



## Newsletter October 2020

Dear Families

This half term is nearly over and I would like to start by saying a BIG thank you to all of our families for your support and encouragement you have given to us this half term.

We all appreciate how tricky it is for you to drop your children off in doors and gateways, and I am sure you are all really keen to know what has been going on each day during the nursery sessions. Hopefully, with the new Google Classrooms set up we will be able to share with you some pictures and anecdotes of what is going on.

A letter was sent out on Thursday, explaining how this works and how to log on to your child's Key Group classroom. If you are unable to do this or have any questions, please ask.

Best Wishes

**Lisa Fern**

Headteacher

**Half term** week is next week beginning **Monday 26th October**. We will be open for holiday club bookings during this week. We have a couple of places still available if you would like to book. Please contact Aga in the office to do this.

### Covid-19 arrangements

Numbers are rising on a national level now but we are confident that our Covid arrangements are still going well.

Here are a couple of reminders for parents;

- Please let us know if your child is unwell so we can either be reassured that their absence is not covid related. If you are isolating as a family we would also like to know this, and if your child requires a covid test then we also need to know this as soon as possible.
- You can contact us on the office email address during the week but if you believe that you have been in contact with Covid or receive a possible test at the weekend or during the holiday then please let me know on my head account [head@grandpontnurseryschool.co.uk](mailto:head@grandpontnurseryschool.co.uk).
- On the whole parents and carers are good at keeping a distance from each other. As case numbers are rising please continue to be super vigilant about keeping a



good distance from other parents and staff when dropping off and collecting from Nursery and please use the correct entrances and exits for your child's bubble.



### **Nursery Lunches**

We are really looking forward to trialling the hot lunches this week. Today's lunch went down well with everyone. Nicky will be sending a feedback survey to you and we will also be finding out from the staff and children what we think too.



**NO Nuts-** Please Can I also remind everyone bringing in a packed lunch that they must not send in nuts, including peanut butter and Nutella spreads.

### **Nursery Places**

We have got places available at the moment in all of our settings. Please spread the word for us and let other families know, as we are keen to fill these places up. We still have places for two, three and four year olds so if you would like to register a child or would like more information, please get in touch with us.

Our childcare is now under superb new management and work towards achieving a higher OFSTED grade is well on the way. Please let other families know about us as it would be good to get all of our childcare places filled again.

### **Friends of Grandpont (FOG)**

**FOG is a group of people from the community who are willing and keen to help us to organise some fun events and raise some extra cash for Grandpont-** After half term we will be looking for some willing volunteers to help us think of some creative (Covid safe) ways to raise some money to support our nursery resources. Please start to think of some ideas as it would be great to have some festive fun and raise some money too. Do feel free to send me any ideas you have in the meantime.

### **South Oxford Family Room (SOFR)**

We are open for stay and play sessions on a Monday and a Friday, but please book via the facebook page- <https://www.facebook.com/SouthOxfordFamilyRoom/> where you will also find more information on what we offer.

We are really delighted to be able to open our stay and play sessions again and they are really popular so please do support Karen and Wendy and pop along on a Monday and Friday Morning. There are few stay and play provisions open at the moment but we are proud that we can offer this great 'covid safe' environment for families to meet up.