

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 seen some fabulous pictures on Tapestry or have learnt from yourselves how your children have been engaging recognising numbers around us, be it house numbers or car registration plates which is fabulous and helping your children with their learning - thank you.

This week, following a group time focus with the pre-schoolers, there is a new challenge - how do we find out more information about something? The children have enjoyed exploring and finding out about things, so to continue this at home, your children have been asked to think of a topic they would like to learn more about, ranging from rabbits to unicorns (they have chosen the topic), and we have put a sheet in your child's locker explaining this. We have mentioned to them that they could look on a tablet, a computer, a phone or a book or magazine, so please spend a little time with your child to help and encourage them, and then send in your findings for your children to share with us! More details, with an example, can be found on Tapestry as an observation under your child's name.

Next week our group time focus will be using one handed tools and equipment, such as scissors and staplers, and copying some letters from their name. As always we will continue to look at our phonics sound of the week.

Water bottles: Whilst September may feel some time off for our pre-schoolers it is always good to start early preparing for school, and with this in mind, plus the health benefits with regards to your child's teeth, please could we ask ALL children to bring water in their bottles, not juice. Please be assured that we witness your children drinking water and milk at snack and lunchtime so we know they are all happy to drink it here at Ollie's and as school does not allow juice, it would be a good time to start! Thank you for your support with this!

Advance Warning!: World Book Day this year is on THURSDAY 5th MARCH. Please join in the fun by sending your child in fancy dress as a character from a book. If your child is not in on a Thursday and still wishes to dress up that week, then they are still welcome to come in dressing up clothes on the day they are in! Book tokens will be placed in your child's locker nearer the time!

Letters and sounds, numbers, for pre-schoolers: Our current letter sound is "p" followed by "g" the week commencing 3rd February. Sheets have been placed in our pre-schoolers lockers for them to practice sounding out and writing at home. We will be focusing on this during 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 "You tube" by following the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EYx1CyDMZSc&t=2s> for extra guidance.

Job Vacancy: Sadly we have now said farewell to Mrs Clare Gornall who contributed so much to our after school club. She is now off to pastures new on a new career path and we wish her well and thank you for all she has done. This does mean we have a vacancy for a member of staff, so if you know of anyone who you feel may fit the role of an after school club practitioner, please ask them to get in touch!

Education Sunday: On Sunday 26th January it is "Education Sunday" at St. Mary's church. The service starts at 11.15am and is a chance to celebrate the education of children in school and nursery. All welcome!

Stay and Play: Our next "Stay and Play" will be on Monday 10th February 2020 starting at 9am and finishing at 10am. Why not come and see your child in their learning environment and join in the fun?

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.

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. If you are unsure of the details held, please ask Mrs Terrins.

Diary Dates:

26.01.2020 - Education Sunday at St Mary's church - all welcome 11.15am

31.01.2020 - Church assembly 9am

10.02.2020 - Stay and Play 9am-10am

14.02.2020 - Ollie's closes for half term at normal time

05.03.2020 - World Book Day

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Phone - 01772 866415 or 07584901562. (the mobile is for emergency calls only, please use our landline or email Mrs Terrins for bookings of breakfast club and/or after school club).

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