

October 2021

Dear Parents and carers,

We have welcomed many new children this term, and others known to the Nurseries have returned and been excited to access the newly re-established Nursery environments. We are delighted to see that children are already making friends and showing independence in their play and exploration.

Unfortunately, much of our communication so far this term has been Covid based as we endeavour to keep you up to date and the community as a whole safe. Therefore, please bear with me as I share a number of pieces of information and notices.

- Thank you for your continued support in relation to Covid-19, as the cases and infection rates rise locally we are grateful for your commitment in following the government guidance with regards to symptoms, testing and isolation. Please do continue to inform us if your child is symptomatic and testing so that we can update our records.
- We continue to work hard to provide high levels of hygiene in the Nurseries, can we ask for your support - please avoid allowing children to play with the outdoor equipment as they leave/arrive each day as this will be cleaned and prepared for specific groups.
- Thank you to those parents and carers who continue to wear face coverings whilst on site even in the outdoor areas. With your support we can reduce Covid-19 risks for all.
- We have assessed our procedures and the movements of children throughout Meadows as sessions begin and end. We have decided that to ensure all children are united with their Keyworker safely after breakfast and lunch that we will be unable to open the doors and welcome children until the start of their session at 9am and 1pm.

- We are pleased to announce that the school photographer is due to visit the Nurseries on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th October, children will have individual photos taken during their session. If your child does not attend either of these sessions, please speak to Kerrie/Julie.
- Meadows children are now able to independently access and pour their own drinks. Unless your child has a specific requirement, they will no longer need to bring their own water bottle into Nursery.
- We have arranged for Zoolab to visit Meadows after half term – the children love to meet the creatures who come to visit and this provokes high interest and learning. This, and similar events throughout the year are only possible because of parents' voluntary contributions. If you have not yet contributed and feel able to, (£30 per year, or £10 per term) please visit one of our admin team at reception. Alternatively, a £4 contribution towards Zoolab would be appreciated.
- Another way you can help the Nurseries is to support our upcoming Happy Bag collection. Fill a bag or bags with all types of materials (lists of accepted items can be found on the bag) and bring to the nursery. Collection will take place on Friday 15th October- bags can be dropped into reception from Monday 11th October.
- Recently you should have received your individual login for your child's learning journey, if you have not or are having difficulty accessing the journal please contact our admin team.
- Look out for updates and shared learning on our Facebook page (Ambleside Nurseries) Please do complete the permission form so that we may share photographs on this forum. We also look forward to sharing our Curriculum and Learning news at the end of each half term- our children are enthusiastic learners and we feel sure you will be excited to see what they learn.

Best wishes Kerrie and the Team.

The School Photographer

will be visiting Ambleside on
Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th October
to take pictures of individual children. If you
would like a sibling group picture please speak
with Reception.

Due to start primary school in 2022?

Local Primary Schools are now holding open
events- either face to face or virtually. Check the
schools' website or contact directly for more
information. If you have any questions or would
like support with your application please speak
with Kerrie/Julie.

October half term Holiday Club

We have a limited number of holiday club
places for October half term. If you are
interested please collect a booking form from
Reception.

Facebook- join us at Ambleside Nurseries

We have a Facebook Page, we need your
permission to post photos of your child. Have you
returned your permissions slip?

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>



Another really easy way to help us raise funds is through **Happy School Bags** – this is a multi-
beneficial scheme which allows schools to easily raise funds **through collecting unwanted
clothing**. We will be giving out Happy Bags soon (or you can collect from Reception now). All
you then need to do is drop your bags off at Reception – and we can claim money to support
the children!

**Our next collection will be on 15th October so please bring your filled bags (good condition
clothes only please) on Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th October.**

Ambleside 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, Alison or Joanne, or send an email to office@ambleside.wokingham.sch.uk and we will send
you some more information.

From 27th September The Children's Centre will be reopening their Family Room.

Places for all sessions will be limited so you **MUST** book in advance –
for Mondays Baby Play (10.00-11.00am) please call **0118 908 8152 the previous Friday from 9.30am** and
for Tuesday Play and Learn (9.30-11.00 am) please call **0118 908 8152 the day before (Mondays from
9.30am)**

Space permitting, these sessions are available to all Wokingham Children's Centre members.
For more information on Children's Centre activities, please join the Wokingham Children's Centre
Facebook group.

Diary Dates

Fri 8 th Oct	Meadows	Last day to book holiday club
Monday 11 th October	All	Please deliver all Happy Bags to Reception
Weds 13 th and Thurs 14 th October	All	School photographer in to take children's photos
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th October	Meadows Pastures	Meadows - Holiday club open for prebooked sessions only Pastures - open
Wednesday 3 rd November	Meadows	Zoolab visiting Meadows
Monday 20 th – Thursday 23 rd December	Meadows Pastures	Meadows - Holiday club open for prebooked sessions only Pastures - open
Friday 24 th December – Tuesday 4 th January 2022	All	Whole Centre closed
Monday 5 th January 2022	All	Meadows and Pastures reopen

IN AN EMERGENCY

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