

December Newsletter, 2019

Dear Families

Please find a short newsletter for the end of term

I want to take this opportunity to wish all of our

Grandpont families a restful and peaceful

Christmas and a very Happy New Year

Best Wishes

Lisa Fern

Headteacher



Father Christmas- We were very excited to receive a visit from Father Christmas this morning. We were very privileged that he had time to come and see us at this busy time of year. It was wonderful to see the children's faces.

End of term singing- I am sure you will all agree that the children were delightful during the singing today. Thank you to those of you who came to watch. It has certainly put me in the Christmas spirit.

Returning in January- The holiday club and Blossom Room will be open on the 2nd and 3rd of January. The whole centre will be closed on the 6th of January and a new term will start on the 7th of January we look forward to welcoming some new children; both into Blossom Room and the Nursery School.

Holiday club- there are some spaces available in the holiday club please contact Lynn Nottage if you would like to book a place. We are only receiving cash or cheque payments over the holiday season.

Water Levels in the local area- We have been asked by the Community Safety Services to inform you that due to the high level of rainfall across Oxfordshire over the last week, a concern around the current high water levels which are expected to get higher in Oxford for the remainder of this week and over the weekend, has been raised.

Please can you ensure that you:

- **Stick to proper pathways.**
- **Avoid walking or running near water in the dark.**
- **Don't walk or run next to water if levels are high.**
- **Look out for trip or slip hazards - pay attention to your footing.**
- **When running or walking next to water, stay clear of the edge. Thank you,**

Welcoming Jenny from St. Matthews Church- We were delighted to welcome Jenny the new vicar, to Grandpont on Tuesday we enjoyed listening to her tell us the Christmas story. Jenny is new to St Matthews and is keen to support Grandpont when she can. Her daughter used to attend our childcare a few years ago. we are looking forward to growing our friendship with Jenny and our community links with St. Matthews Church.

Hobbit Hill and Sandpit- you may have seen or heard the children talk about our new hill in the garden. It has been wonderful watching the children explore the hill and the tunnel over the past couple of weeks we are excited to see how the children's play develops and we are already noticing the different physical challenges it can offer as well as lots of opportunity to develop the imagination. We have also revamped the sandpit in the U3's garden and our youngest children are really enjoying playing in this space.

Book sale- Thank you to everyone who supported our book sale over the past few weeks we made over £250 just in selling our old books. We were delighted to be able to donate all of the leftover books to St Nicholas School in Marston. Who will add them to their lending library. They lost a lot of books recently when their library bus formed a leak so they were delighted to take them off at hands. Next term, we will be spending some of this money and some money from the Christmas Fair on some new texts.

Future funding- The outcome of the general election will continue to bring uncertainty to the future funding of maintained nursery schools across the United Kingdom. The campaign to 'Save our Nurseries' will continue in the new year and any further information will be shared with you.

Save the date!- Tuesday 11th February 2020-**Sleep Talk.**

Dimitri Gavriloff is a Clinical Psychologist specialising in paediatric sleep and also one of our Dad's at Grandpont. Dimitri has very kindly offered to hold a talk and discussion with families on the basics of sleep and sleep/wake regulation for those interested to attend on this date. This will be an evening session. Further details to follow soon, but an opportunity not to miss if you have young children!