

4th March 2019 and 11th March 2019

Dear Parents



<p>Ronnie in Penguins Josh in Piglets</p>	<p>Anna, Louie and Etienne in Ducklings Timothy, Noah and Asher in Piglets Scarlett and Anya in Busy Bees Maksim and Zinnia in Ladybirds Ava, Thomas, Levi and Aiva-Mae in Rainbow Evelin and Ivan in Moonbeams Izabella and Dominik in Snowflakes</p>
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World Book Day – Thursday 7th March

It's Elmer the Elephant's 30th Birthday and to help him celebrate we are having a party day for World Book Day. We are having a party day to help him celebrate! More details will follow. We are asking everyone to dress 'multicoloured' or patchwork...the more colours the better! Elmer activities will be running throughout the building with special celebrations throughout the day.

World Book Day tokens will also be available at Reception from Monday 4th March if you wish to take one for your child to get a special World Book Day book at local bookshops.

Staff Training Day -Music in Early Years and Wellbeing in Young Children

We had a fun whole staff training day with 2 guest speakers on Saturday 23rd February. Nicola Burke is the author of a new document called "Music Development Matters in Early Years" released last September and ran our 'musical' morning session. Helen Sutherland, a Senior Lecturer at Kingston University, ran the session in the afternoon about Well Being in Young Children following on from the Toddler and Wellbeing Project, involving some Local settings as well as some European countries. The whole day was very informative and staff will be implementing some of the ideas they have learnt.

Following on from the music we wondered if you, as families would like to share some of the music you and your children enjoy at home. If you would like to let staff know in your child's rooms we would be pleased to play this music.

Transitions to new rooms

We would like to encourage all parents to visit their child's new room during the transition period and have a quick chat with their new keyperson and meet the other staff in the room. We want to ensure you are familiar with the room and the staff before your child moves, as well as staff knowing who you are, particularly in the first few days after your child has moved. Please chat to your child's existing keyperson during this transition period if you would like any help organising a short visit to the new room.

2 Year Progress Checks

During their time in our 2 year old rooms and as children turn 27months (or approximately 3 months after they start at our Nursery) , staff are required to write a summary of each child's learning and development at that point in time as part of the Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory requirements. It is also a requirement that we



share this report with parents and that parents contribute to this too, contributing learning and development about their child from home . Both keyperson and parent/s then make a short 'next steps' plan for their child. Please expect your child's keyperson to ask you to meet with them at a mutually convenient time. The meetings usually last around 15-20 minutes and are a time to talk together and share any concerns or celebrate any achievements about your child. We appreciate life can be busy however your cooperation in sharing this important information is essential. Thank you.

"What to Expect When- a parents guide to the Early Years Foundation Stage"

This is a useful link for you to understand the learning and development of your child at various ages in parent friendly terms. It will also help you understand your child's focus week and observations we write on Tapestry. If you would like to download your own copy please follow the following link:

<https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/what-to-expect-when/>

If you have any questions about the Early Years Foundation Stage please talk to staff in your rooms or alternatively email Melody Cox, our Education Consultant on melody@advantagedaynursery.co.uk

Spare Clothes

Please ensure your child has plenty of spare clothes in their bags, particularly pants/knickers and 'bottoms' (skirts, trousers etc). We have a limited supply at Nursery and would appreciate any donations of clean pants/knickers and 'bottoms' if your child has grown out of them. Additionally please return Advantage spare clothes as soon as you can if your child has had to be changed into them at Nursery. Thank you.

Room drop off and collection

Please can we politely remind you that you need to go into your child's room when dropping off and collecting them. Staff will not accept children at the door. This is to ensure the safety of all children in the room. Thank you for your cooperation.

Question of the Week

This week's question is "Do you look at your child's focus week planning on Tapestry?"

Thank you to those of you who are 'voting'. Your opinion is valued.

The 'Question of the Week' is located on top of the fish tank in Reception.

Tapestry

Tapestry is our online, secure Learning Journey for all children at Nursery. As children start their time at Nursery they are added to the Advantage Tapestry Learning Journey account. All parents are asked to complete a Tapestry form within the Parent Pack sent to them before their child starts. This enables parents (and extended family) to access their child's observations/ records of their learning and development whilst at Nursery.

Please contact Melody Cox via email melody@advantagedaynursery.co.uk for any queries or feedback about Tapestry.

Email addresses Reminders

We are excited to announce that our new website is up and running. Please take a look and let us know what you think. The link is <https://www.advantagedaynursery.co.uk/>



In addition we have created new email addresses for management and accounts to help you contact the relevant person to any enquiry you may have. Please see below.

For compliments, concerns and any other issues on a day to day basis please contact:

Hazel Moody (Manager) manager@advantagedaynursery.co.uk
Jacqui Halford (Deputy Manager) Jacqui@advantagedaynursery.co.uk
Claire Swan (Deputy Manager) claire@advantagedaynursery.co.uk

For general enquiries and change of schedules please contact:

Jeni or Bernie at Reception on admin@advantagedaynursery.co.uk

For accounts queries please contact:

Bernie (Accounts Manager) bernieaccounts@advantagedaynursery.co.uk

For information about the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), Education (Learning and Development) and Tapestry please contact:

Melody Cox (Education Consultant) melody@advantagedaynursery.co.uk

For children with Special Educational Needs:

Hazel Moody (Manager and Lead SENCO) manager@advantagedaynursery.co.uk
Melody Cox (Education Consultant) melody@advantagedaynursery.co.uk

For Forest School please contact:

Becky Moore (3rd in Charge) becky@advantagedaynursery.co.uk

For information about GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations) please contact:

Kendal Hollis-Coombe (Early Years Consultant) kendal@advantagedaynursery.co.uk

If you are unsure you can still email office@advantagedaynursery.co.uk .

30 hours Government Funding

If your child has or is turning 3 between 1st January and 31st March you maybe eligible for 30 hours funding. Please check and apply by visiting the government website at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk. Should you already be eligible please remember to re-confirm your eligibility every three months. Failure to do so will result in you falling out of entitlement.

Tax Free Childcare

Paying by Tax free childcare is getting more and more popular. Please can you ensure you pass on your Tax free childcare reference number to Bernie at Reception via email admin@advantagedaynursery.co.uk so that your payments can be correctly allocated. Thank you.



If you want to find out more about Tax free childcare and the 30 hours extended funding please follow the link www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator.

Twitter & Facebook

Thank you for following us on Facebook and Twitter. We are enjoying reading your comments and hope you love the updates too.

If you would like to follow us on Facebook the link is <http://tinyurl.com/advantagefacebook> Please take a look!

If you would like to follow us on Twitter our account is [@AdvDayNursery](https://twitter.com/AdvDayNursery). You can also see all our tweets on the home page of the website at the bottom of the page.

This week's menu is Menu 2 and next week's (W/B 11/03/19) is Menu 3, which you can view or download from the Parents section of our website [here](#). Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely

Hazel Moody

Nursery Manager

DATES TO REMEMBER

March

Friday 1 st	St David's Day- Please wear a daffodil
Tuesday 5 th	Pancake day
Thursday 7 th	World Book Day- Elmer's 30 th Birthday party-Come dressed in multicoloured
Friday 15 th	Red Nose day- please wear red (and a red nose!)
Monday 18 th	Celebrating St. Patrick's Day – please wear green