



January Newsletter 2018

Dear Families,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the spring term. I hope you all had a good break. It has been lovely seeing all the children back at Nursery and hearing all their news.

A very warm 'welcome' to all our new children who are joining us in both Blossom Room and in the Nursery School this term. We are looking forward to getting to know you and your children over the coming weeks.

Please remember that this newsletter and the website are our most important lines of communication with you. And don't forget to follow us on Facebook! If there is anything you are not sure about then please do let us know.

Best Wishes

Lisa Fern

Headteacher

For Action

HMRC Scam emails- We believe that some families have received 'scam' emails. Please be aware of what is official and what is not, in your inboxes!

Change of bookings- Please be aware that any requests for changing to bookings or cancelations for Blossom Room, Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs need to be made to the ladies in the office **by Friday 19th January for the following term**

Parking is an ongoing issue at Grandpont! - Please park on the road and **not** in front of the school gates. The gates will be open from 4.30pm for those collecting children by car from the Mulberry Room.

Arrival times- It is important that children attending the Nursery School arrive on time in the mornings. We have a group time with the children at the beginning of each day where each key person welcomes the children and discusses the day ahead. Key group sessions are also a time to introduce a new skill or theme. If your children arrive after **9.15am** (morning/all day children) **or 12.30** (afternoon children) they will be missing out on this vital learning time.

Community News

Quiz Night

We will be hosting our famous Grandpont Quiz night on Friday 2nd February- **Save the date!** To book; add your names to the list on the GNSA notice board in the entrance hall. We can allocate teams, or you could decide on your own team, Max 6 people. £2.50 per person. Doors open at 7.30 for an 8.00pm start. Refreshments available on the night. Proceeds from the quiz will go to Charity. Book your sitters now!

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

Saturday 27th January 10am onwards

Councillor and vice chair of governors; 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.

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 at the family room. sofrcoordinator@gmail.com

Diary Dates- Please see the website calendar for the dates-

<http://www.grandpontnurseryschool.co.uk/>

Please find below the term dates for the rest of this academic year.

| Term | Dates |
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| Spring Term | 8 th January - 9 February 2018 |
| Spring half term | 12 February - 16 February 2018 |
| Spring Term | 19 February - 29 March 2018 |
| Easter holiday | 30 March - 13 April 2018 Blossom Room and Mulberry Room, holiday club closed over Easter- 30 th March-2 nd April. |
| Summer Term | 16 th Blossom and Mulberry Room, holiday club open, Nursery School closed for INSET 17th April - 25 May 2018 |
| Late Summer half term | 28 May - 1 June 2018 |
| Summer Term | 4 June - 25 July 2018 |

