



Newsletter, September 2021

Dear Families

It is exciting to be open again to all of our Grandpont families and so far the children have come into Grandpont very happy and content. I would also like to offer a warm welcome to all of our new families who have joined us this month and many that have rejoined us now with younger siblings.

For those of you that are new to Grandpont, you will mainly receive communications via email (Mail Chimp) as well as a monthly newsletter. We also have a facebook page and a twitter page and you may also hear from your child's key person directly from their work email address. All newsletters and plenty of other information can be found on our website-

<https://www.grandpontnurseryschool.co.uk/website>

As we have had some changes over the summer, at the bottom of this letter you will see a list of staff names and roles and where they will be based.

Best Wishes

Lisa Fern

Headteacher

Term Dates

All of the term dates, holiday club dates, inset dates can be found on the calendar on the website. Blossom Room bookings are for 50 weeks of the year so are open during holiday times, alongside the holiday club.

Half term week is the week beginning **Monday 25th October**. We will be open for holiday club bookings during this week. Please contact the office with regard to making a booking.

Changes to our Covid-19 arrangements - The amended Nursery risk assessment now includes government advice on reducing covid infection rates for september 2021 and also includes a covid outbreak management plan should covid cases rise within our setting or community. This will be implemented on advice from Track and Trace or other health and safety bodies. Grandpont will no longer be responsible for managing any track and trace situations,

Please also see separate guidance included with this newsletter regarding our current expectations across Grandpont.

School streets- The school streets trial is continuing for the next couple of weeks, when it will be reviewed.

The barrier will be put across the road at the crossroads between Whitehouse Road and Marlborough Road at the following time;

- Mornings- 8.30-9.15am
- Afternoons- 2.30-3.15pm

These have changed slightly from last term.

If you need to drop off or collect children from Grandpont during these times you may be able to park at Hinksey Park. If you would like to do this then please request a parking pass from the office. Otherwise, the scheme is to encourage you to make an active journey, on foot, bike, scooter or roller skates!

There is a meeting taking place this week and further information regarding the scheme should be available after this.

Children's belongings

- Please bring named **wellies** into the nursery for your child and a waterproof jacket. We will be outside in all weathers and it is important that the children have appropriate clothing for the weather.
- **Suncream-** we are anticipating some more sunny days over the next week. We strongly recommend you put suncream on your children at the start of their session. Whole day sun cream is available in the shops and due to the current climate we recommend you use this so we do not have to reapply the cream at midday.
- **Packed lunch boxes-** Please can you ensure that your child's lunch box is visibly named on the outside of the box so we know who's box belongs to who!
- **Morning Fruit/snack- (Nursery School Children)** We would also appreciate it if you could send the snack separately to your child's lunch so we can find this quickly at snack time.



Nursery Lunches -We are in liaison with the Local Authority to explore plans to enable us to provide a hot lunch again to our children. One option we are exploring is to work with St Ebbes to cook meals for us. I hope to have more news on this very soon.

Google Classrooms - Many of you will know that we used Google Classrooms as a way to interact with families during the lockdown as well as to keep families informed of all of the great things your children do at Grandpont, while you are not currently able to go into the nursery classes. Our classrooms that were set up for last year are in the process of being amended. We are not using these classrooms at the moment as we are in the process of working out the best way to use them.



Invoices - Aga is in the process of writing the invoices for this term and they will be sent to you shortly. If you have any questions then please email aga on;

office@grandpontnurseryschool.gov.uk

South Oxford Family Room (SOFR)

We are back open for stay and play sessions on a Monday and a Friday, but please find more information via the facebook page-

<https://www.facebook.com/SouthOxfordFamilyRoom/>

Family Triathlon- A huge Thank you to Yan and the Family Room team for putting on a wonderful Family Triathlon this weekend in order to raise much needed funds for SOFR. We are anticipating reaching our £8,000 target, which will keep the setting open for the next year. We are still receiving donations if you would like to contribute at-



<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charity/displayCharityCampaignPage.action?charityCampaignUrl=SouthOxfordFamilyTriathlon>

Current Grandpont Staff

Lisa -Headteacher Nicky - School Business manager Aga - Finance officer Anne and Guy - Gardeners	Nursery School Team Lucy - Lead Teacher and SENDCo Cat - Teacher Cayley - Nursery Nurse Jade - Nursery Nurse Anne - Early years support worker Ryna -Early years support worker	Mulberry Room- 2 year old base (mornings) Claire - Childcare Deputy Manager Mia - Early years support worker
Blossom Room- childcare Vacancy - Manager Sarah - Lead practitioner Lucia - Lead practitioner Denise - Early years support worker and key person Kim - Early years support worker Vacancy - Early years support worker and key person	After School Club Anna - Early years support worker Maryam - Early years support worker	Family Room Karen - SOFR Co-ordinator Wendy - Playworker Casual staff covering vacancies and staff absences Catherine Caitlin Anne Stella Zahra