

March 2021

The Ambleside Centre



Dear Parents and carers,

This term has already been a busy one- we are thrilled to have welcomed many children back to nursery now that pupils have returned to school, and each of our bubbles continue to excitedly explore their indoor and outdoor provision.

We continue to implement our Covid 19 Health and Safety procedures and appreciate your support in ensuring these are followed. Occasionally we find that staffing within our bubbled provision is difficult and are pleased that any required adaptations have been met with understanding - thank you.

We have recently enjoyed books and stories on the week of World Book Day, and many children and staff enjoyed dressing up- do take a look at our gallery where we have added a few photos.

Red Nose Day is back on Friday 19th March 2021. The children (and staff) are very welcome to dress up, wear comic relief merchandise or wear red clothing if they would like to. There will be collection tubs in each bubble if you would like to make a donation.

Best wishes Kerrie and the team.



We need your help! If you shop online, please could you sign up to easyfundraising to support The Ambleside Centre?

It's a really easy way to raise money for us – you just use the easyfundraising site to shop online with more than 4,000 well known online stores like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S and when you make a purchase, the retailer sends us a free donation, at no extra cost to you.

We want to raise as much as possible, so please visit our new easyfundraising page and click to "support us"

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/amblesidectr>



Thank you!

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If the phone line 0118 377 6444 does not work please dial us on 0118 908 8152



Diary Dates

Friday 19 th March	Meadows Pastures	Red Nose Day – children may wear red or dress up if they would like to
Thursday 1 st April	Meadows Pastures	Last day for Term Time only children in Meadows and 2 year funded children in Pastures.
Friday 2 nd and Monday 5 th April	Meadows Pastures	Bank holidays – both nurseries closed
Tuesday 6 th – Friday 16 th April	Meadows Pastures	Easter break - Limited provision for stretched offer children in Meadows. Closed to 2 year funded children in Pastures
Monday 19 th April	Meadows Pastures	New term starts – all children return
Monday 3 rd May	Meadows Pastures	Bank Holiday – both nurseries closed
Tuesday 4 th May	Meadows Pastures	Both nurseries closed - INSET day
Monday 31 st May	Meadows Pastures	Bank Holiday – both nurseries closed
Tuesday 1 st – Friday 4 th June	Meadows Pastures	Half term – Meadows closed for Term Time only children. Open for Stretched offer children. Closed to 2 year funded children in Pastures
Wednesday 7 th July	Meadows Pastures	Both nurseries closed – INSET day
Wednesday 21 st July	Meadows Pastures	Last day for Term Time only children in Meadows and 2 year funded children in Pastures.

For further open and closure dates, please pick up a copy of our Timetable from Reception.

Many of our children will be leaving us in July to go to school. However, if you and your child will still be with us in the Autumn of 2021, then please see our new **Term Dates calendar for 2021/22** which is now available. We will email you a copy of our term dates but if you would like a coloured paper copy, please pick one up from Reception.

The safety of the children on and around the site is of paramount importance to us all; because of this we are having some barriers put in around the edge of our car park. Please ensure that you park both safely and legally in the surrounding area to enable all families to safely access the site. Also to promote the children's safety now and in the future please model the use of the paths in the car park.

Can you help us? We need to have our Private School Fund audited each year, and are looking for a bookkeeper/auditor/accountant who could volunteer to do this for us. Please contact the office if you know someone who could help. With many thanks.

Governors wanted: We are looking for Governors to help us in the management of the nurseries. If you or a member of your family would be interested in getting involved, then please speak with Kerrie, Julie, Alison or Joanne, or send an email to office@ambleside.wokingham.sch.uk and we will send you some more information.