



June Newsletter, 2019

Dear Families,

We have a few things happening this term, so please be aware of the dates. These can be found on the newsletter which is also posted on the website, on the website calendar and reminders will be sent via our new texting service. If you have not received a text yet from us then please speak to Chelsea, so she can ensure your number is on the system.

I would also like to welcome all of our new families with children who are now attending Blossom Room. The team in this room are very proud of how all of the new children have settled over the past month and are loving the opportunity to get to know you and your children.

Lisa Fern

Headteacher

For Information

Important dates for this term-

- **Monday 10th June-** Our Living Eggs arrive! And return to the farm on Friday 21st June. Do pop in and have a look at drop off and pick up times.
- **Tuesday 18th-Friday 21st June-** Grandpont Book Fair. The travelling Book Fair will be here for you to purchase books from. This is an opportunity for you to buy some recent and much loved children's books. The more we sell the more commission we get to buy books for nursery! Information leaflets will be given to children to take home.
- **Wednesday 3rd July-** A visit to us from Farmer Gows! There are only a few outstanding donations of payment. Thank you to those who have already donated.
- **Friday 19th July-** Grandpont's 70th Birthday celebration.

Lateness- On several occasions in the newsletter I have written to ask if children attending the nursery school can be dropped off on time with us in the morning. Our doors open at 9.00AM and we expect all children to be in by 9.15AM.

This is really important to us as the children have their morning group time from 9.15AM and when children arrive late it not only means that your children have missed part of this valuable session, it also disrupts the group and interrupts the flow of the session for the other children in the group.

In September, many of your children will be attending school and it will be important to arrive on time. Although we recognise that we are not statutory education we do have high expectations around attendance and this is purely for the benefit of the children. We are also considering asking families that continue to arrive after 9.15, without genuine reason to wait in the entrance hall until 9.45AM when group time finishes.

Can I please also ask that those of you collecting children at 12.00Noon are also here on time. Claire and Anne both have their lunch break from 12.00 and they are missing out on quite a lot of time as they are waiting with children to go home, often as long as 15/20 minutes. The morning pick up doors open at 11.50AM so there is a ten minute collection window.

Thank you for your support in all this.

A reminder from last month!

Car and Bike Parking- I am having endless conversations with staff and families about the parking situation outside the front of Grandpont. **Please do not** pull off of the road and park in front of the gates at drop off and collection times. This area needs to be kept clear and safe for children walking into nursery and i the emergency access for the railway, SOAP and the nursery. If you are asked to move your vehicle this is because staff are supporting this request and a respectful response is required. We may be manning this over the next few weeks to fully understand the whole situation.

Please do not walk through the vehicle gates at any point as vehicles may be moving in this area.

If you are coming to nursery on a bike, please also be considerate of people who are walking in. The paths are not wide. Please dismount and walk bikes into the nursery grounds or use the bike racks opposite the gates.

Please ensure that when transporting your children in a vehicle they must be in an appropriate car seat and strapped in.

All of these requests are for the safety of our children and families and no one would want to be affected by any unnecessary accidents.



The School Lunch Company -We have had some tasty meals so far and the children seem to be enjoying the food. You can view the new menu on the link below.

We would like to welcome our cook Becky back from her maternity leave and her supervisor Katy who are cooking our meals for us.

https://www.grandpontnurseryschool.co.uk/website/lunch_menus/408076

Parent meetings- We will be holding parent meetings in the mornings from 8.30AM again this half term, where we will be keen to talk with you about the progress your children have made and their interests during their time at Grandpont and any school transition issues you may wish to discuss. Please talk to your child's key person to arrange a meeting.

	Tues 25th June	Tues 2nd July
	Lucy D	Anne w
Tues 9th July	Wed 10th July	Thurs 11th July
Claire and Jennifer	Cat/Lib and Lucy B	Teresa
Tues 16th July	Wed 17th July	Thurs 18th July
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We may be able to offer some flexibility if you are unable to make the suggested date above but we would prefer to stick to these dates if possible.

70 year Celebration of Grandpont- Grandpont Maintained Nursery School opened its doors for the first time 70 years ago in 1949. We will be having a special celebration day on Friday 19th July. This will include a 1940s lunch cooked by The School Lunch Company and in the afternoon hope to hold some games and afternoon tea in the nursery garden. We may even have some live music playing too. Please save the afternoon. Celebrations will likely start from 2.00PM.

If you can offer some time to help organise this event and/or help out on the day then please email Lisa at head.1010@grandpont-nur.oxon.sch.uk

Staffing News- We will also be saying farewell to Lib Jackson at the end of the term. Lib has been our amazing teacher and SENDCo for the past couple of years and we will be very sad to see her go. Lib and her family are relocating to another part of the country. We are recruiting for both Lib and Lucy. B's positions over the next couple of weeks.

Community News

SOFR- Will be holding their annual Triathlon event again in June. Please see the Facebook page and recently sent email for more information.

We are delighted to be able to watch our chicks hatch this week!

