bring your children on time to nursery. Arriving late disrupts the flow of learning in group times and your children miss out on this valuable learning opportunity.

Many children are also being picked up after 12.00 at lunch time. Please be here on time as your lateness eats into our staff's lunch break.

## Blossom Room

**Fish-** Blossom Room children and staff are excited to welcome two new members to the group! Peppa and Sheila have moved in to their new fish tank this week and are doing well!

## 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.

**Half Term Treasure hunt-** We will be sending home a treasure hunt to complete with your children over half term with a £1 entry fee. This is to help us to raise some more funds for nursery. Have fun completing it and there will be a prize for all entries returned!

## Community News

### SOFR

**Story Museum-** The story museum will be coming to join the Friday stay and play sessions every two weeks starting on the 8th February. This is a wonderful opportunity for us and we hope that this will be a popular event.



**Monday 11th**  
**February**

 **SEN Drop-in session**  
**12:30 pm - 2:30 pm**

**Find out about**  
**activities and places to go**  
**for children with additional**  
**needs in Oxfordshire**

Parents welcome with or without children.

**With Pauline MacKinnon**  
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