



## July 2021 Newsletter

Dear Families

This will be the last newsletter for this academic year.

Thank you so much for supporting us at Grandpont over the past couple of weeks. It has really been a challenging and concerning time for us all. Please be assured that those who have been ill are now on the mend.

I want to take this opportunity to personally thank all of our families for your ongoing support and commitment to Grandpont over the past year! I can honestly say that I couldn't be more proud to be the head at Grandpont. Many people talk about what children have lost or missed over the duration of the pandemic but the Grandpont team all confidently feel that in staying open throughout the year, your children have had a positive and rich early years experience that will stand them all in good stead for the future. Those heading to school are all ready for their next adventure and we are looking forward to more fun times ahead with those staying with us.

Whatever you get up to over the summer period, have a great time. Stay safe and see you all soon.

Best Wishes

***Lisa Fern***

Headteacher

**Post Covid closure-** For the remainder of the term, (until we close on Thursday 22nd July 21) we have made the decision to tighten up all of our covid bubble restrictions again, in order for us to minimise the risk of having to close again for so many families at the end of the term. Therefore, we have decided to return to strictly remaining in our bubbles, reintroducing the garden fence between Oak and Willow bubble and asking that parents return to diligently wearing face coverings at drop off and collection times. Of course, we will also continue with hand washing etc. for all adults and children during the day.



**Whitehouse Road - School Street Trial-** This appears to have been a successful project to date but I acknowledge that this has caused a significant change in routines for many of you. Please respond to this survey and make your opinions and thoughts known to the organisers.

<https://sustrans.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/oxon-school-streets-adult-survey-draft-3-copy>

There is also a **survey for children** that you may like to complete with them, which can be found here-

<https://sustrans.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/oxon-school-streets-pupil-survey-draft-3-copy>

**Holiday Club-** We still have some availability in our holiday club in the summer. We require bookings to be made in advance so we can ensure the right staffing levels are in place. Holiday club will run from Friday 23rd July to Friday 20th August. The whole centre will be closed from Monday 23rd August until Friday 3rd September 2021. We are taking whole day bookings.

**After School Club-** If your child will be attending St Ebbes school next term and you would like to book an after school club place at Grandpont then please make a booking with Aga by emailing the office. [office@grandpontnurseryschool.co.uk](mailto:office@grandpontnurseryschool.co.uk) Thank you to everyone who contributed to the survey.

**Teresa Murphy-** We have made the decision to postpone retirement celebrations for Teresa until September. Please look out for dates coming up as she is keen to have a celebration in the garden at some point with families included.

**Blossom Room Staff News-** We have still been unable to appoint a new childcare manager. After Karen leaves us Lisa will be working closely with Claire and Sarah in the Blossom and Mulberry Rooms to ensure our childcare continues to run smoothly.

**Nursery Photographs-** Please return any outstanding photo orders to Grandpont by Monday 19th July. We will let you know once the photographs have arrived and you will be able to pop into Grandpont over the summer to collect them once they are with us.

**Closure refunds-** Aga has been working hard to ensure refunds will be returned or credited to accounts and she will be in touch with you soon if you are owed money due to the recent closures. Thank you to all of the families who have donated their refunds back to us. This is extremely helpful in these tricky covid times.

**Calender dates-** Please refer to the calender on the website-

<https://www.grandpontnurseryschool.co.uk/website/calendar/290528>

The dates for when we are closed and reopen over the summer are on here, as well as the planned inset dates for next year.

**South Oxford Family Room**-Stay and play sessions will continue over the summer as well as a monthly Saturday session aimed at Dads but everyone is welcome to come along. Please contact Karen on [coordinator@sofr.org.uk](mailto:coordinator@sofr.org.uk) or look on the facebook page for more information.