

Ollie's News

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Do you require a paper copy of this newsletter? If so please let Mrs Cocks know.

We have had a busy couple of weeks here at Ollie's! We are very pleased and proud with how well everyone has settled back into our nursery routine and we would like to give a warm welcome to our new starters! We have got straight back in to lots of fun activities, with a focus on exploring with different movements - running, crawling, slithering and rolling! We have also been practising our physical skills of balancing and travelling across school's apparatus and jumping off safely - (a big thank you to Goosnargh Oliverson's for allowing us to use their equipment).

We have enjoyed exploring and talking about the cold weather again this week and had a fantastic time playing in the small amount of snow we got! Following this we have linked some of our activities - painting with ice, 'rescuing the dinosaurs' from the ice and seeing what happens when the ice begins to melt. These have been great talking points for the natural world around us and learning about how things work.

Letters and sounds, numbers: This week we have started looking at the letter and sound "p" and we already have some fantastic items for the sound table - Popcorn, Pineapple, Penguin, Pizza and much more - thank you. We will be continuing to practise this at our group times and through various activities set up throughout the day. The children really enjoy using the items they bring in from home to support their learning of the sound. As the children do have access to the sound table, it is advisable not to bring anything too precious. You may wish to take a photo instead and send it to your child's key person to print off as we could use that as well. You may also wish to look at "youtube" by following the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EYx1CyDMZSc&t=2s> for extra guidance.

Stay and Play: Our next "Stay and Play" will be Friday the 8th of February 2019 at 9am until 10am and the one after that will be Wednesday the 6th of March 2019. Why not come and see your child in their learning environment and join in the fun?

Water Bottles: The children's water bottles are available throughout the day for them to access. If your child does not already have a water bottle here at Ollie's, please could you provide one with their name on as they are frequently used. We also have a collection of bottles which we are unsure as to who they belong to, if you are missing one they will be on top of the lockers over the next week.

Being Independent: Here at Ollie's we believe it is very important for the children to practise independent tasks in preparation for starting school. We always try to encourage independence through small tasks such as putting on/taking off coats and shoes, zipping up coats once it is attached at the bottom and dressing independently when needed. As the children have access to the outdoors throughout the day and are always in and out! We ask that this can please also be encouraged at home in preparation for school and to promote their independence.

Cold Weather: With the weather only getting colder, please ensure that your child brings a named hat to Nursery for playing outdoors.

Blue Bag Scheme: We have arranged for a blue bag collection for Tuesday 5th February. These have been placed in your child's locker within the last week. This is an Ollie's fundraiser whereby you can send in your unwanted clothes etc., and they are weighed in for Ollie's.

Education Sunday: On Sunday 27th January it is "Education Sunday" at St. Mary's church which you are invited to attend. The service starts at 11.15am and you are all very welcome.

Whitsuntide Festival Concert: On Sunday the 3rd February it is the Whitsuntide Festival Concert in the Village hall, which everyone is welcome to attend to see the Queen for 2019 selected 'Live!'

Looking for a recommendation: We are looking to improve the drainage in our grassed area, can anyone recommend anyone who does this? Please let Mrs Cocks know.

Use of mobile phones in nursery: Please could I remind ALL parents that mobile phones should NOT be used in nursery, if you really need to take a call then please go outside - this is in line with our policy. Please pass this message on to others who may drop off/collect. Thank you.

Illness: Once again could I please remind all parents not to send your child to nursery if they are needing Calpol etc., before they come. We do not administer it, and if they are needing it to get them through the day, it is often a sign they are not well enough to attend.

Also, as we have lots of new parents, this is a timely reminder that we also do not administer eye drops.

Invoices: These should now have been paid. Please contact Mrs Terrins if there is an issue with payment, her email is s.terrins@olliestrust.com.

Peanut Allergy: We have a child who attends nursery who has an allergy to peanuts. Please could I ask that NO food is brought into nursery that contains peanuts.

Allergens: It is essential that you notify us of any allergies that your child develops; we have a snack menu which includes all allergen information for you and is available to view on the whiteboard near the signing in book.

Breakfast Club and After School Club: If your child is booked in and may be going on a trip/sporting activity etc., if you provide us with a full 24 hours (working day) notice we will be able to provide you with a refund. As school and Ollie's are completely separate, we are not made aware of these activities so it will need to be yourselves who contact us. Thank you.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB: If your child attends a club after school before coming to join us in our after school club, please could you let Mrs Shepherd know in advance. Thank you.

Goosnargh Ducklings: Are you stuck for something to do on a Monday or Friday morning? Why not support your local play group who run sessions from 9am - 11am in the village hall? For more information, they have a facebook page "Goosnargh Ducklings Baby and Toddler Group."

Contact details: Have your contact details changed? If so, please let a member of staff know, thank you.

Diary Dates:

27.01.2019: Education Sunday 11.15am service

03.02.2019: Whitsuntide Festival Concert 2:00pm

05.02.2019: Blue Bag Collection

08.02.2019: Stay and Play 9am-10am

15.02.2019: We close for February half term (normal time)

25.02.2019: Ollie's reopens

01.03.2019: Church assembly 9am with school

06.03.2019: Stay and Play 9am - 10am

07.03.2019: World Book Day - Further details to follow

15.03.2019: Comic Relief Day - Further details to follow

05.04.2019: We close for Easter break at 12.30pm

23.04.2019: Ollie's reopens

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