



March Newsletter 2018

Dear Families,

Thank you for your patience with our closure we had last Friday. The heating was really struggling to get above 10oc inside due to the cold temperatures outside but it is all working again now. Let's hope we can now enjoy the beginning of spring and all the hope that Spring brings.

Best Wishes

Lisa Fern

Headteacher

For Action

Governor Recruitment- Please be reminded that we are keen to recruit new governors at Grandpont and we are really keen to have some new parents (or Grandparents) on the team. For more information you can find the letter that went out last week on our school website;

<http://www.grandpontnurseryschool.co.uk/website/newsletters/293599>

Late collections- Unfortunately time is precious for everyone so please collect your children on time at the end of the day. If you are later to collect than **ten minutes** then we will register children in the after school club and an invoice for this session will be sent to you. Fines may also be given to those who are late collecting their children from other sessions during the day as well.

If you get stuck and know you are going to be late then please give us a call so that we know you are on your way.

Date for your Diary- We will be having a '**Woodland Working Day**' on Sunday **29th April 2018**.

At the beginning of April we will be having some extensive work done to make the trees safe in our woodland area. Once this work has finished we will be left with lots of debris that we are keen to use back in the woods but we will need to manage this ourselves.

We are looking for as many volunteers as possible on this date to give as much or as little time as possible. We will need to move lots of wood chippings around to line the paths, thick branches to edge paths and perhaps some log chopping too. We will have a much clearer picture of what exactly needs doing once the work has been carried out.

We will also cook some sausages on the fire to keep us all going! Please pass on the message. More information to follow nearer the time.

Boxes and packaging- we will always welcome donations of boxes, tubes and packaging for the children to create wonderful models with in our design and technology area.

Some of our children are also really interested in key collections at the moment too, which is leading to lots of interesting imaginary play. Any old keys, gratefully received!

For Information

Learning Stories- We have started to write 'Learning Stories' about how, what, when and where your children are learning. A separate letter with lots more information will also be sent out to you with this newsletter. Please take time to have a read and do ask any of us if you have any questions.

Staffing News- We have had a good response to our advert for a new Nursery Nurse to join our Nursery school team after Easter and we will be interviewing later in the week. We have also had some response to the lunch time assistant post for the U3's as well.

Blossom Room News- Sam has asked me to remind parents that each child now has a wicker tray in the entrance hall where letters and pictures are put ready for you to take when you collect your children.

Blossom Room children have been enjoying some nice Forest Friday sessions with Annie Davy recently. The next time she is in is on Friday 16th March. As part of this work with Annie, Blossom Room have some nice new resources to use, including a hammock for the garden. We are also creating a 'Welly Garden' and if you have any donations of old wellies that we could use as planters we would be grateful.

Finally, Blossom Room would find it really useful if parents can let them know of any holidays you may be taking with your children. This helps us to plan for when your child is away and also in allowing the key person to talk to the children about their trip before and after they get back.

Community News

Jigsaw at SOFR- We are welcoming a monthly **Jigsaw group** to the family room. The first session is on **Monday 19th March** from 12.30-2.30pm. This is a new monthly drop-in session for families with children with additional needs. You will get a warm welcome. Meet parents who will understand what you are going through and if you bring your children it's a great place for them to play. Refreshments and snacks available. Please come along.