

# Advantage

Childrens Day Nursery

12<sup>th</sup> October and 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents,



	Billy in Busy Bees Rosa, Ryan and Thea in Ladybirds Siana, Zeina, Emily, Ella & Amira in Moonbeams Thejomayi in Snowflakes Dylan in Rainbow Vazthrin, Hoi Kiu, Ivan & Efe in Sunshine Margot, Zara, Harry & Jessica in Shooting Stars
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In this newsletter there are lots of reminders and some exciting Christmas news! Read on to find out more!

## Fees and Funding Forms

Funding forms now need to be returned by the *end of this week* to Reception please. This is important for us to be able to claim your funding for your child. If you have misplaced your form please pick up another one at Reception. Thank you to those of you who have returned them.

## Concept Photography

Photos have arrived back to us and will be handed out via the rooms. You can order online or via the envelope within the proof packs. All instructions are enclosed in the pack.

Proofs must be returned by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October latest and whether you place an order or not. Thank you.

## Masks

A gentle reminder that we do expect all parents coming in to the building to drop their children off to wear a mask. Please do not be offended if staff stop and remind you to wear a mask if you are not. This helps keep everyone safe at this time. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Buggy Shed

Please can we ask you to fold your buggy down before putting in our Buggy Shed. This ensures there is room for all parents to use this facility. Thank you.

## Open Day – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 9am-12pm

We are holding our next Open Day on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October from 9am-12pm for prospective parents.

If you have any friends who are interested in looking at the Nursery for their children they can come along any time during the morning and we would be happy to show them around.



Unfortunately we cannot hold out usual 'Stay and Play' for existing parents this time however we hope to be able to hold this again in the Spring, COVID guidelines pending.

### School Applications

If your child turns 4 between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 you need to apply for a school place for September 2021. The deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Please look at your local school website to access their Open Days. They are usually around now and many schools are doing virtual Open days.

### Sickness Policy and COVID-19 Policies

Please can we remind you that if your child needs paracetamol (eg. calpol) or ibuprofen (eg. Nurofen) before coming to Nursery they will not be accepted into Nursery that day.

If your child gets a temperature of 37.8 degrees Celsius or above (or any other symptoms of COVID) while at Nursery you will be called and asked to come and collect them as soon as possible. They will need to go for a COVID test and the result must be negative before returning to Nursery. We have a zero tolerance policy for all COVID symptoms in order to keep them safe. You will need to email your child's results to [admin@advantagedaynursery.co.uk](mailto:admin@advantagedaynursery.co.uk)

With all other illness eg. conjunctivitis, colds (where the child is clearly not well enough to cope with the normal Nursery day), sickness/diarrhoea etc our usual sickness policy applies.

### Winter Clothing

Please can you ensure that your child has a warm winter coat suitable for cold and rainy weather, gloves and hats and wellie boots. We do go outside all through the winter. Please can we ask you to name all items of clothing.

Please also ensure you have appropriate clothing in your child's bag (eg. long trousers or a jumper etc) in case they need to be changed at Nursery.

### Autumn/ Winter Menu

Our menus have just changed in line with the seasons and we are now using our updated Autumn/Winter Menu.

They will be up on our website this week for you to view.

Please continue to check the Menu Blackboard in Reception for the daily menu.

### Christmas Grotto Day -Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November: 9am-4pm

For those of you who have been at the Nursery in previous years we would normally have a Christmas Fun Day where all our families can join in Christmas activities, a visit to Father Christmas, a Christmas café and more.

Due to COVID this year we still want to make sure we can have some Christmas fun and we are having an adapted, social distancing Christmas Grotto day instead. Father Christmas and his real reindeer will be visiting for the day. We will be running a raffle and a cake stall.

We are asking you to book in advance and you will be given a 5 minute slot to see Father Christmas. Each child will receive a small present. The cost of this visit is £5 per child. Please email Jacqui via [jacqui@advantagedaynursery.co.uk](mailto:jacqui@advantagedaynursery.co.uk) to confirm a 5 minute time per child and give the following details: adult's name and contact number, child's name, age and gender. We will then ask you to pay by cash in an envelope,



with your child/ren's name on, to Reception before the day. Please note: we will need correct money only as we cannot give change.

You will be able to see the real reindeer on the way to Father Christmas and buy cakes and raffle tickets should you wish to. We are finalising how this event will run smoothly with COVID social distancing measures in place and more details will follow. This event has been planned in light of current Government COVID guidelines and may have to be changed should further local or national restrictions happen.

### Nursery Reviews

As a nursery we have always enjoyed recommendations from parents to other parents and families. We'd like to ask our parents if they could please share their experiences of Advantage for a wider group of people to see. We would like to ask you to do a quick review of our nursery on [daynurseries.co.uk](http://daynurseries.co.uk). If there is anything specific you would like to discuss we remain available to discuss. We look forward to reading your reviews. Please follow the link if you wish to write a review : <https://tinyurl.com/y4xz7o2h>

### Tapestry News

It is good to see so many parents engaging with Tapestry. We love seeing your home videos and photos

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](mailto: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.

### 30 hours Government Funding

If your child has, or is, turning 3 between 1<sup>st</sup> September and 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk).

So that fees can be adjusted accordingly, should you be eligible for the 30 hours funding please confirm your code to [admin@advantagedaynursery.co.uk](mailto:admin@advantagedaynursery.co.uk) at your earliest convenience.

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](mailto: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](http://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 1 and next week's (W/B 19/10/20) is Menu 2, 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

#### OCTOBER

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Concept Photography Photo proofs due back to Nursery

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Open Day for prospective parents

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> – Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Half Term Holidays for Term Time only children

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Halloween- Fancy dress day

#### NOVEMBER

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Christmas Grotto Day

#### DECEMBER

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Last day for Term time only children

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> December until Wed 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021 School Holidays for Term Time only children

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Last day before Christmas. Nursery CLOSES at 1pm

#### JANUARY

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Children return to Nursery (Except Term Time only children)

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> INSET DAY- Term time only children

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> INSET DAY- Term time only children

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> INSET DAY- Term time only children



Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>

Term time only children return