

Ollie's News

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What have we been up to at Ollie's:

We have welcomed and will be welcoming more new starters to Ollie's since the start of the new half term, and it is lovely to see our new starters have settled into their new surroundings so quickly. Over the last couple of weeks we have been exploring role play with our new shoe shop which has been great to talk about numbers and size, and the children have been enjoying measuring their feet and finding "new shoes".

We have also been looking at the sounds "s" and "d" and it has been fabulous to see our sound table looking so busy. Numbers and shapes have been a big focus, both on our challenge table and within our daily environment. You can continue to support your children by looking at shapes whilst you are out and about in the big wide world!

We also had a visit from Ofsted on the 1 November. The protocol is that we have to wait until the report is published online before we are able to tell you the outcome, which we are hoping will be towards the end of next week, we shall of course let you know as soon as we are able to! Once again thank you on behalf of everyone at Ollie's for the emails you sent us which were forwarded to the Ofsted inspector.

Letters and sounds, numbers: Our next letter and sound to focus on will be the sound "t" which will start next week. We will also be exploring the number "5". You may wish to look at "youtube" by following the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EYx1CyDMZSc&t=2s> for extra guidance. Please help support your child's learning of the sounds by bringing in an item for the sound table. 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. Our next sound after "t" will be the letter "i" starting on the 3 December.

The Nativity and Christmas Party: Our Ollie's Nativity will be held on the morning of Monday 10 December, at 9.30am in church. We endeavour to include all the children from Ollie's, however, if for any reason you do not feel that they will be able to attend, please could you let us know by the end of this week so that we can plan the roles of the children. The nativity is a fundraiser for Ollie's, so we will be selling tickets nearer the time. We tend to have the costumes for the children to wear, but we may have to ask you to supply some tights or a t-shirt etc. to enhance their outfit.

Our Christmas party will be held the following day, Tuesday 11 December 2018 at 1.15pm. If your child is not normally in attendance on a Tuesday afternoon, please feel free to bring them along and stay with them for some Christmas fun, with special guests!

Christmas Cards: Orders for Christmas cards should be with us no later than this Friday 16th November to ensure a delivery before Christmas!

Children In Need: This Friday we shall be having a spotty theme for Children In Need. If your child is in nursery, please feel free to dress up in Children In Need/spotty related clothes! A donation pot will be on the side! Mrs Smith is offering her services for face painting with a Pudsey theme, with a suggested donation of £1.00, please let us know if you wish your child to have their face painted. We shall also be joining in with school and their "Goosnargh's Got Talent" show! School may be taking photos/videos of your children which may appear on their Facebook page. If you have an issue with your child appearing on this, please let Mrs Cocks know.

Parking arrangements: The safety of the children who attend Ollie's and Goosnargh Oliverson's School is always forefront in our minds. As we have so many new starters, we feel this is a good time to let everyone know and remind people about the parking arrangements.

As you can appreciate, particularly from 8.30am onwards, this is a particularly busy time for parents dropping off children, both at school and nursery. With this in mind, please do not park in the bays outside Bushell's House and opposite the school gates, but park safely, without blocking the driveways of the residents of Goosnargh, on the roads that are accessible to you. This also applies for collection of the children. The school have a "walking bus" and we would ask you to be patient should you be approaching them, giving them right of way. In addition, you should not be entering the school grounds with your vehicle. Thank you for your support with this.

Messy Play: The children at Ollie's really enjoy messy play, which we provide both inside and outside. Whilst we endeavour to ensure your child is wearing an apron (inside and outside), there are times when they get to an activity before we reach them, and with this in mind, it is a timely reminder to send your child to nursery in old clothes/coats that you do not mind if they get stained/dirty.

Nursery Register: Could you please ensure that you sign your child in and out of nursery at the start and end of the day? If you are unaware of the signing procedure, please ask a member of staff - could you also pass this information to others who may drop off/collect your child.

Stay and Play: Our next "Stay and Play" will be Monday 3rd December at 9am until 10am. Why not come and see your child in their learning environment and join in the fun?

Illness: This week we have had a couple of children "under the weather". Nothing specific that we are aware of but we feel we just need to make you aware so you can keep an eye on your little one. If they are running a temperature, please do not give Calpol/paracetamol before they come to nursery, in the hope they will get through the day. Here at Ollie's we do not administer Calpol/paracetamol. If they are needing this then they MUST remain at home. Also, should your child be suffering from sickness and/or diarrhoea then we request that they remain at home for 48 hours from the last bout of illness. (This differs to Goosnargh Oliverson's policy). Thank you for your support in this.

Potty training: We shall always work with you to support you with your child's potty training. If you require further advice on this, please check out the following website which has some helpful tips and information.

<https://www.eric.org.uk/Pages/Category/potty-training>

Spare Clothes: Please send your child with a full change of clothing, including socks, each time they come to Ollie's and if they borrow ours, please return them as soon as possible.

ADVICE ON STAYING HEALTHY FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

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.

Change4Life: As you will have probably heard or seen on the news, obesity in children continues to be on the rise, so to give your child the best start in life, the government are offering further guidance to support parents/carers. Snacks can often prove to be a challenge, so they have listed some ideas of 100 calorie snacks, and you can find more information concerning this at <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/food-facts/healthier-snacks-for-kids/100-calorie-snacks>.

Packed Lunches: The packed lunch can sometimes be one of the hardest things to get right in order to offer your child a nutritional and healthy meal. Lunchbox ideas are available at <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes> please take a look.

Smile4Life: Please ensure your child brings **water** in their water bottle and **not** juice/cordial as it is recommended that drinks that contain sugar should be had at a mealtime so your children's teeth have limited "sugar hits". We also supply water and milk so don't worry, your child will not go thirsty!

Why not follow the link to download the sugar app - the results may surprise you!

<http://www.nhs.uk/change4life-beta/campaigns/sugar-smart/home> and the "smart recipes" from the NHS for healthy meal ideas for your family - <http://www.nhs.uk/change4life/pages/meal-planner-recipe-finder-app.aspx>. Our Smile4Life co-ordinator is Mrs Smith.

Breakfast Club and After School Club: Please could I ask that you direct ALL bookings and enquiries through Mrs Terrins. Mrs Terrins is available on a Monday and Tuesday and the mornings of Thursday and Friday. Her email address is s.terrins@olliestrust.com. Should you have any queries regarding bookings and invoices, please direct your enquiry to Mrs Terrins. 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."

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.

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

Diary Dates:

16.11.18 - Children In Need Day

30.11.18 - Year 6 Assembly in Church 9am

03.12.18 - Stay and Play 9am-10am

10.12.18 - Ollie's Nativity

11.12.18 - Ollie's nursery party

21.12.18 - Ollie's close for Christmas at 12.30pm (please note this is earlier than school).

07.01.19 - Ollie's re-opens

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