

Advantage

Childrens Day Nursery

31st August and 7th September 2020

Dear Parents,



Luca, George, Lila & Dhruv in Sunshine Freddy & Kangeyan in Rainbow Room Emily, Chloe, Amaya, Aliyah and Leo in Snowflakes Amira, Aurelia, Alfie, Ella, Marta, Aayla, Daniel, Archer & Nicholas in Moonbeams Amos, Avni, Emily Amy & Francesca in Shooting Stars Zane & Salih in Ladybirds Louie in Busy Bees Elijah, William & Athena in Bunnies Eric, Luna & Inez in Ducklings	Sahara in Bunnies Constance in Busy Bees Tom in Rainbow Clara in Moonbeams Akshaya in Rainbow Arwen in Ladybirds Quinn in Teddies Alexander in Sunshine Lacie-Jo in Bunnies Oscar in Bunnies
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WELCOME!

This week sees many new children starting at Nursery as well as 'term time only' children re-starting again after the Summer. We look forward to seeing you all and, for those new families, to welcoming you and your child to the beginning of their journey at Advantage. We hope the transition to Nursery is a positive, happy experience for you all.

COVID-19 Health and Safety/ Safeguarding Measures

We would like to remind all parents/carers to follow the preventative measures we have in place with regard to COVID-19. It is still extremely important that we are all following these measures to keep all our children, families and staff safe. Please can we ask you to adhere to social distancing at all times when coming up to the Nursery entrance and throughout the building, as well as when you leave through the corridors. We ask that only one parent/carer enters the building with their child. We ask you to sanitise your hands on arrival into Reception and for your child to wash their hands when they enter their room. Unless you are on a 1st visit with your child when they start at Nursery you may not enter the room and we ask you to keep handover of information as brief as possible (both at the beginning and end of the day). If you need to talk to a staff member in more detail we ask you to phone the Nursery. When leaving please followed the designated one way system ie. Babies and toddlers via the garden gate (follow the green footprints) and Preschool and 2-3s parents via the back stairs (if upstairs) door near the kitchen (follow the red footprints). Thank you for your cooperation to help keep everyone safe.

Our COVID-19 business risk assessment can be accessed online on our Advantage website, which shows how we are following many Government and Early Years' guidelines and procedures and assure you we will do our very best to protect all the children, their families and the staff here at Advantage. We will update this as necessary to stay within current guidelines.

Funding Forms

If your child is eligible for funding please now pick up and complete a Parent Declaration funding form and return as soon as possible in order for us to claim funding on your behalf. Thank you.



Tapestry News

For those of you who are new to Tapestry Learning Journeys please read on to find out more.

Your child is automatically entered onto our secure Tapestry account when they start at the Nursery and you should expect to see some 'settling in' photos over the first few weeks they are here on their own individualised Learning Journey. Staff then continue to add photos and/or observations over time with what your child is learning and to share the fun they have at Nursery.

When you receive our Blue parent pack with your confirmation of place letter you will see a Tapestry form to complete in order to be 'attached' to your child's Tapestry Learning Journey. Once this form is received and details uploaded by us you will receive an email notification to 'activate' your account. Please follow this link. Also check your junk mail as sometimes the emails end up there!

You can also add photos/ videos from home as well as comment on observations we have made at Nursery.

If you would like other family members to access your child's Learning Journey and you are happy for them to do so (eg. grandparents) please ask their permission to send their email address to Melody Cox, our Education Consultant, who will then link them to your child's account. Email to melody@advantagedaynursery.co.uk

For existing parents: If your child has recently moved or is about to move rooms (ie. Toddlers to Nursery(2-3s) or Nursery(2-3s) to Preschool please look out for an email with a new activation link. If for some reason you do not receive a link please email Melody via the address above. You will need to activate to see the new room's observations and all the previous rooms' observations.

Leavers and Tapestry Learning Journey PDF downloads

Update on Tapestry PDF downloads:

For those children that had left Nursery up to 17th August all PDF downloads have now been created and if you want to download them you will need to do so by Monday 14th September, before the download expires.

For those children who have left since the 17th August and are due to leave shortly to go to school we will create their downloads by the end of this week and you will receive a notification in your app to then download through your web browser Tapestry account. You will have approximately 3 weeks from the creation of the PDFs to download until they expire.

By the end of September all children who have left the Nursery (school or otherwise) will be deleted off our Tapestry accounts to make way for new children coming in to the Nursery, as our Tapestry packages are number limited. If you do want your child's Tapestry Learning Journey please make sure you are aware of the deadlines as we cannot recreate the downloads after they have been deleted off our Tapestry accounts. Thank you. You need to be 'signed up' to your child's account in order for us to create the download with your child's Learning Journey photos, videos and observations during their time at Nursery. When you see a notification in your Tapestry App (or on your web browser) you will need to download the PDFs from the web browser version of Tapestry, not the app.

Please do not hesitate to contact Melody via email melody@advantagedaynursery.co.uk with any queries about these Tapestry downloads.



Inclusion for All

We have received a useful document from a well known training provider called "Supporting You to Raise Antiracist Children" about becoming part of the change and which we would like to share with you. We'd like to draw your attention to this document as it is an interesting read. The document supports children from 0-12years, so some of the ideas presented are for older children and not necessarily the way we do things here at Nursery.

Here is the link if you wish to read it: https://www.mattel.com/sites/mattel_mattelcom/files/2020-07/Supporting_you_to_raise_antiracist_children3.pdf

Holidays

For those of you who are heading away on holidays abroad please can we remind you to abide by the current Government guidelines on your return, particularly around specific countries and the need to quarantine on return. This is an ever changing situation and we want to ensure that we continue to keep all our children, families and staff safe at Nursery.

Please let Reception know if you are booking holidays so that we can book your child out of Nursery for those days you are away. Thank you.

Alternative Collections

Please can we remind you if someone other than the usual person is collecting your child that you need to inform us at Reception, either by phone, email or as you pass Reception on arrival. Please give a password to the person collecting and let us know their name and the password. Please also ask them to bring identification with them to show on arrival. They will be asked for both ID and the password. If we are unaware that someone other than the usual person is collecting we will call you, the parents, to confirm these arrangements are correct. This helps us to safeguard your child. Thank you for your cooperation.

Contact Details & Roles for the Senior Management Team

Our management team have individual email contact details. If you wish to find out more information please email us. The following will share with you responsibilities so that you can contact the appropriate person.

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) claireswan@advantagedaynursery.co.uk
Becky Moore (Deputy Manager) becky@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 (Deputy Manager) 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 still unsure you can email office@advantagedaynursery.co.uk and we will forward to the appropriate person.

30 hours Government Funding

If your child has, or is, turning 3 between 1st September and 31st December 2020 you may be eligible for 30 hours funding from January 2021. 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 3 and next week's (W/B 7/09/20) is Menu 4, 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

SEPTEMBER

2nd INSET DAY for Term Time only children
3rd Term Time only children return to Nursery

OCTOBER

26th -30th Half Term Holidays for Term Time only children