



April Newsletter, 2019 No.2

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the Summer term. What glorious weather we had over the Easter break. After speaking to lots of children and parents it seems that many of you were making the most of it.

Welcome also to our new children and families starting at Grandpont this term.

Please take a look at the dates for this term, which can also be found on the website.

Lisa Fern

Headteacher

For Information

Dates to note;

May	Monday 6th- closed for Bank holiday Monday 27th Half Term- closed for bank holiday 28th-31st Open for Holiday club/ Blossom Room (packed lunches)-bookings required
June	Monday 3rd -INSET day-Nursery School closed- Holiday club/Blossom Room open-(packed lunches)- booking required
July	24th- Last day of term- Nursery school breaks up for the summer 25th- Holiday Club/Blossom Room open (packed lunches)-bookings required
August	26th-2nd Sept- Whole centre is closed.
September	2nd- Whole centre is closed 3rd- Nursery School INSET- Holiday Club/Blossom Room open (packed lunches)-bookings required 4th- Term begins in the Nursery School

The School Lunch Company <http://www.theschoollunchcompany.co.uk/>

We have now agreed our new menu and will be having our meals cooked by our new provider from Tuesday 4th July.

We are just waiting for menus to be printed off so you can all see a copy soon.

You will then notice that we have been very considerate towards parents requests for healthy options and will be providing meals that are nutritionally balanced for the age group who we are feeding. We currently have many families who request no puddings or no cake, which we would like to avoid as we will be providing a menu that we hope you feel happy with your children eating.



Summer safe-Please ensure your children all have a NAMED hat in nursery this term and we will ensure they wear it in the garden. We will also apply sun cream and ask for a £1 donation towards the cost. Please leave your donation with Chelsea in the office.



We also want to allow the children to play in the woods as much as possible this term. We recommend that children have either some long trousers or wellies in nursery to avoid stings and brambles should they choose to go in the woods.

Nursery Photographer- The nursery photographer will be at Grandpont on Wednesday 1st May in the morning and Thursday 2nd May in the afternoon. Please let your child's key person know if you do not want their picture taking. If a picture is taken, there is no obligation to make a purchase.

Parent meetings- We will be holding parent meetings again but later in the term. Dates will be sent to you in due course.

Staffing- We are sad to inform you that Lucy Bale will be moving on to a new adventure. Lucy has been offered a promotion to a leadership role in another setting. She will be missed by everyone. Lucy will however, be with us until the end of term in July, so that she can see her key group go off to school. We will be recruiting to this role in due course.

September places- The official closing date for September 2019 places in the nursery school is on **Wednesday 1st May**. Please ensure any sibling applications have been made by this date or if your child is in Blossom Room and turns 3 between 31st March and 31st August 2019. Please ensure that the office know that you require a nursery school place for September. Applications before this date will be considered according to our admissions policy. Any places available after this date will be offered on a first come first served basis.

Art Weeks- The children in the nursery school have been working hard to produce some amazing artwork that will be displayed in St Matthews Church as part of the Oxfordshire Art Weeks. You may like to pop along to



St Matthews with your family and have a look. There is more information here;
<https://www.artweeks.org/festival>

Great Western Railway day- Saturday 15th June 2019- There is going to be an event celebrating 175 years of the GWR at various places along the track between Didcot and Oxford, with an event taking place on the Grandpont Rec. more information here-



<https://didcotrailwaycentre.org.uk/product.php/33/didcot-to-oxford-great-western-railway-175th-anniversary-celebrations>

In nursery we will be taking this opportunity to have a fun focus week on 'Trains'!

Have a great weekend!