

# Advantage

Childrens Day Nursery

19<sup>th</sup> August 2024 & 26<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Dear Parents,



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We hope you are enjoying the Summer so far.

### 'Parent Engagement' Survey

As a result of our parent engagement survey we have discussed your ideas and how we can move forward on them in the future.

*You asked us for more information on your child's learning and progress.*

In the past 2 weeks staff have started implementing 'Parent Check-in Chats' in our Under 3s rooms- a quick informal 5 minute catch up with you and your child's keyperson at the beginning or end of day. These are to share information together about what your child is currently interested in and how their skills and learning are progressing both at home and at Nursery. Preschool Parent Check-in-Chats will start in September and will happen approximately half termly (6 weekly). Under 3s will be monthly. We are also planning a date (hopefully around mid-late October) for an Under 2s Parents Evening, where you will receive a written summary of your child's learning and development and have the opportunity to talk to your child's keyperson about this.

*You asked for more information -Top Tips such as toilet training, behaviour management strategies and what 'school readiness' is.*

We are hoping to plan a Parents' Information evening in the Autumn which will include this information.

For toilet training there is a organisation called ERIC- The Children's Bowel and Bladder Society. The link here is for initial toilet training and how to understand the stages of readiness - <https://eric.org.uk/potty-training/> however they have much more information on their website to support parents top help their children at different stages of toileting/ any issues that may arise.

*You showed interest in social events-both family and parent events.*

We are looking into the possibilities for suggestions such a quiz night, informal drinks evening as well as a 'picnic in the park' type event.

*You showed interest in a 3 hour Parents' First Aid Course.*

We are speaking to a First Aid provider about dates. This would be on a first come, first serve basis as numbers would be limited. We will advertise this as soon as we have a date confirmed.

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*You have shown an interest in our social media and newsletters and the type of information we could include.*

We are excited to share that we are launching our new website soon. We are also updating our Social media pages (as you may have already seen). More to follow!

Our newsletter will continue for Nursery-wide information such as upcoming events, reminders etc. We are looking at using Tapestry 'memos' for information on learning ideas, our curriculum and the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) as you requested. This would enable us to make information more age specific for parents. If you are not yet connected to your child's Tapestry Learning Journey please email [melody@advantagedaynursery.co.uk](mailto:melody@advantagedaynursery.co.uk) for more information as this is where the 'memos' would be.

Thank you again for your time in responding to our Survey.

#### Bank Holiday - Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August

Just a reminder that Nursery is closed on Bank Holiday, next Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August.

#### Update news on New Government Scheme- 15 hours funding from 9months old

The government is offering 15 hours funding for working parents of 2 year olds and this will be extended to babies the term after they are 9months, starting from September 2024.

So that we can claim funding on your behalf, all parents who qualify for 15 hours or 30 hours must complete and return a Parent authorisation form no later than 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024. Hard copies can be found in your child's room or on Reception.

If applying for working parents funding all new claims and codes must be received by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024.

Please remember to reconfirm your eligibility for the working parents funding every 3 months, or when requested to do so by HMRC. Failure to reconfirm could result in you falling out of eligibility.

Please visit the HMRC website [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) to check your eligibility for September 2024.

Should you qualify please forward your code to Bernie at [admin@advantagedaynursery.co.uk](mailto:admin@advantagedaynursery.co.uk) so that she can send you the relevant paperwork and adjust your fees accordingly.

#### Carpark

Please can we ask that children do not play in the fenced off area in the car park after collecting your children. This will be in place for the next 2 weeks before reopening for parking. Thank you.

#### Back door Fire exit

Please can parents exit the building from the reception door and not the fire exit by the Kitchen to safeguard the children and Staff within the building. Thank you.



### Tapestry

If you have any queries about Tapestry please contact Melody with *your child's name and room* via email [melody@advantagedaynursery.co.uk](mailto:melody@advantagedaynursery.co.uk)

Please note: All school leavers PDF downloads will be available by the end of August (including those who have left in July). A memo will be sent out on Tapestry to let you know when these are created so you don't miss the notification.

### Achieving for Children (AfC) Local Offer

The Local Authority (AfC) across Kingston and Richmond have a wealth of information for parents to access their 'Local Offer' for children of all ages with Special Educational Needs. Information is updated all the time for various support groups, activities and more.

If you think this might be of interest to you here is the link for the 0-5s' Early years section:

<https://kr.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/local-offer/information-and-advice/early-years-0-5>

### Advantage on Social Media

Thank you for following us on Facebook, Twitter and now Instagram. 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 our new Instagram page our account is <https://tinyurl.com/Advantage-Day-Nursery>

This week's menu is Menu 2 and next week is Menu 3 (26/08/2024) 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

**August**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup>      Bank Holiday- NURSERY CLOSED

**September**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>      Last day of Holiday Club

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>      Term Time only children return