



## December 2020 Newsletter



Dear Families

The end of term is coming up quickly so this letter is mainly a reminder of end of term arrangements.

Nursery will be back open on Tuesday 5th January. The whole centre is closed on Monday 4th January for a training day.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful break over the Christmas season and stay safe.

Best Wishes

**Lisa Fern**

Headteacher

**Christmas Jumper day-** On Friday this week (11th December) we will be celebrating the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day. Please send your children in festive jumpers/clothes or a piece of tinsel would be just as fun. We will have a collection for Save the Children on the day so please bring a cash donation with you. Thank you.



**Christmas Singing-** We will be recording our nursery Christmas concert on Friday (when we are all dressed up in Christmas gear!) and we will be launching this on our Google Classrooms in the last week of term. If you have not yet logged on to your child's classroom then please do, we don't want you to miss out on our concert! If you are having trouble logging on then please let us know.

**Christmas Party-** We will be having a Christmas party (in bubbles) on the last day of term, where we will be providing a party lunch. We will be asking for a small donation of £2.00 for this and our morning children will be invited to stay for lunch on this day too. Please pass your food money donations to your child's key person. We have also heard a rumour that there may also be a visitor during the morning, if he is not too busy!

The party celebrations will be finished by 12.45pm. Please collect morning children by **1.00pm**.

If your child stays for the afternoon session on a Friday but you would like to collect them early then that is fine. I know that St Ebbes are finishing at 1.15pm so you may



want to tie in collection times. Otherwise we will be having a quiet afternoon, possibly with a Christmas video. After school club will also continue to run on this day.



**In the Light Garden- Winter Wonderland-** we still have some available slots for our light garden tour on Wednesday 16th December. We are recommending a donation of £5 per family. We are also excited to announce that Lizzie and James from Jericho Coffee Trading will have their Vesper at nursery and will be selling hot chocolate, coffee and juice to help keep you warm.



**Nursery Lunches-** Amy Waterstone, who is a parent and governor at Grandpont and myself are holding a virtual meeting on **Tuesday 15th December at 7.30pm** via Google Meet to discuss the situation with you regarding hot lunches.

If you would like to join this meeting, please can you email me directly at [head@grandpontnurseryschool.co.uk](mailto:head@grandpontnurseryschool.co.uk) and I will send you a meeting link.

The purpose of the meeting is to explain to those who are interested in more detail, the situation we have at nursery and to perhaps share some of your thoughts and ideas.

After this meeting I am hoping that we may have a small committee of people who are willing to support Grandpont in exploring our options further.

**School Place Applications-** If your child is currently in Willow or Oak bubbles (and turn 5yrs old between September 2021 and September 2022) then you will need to be making an application to oxford county council for a school place for September. More information can be found here-

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/infant-and-primary-school>

If you are still not sure what to do then please talk to one of us and we will be able to point you in the right direction.

**Changes of Clothes-** Our collection of nursery spares has diminished recently so if you have any 3 and 4 year old aged clothes that are no longer required we will be happy to receive donations to top up our stocks. Donations of trousers, socks and pants would be most useful.

**Information Video-** We have found someone who is willing to help us collate a promotion video for Grandpont. Thank you to everyone who has already completed the Google form to state your permissions. If you have not yet done so please click here and complete this short form <https://forms.gle/ljB1Fdqp4rgS9G4W9>  
Thank you.

