



September Newsletter, 2019

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Grandpont at the start of this new academic year. A very warm welcome too, to all of our new families this term.

So that you are able to keep up to date with our latest news, I send home a monthly newsletter that is emailed to all families of children in both the Nursery School and Blossom Room. Please also keep an eye on the website and Facebook page as well, and you may receive a text message from us too.

I am proud to report that we have had a wonderful start to the new term. Children seem to have settled quickly back into routines, and there is a calm but busy atmosphere across the nursery.

Please also remember that your child's Key Person should be your first port of call for any communication, but my door is always open, and you can always email me with any news, questions or concerns.

Best Wishes

Lisa Fern

Headteacher

For Information

Term Dates- Please see our website and the attached sheet for this years term dates;
https://www.grandpontnurseryschool.co.uk/website/term_dates/327832

Please note that we are open for bookings for holiday clubs during the school holidays for our over 3s.

Routines and reminders;

- **Named clothing-** Please name all your child's clothing to ensure a safe return if it comes off during the session.
- **Waterproofs and wellies-** Please ensure your child has a pair of NAMED wellies and a jacket at nursery for when we go outside to play. These can be left with us, in the group tub, so your child is ready to play outdoors.
- **Late arrivals-** If you arrive late for one reason or another then please ensure you have filled in a slip at the office so that we can ensure your children are registered for H&S purposes.

- **Absences**-It is important that you let us know if your child will not be coming into nursery. Either email us or call us. If we have not heard from you, then Chelsea will probably give you a call.
- **NO food in Nursery**- You should have noticed our NO NUTS signs up in nursery. This is because we have a couple of children who have food allergies. Please also ensure that your child doesn't eat any snacks in the nursery, before or at the end of the session to help us to ensure this is a safe environment for all our children.

Autumn Planting- We are planning to do some planting this month in the Nursery and Blossom Room gardens, and are looking for any donations to help us out! We are looking for donations of spring flowering bulbs and winter bedding, such as Pansies. If you can help us out, we would be really grateful.



Book Project- We are on a mission in the Nursery School to have a BIG revamp and sort out of our books. As part of this project we are looking at purchasing some new texts as well as making our reading environment cosy and accessible. Over the next few weeks we may be asking for help to raise some money to support this project. One fund raiser we will be running is a book sale of the books we have decided, for whatever reason, not to keep. We are still considering a few other options for other ways to raise funds so keep a look out for these coming your way!

Other Dates-

19th September- Nursery School, new children's Tea Party
 1st October- Harvest at Grandpont- see below!
 14th October- Book week, more info to follow

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-Last year we held a very successful Christmas market and we hope to do the same again this year. If you are interested in being involved in the planning and/or running of this event, then please let Lisa know.



Harvest at Grandpont



Tuesday 1st October

On this day we will be celebrating 'Harvest' at Grandpont.

We will be pressing apples to make our own juice and making a collection of food that we will then donate to the Oxford Gatehouse, that exists to provide a calm and safe refuge for the homeless or vulnerably homed.



On this day please bring to Nursery;

- **Some apples** for pressing! Windfalls, apples going over or whatever you can bring so we can let all of the children have a go at making some juice.
- **A bottle** to collect the juice in. Please ensure this is named. It can be a drink bottle or a water bottle of any kind. This will allow the children to take their juice home to share with you.
- **Food donations** for our harvest table. The food we like to receive are things like Salad, Fruit, Bread, Cakes, Sugar, Tea, Coffee, Sugar, Tuna, Margarine, Mayo, Ketchup, Salad cream, Squash, Tinned food, Branston pickle, Marmite, Chocolate spread.



We will be making the juice in the garden and each group will have the opportunity to talk about the food donations and sing some harvest songs. It should be lots of fun!

Thank you for your support

Community News

NEW - Generation Café and play in Grandpont Family Room

This autumn, Grandpont Family Room are opening their doors, welcoming the community in to their new “Generation Café and play sessions”. Are you looking for an afternoon activity? Are you looking for a friendly place to go where you can enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, meet other people and catch up with friends? Would you enjoy a play session where there may be offers of help to play with your toddler or entertain your baby or be read a story by others attending?

When?

1st & 3rd Friday afternoons from 12.30pm-2.30pm
starting **Friday 20th September.**



What is on offer?

- Stay and play in the afternoon for families with babies and toddlers.
- Refreshments, tea or coffee and sometimes cake.
- A warm and welcoming space to chat with friends
- Opportunities for your children to socialise with older generations. They may offer to hold and chat to your baby or play with your toddler or to read a story while you get yourself a drink or simply use the facilities!
- Explore practical skills such as knitting, sewing, mending items, woodwork & carpentry, gardening & cooking.

at the Grandpont family room on the Nursery school site Ring Karen (project co-ordinator) on 01865 254875 to find out more.