



December Newsletter 2017

Dear Families,

Christmas is in full flow with lots of glitter, shiny paint and card making going on. The children have been enjoying spending time in the 'stable' role play area we have set up in the shed in the garden and the singing is coming along nicely- ready for our concert on the 19th December.

Please have a read of the news from SOFR at the end of this letter and note that they are looking for lots of children to have their faces painted on 27th January as part of a fund raising Face Paint Marathon!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas Season and a wonderful New Year and look forward to seeing everyone back at Grandpont in January.

Best Wishes

Lisa Fern

Headteacher

For Information

Christmas Bazaar- a HUGE Thank you to everyone who supported and helped out this year with our Bazaar. It was a great success and we made £820 profit. Brilliant, well done.

Christmas Holiday Club- The dates we are open for the holiday club can be found on the calendar on our website. Please let us have any final bookings as soon as possible. There are some sessions where we are already fully booked.

30 Hour Codes- Please don't forget to renew your codes!

Blossom Room- Just so that you are all aware, we have decided to name the Under 3's room the Blossom room. The Mulberry Room remains alongside Willow and Oak rooms.

Snow- Thank you for your patience over the snowy days we have had this week. Deciding to open or close is always a difficult decision and we were able to stay open as most staff could come in and the building was safe to be in. If there are future weather disruptions then we will communicate this through emails to you as well as using the website and school Facebook page.

For Action

Last Day of term 19th December- Don't forget we are finishing at 1:15pm on this day. As we are closed in the afternoon we would like to invite all of our afternoon children to join us for our celebration in the morning. The session for all children will be from 9.00am to 1.15pm.

In the morning we have invited a story teller from the Story Museum in to tell us exciting Christmas Stories and we will also be having fun playing party games. We will serve lunch to the children at around 11.30am.

At 12.45pm we are inviting all families to join us for our Children's Christmas Concert.

To make this possible and a special day to remember we are asking for a voluntary contribution of around £2 per child to help us to cover some of the costs and the GNSA will also support the funding of this event. Please pay any outstanding contributions to Chelsea as soon as possible.

Community News from SOFR

Family Fun day in the Family room and a face painting fundraising marathon

Saturday 27th January 10am onwards

Councillor Marie Tidball will join us at the family room for the **January Family Fun Day** where she will be doing a marathon face painting challenge for up to 8 hours and raising funds for the Family Room. There will be children's craft activities and refreshments (e.g. sausages and soup) during the morning. We are looking for around 100 people to sign up to have their face painted so look out for posts on [family room facebook page](#) and the sign-up sheets.

December Family Fun Day – Saturday 23rd December 10.00 am – 1.00 pm

If you would like to come to a Saturday family fun morning on December 23rd, please go to the event on the [family room facebook page](#) and let us know you are coming.

Family Room Play worker

We are delighted to welcome a new play worker, Wendy Bennet, to the team in the Family Room. She joins our co-ordinator Karen Wilson in supporting our stay and play sessions. Wendy will be at our Monday and Friday stay and play sessions and looks forward to organising activities and getting to know all the families.

Family Room Christmas opening hours

The Family Room will be closed for the Christmas period from Wednesday 20th December to 1st January and re-open on Tuesday 2nd January for Baby café with stay and play. We wish you all a happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year and look forward to welcoming you to our stay and play sessions.

Family room for hire for children's parties.

The family room is available to hire for children's parties at weekends when not being used for events. The hire rate is £18 per hour which includes use of toys, kitchen and gardens. If you would like to book the family room for your child's party, please contact Karen Wilson in the family room sofrcoordinator@gmail.com

Diary Dates-

December	January
18th - Christmas Lunch for all children who usually stay on a Monday.	4th - INSET- the whole centre is CLOSED.
19th - Nursery School Christmas Party day and end of term. 1:15pm Finish.	5th - Inset for the Nursery School- Blossom room and Holiday club are open.
23rd - Family Fun at SOFR	8th - Nursery School re-opens for the spring term.
	27th – Face Paint Marathon at SOFR

Dates may change and be added from time to time.