

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 following half term and we would like to give a warm welcome to all our new starters! We have talked about the many changes in the weather, as we have gone from snow, to glorious sunny weather, with children wearing their summer clothes, back to our more typical rain, wind and the cold. As ever though, the children are always encouraged to be outside come rain or shine! Outside we have been creating 'magic potions', bird feeders and measuring the dinosaurs using the connecting cubes, counting how many we need to make them the same height.

At group time last week our focus was on reading - working together to create our own stories using our "What happened next?" book. Here the children can think of their own ideas and use their imaginations and all we simply continue to ask is "and what happens next?" until we have a fantastic story! This is a great way of looking at story structure and describing story settings and events.

This week our group time focus is maths related with our pre-schoolers. The concept of separating a group a realising that the number remains the same. We are also focusing on how we write numbers and represent them.

We have also had a "flipping" good time on pancake day with the children enjoying a delicious pancake snack!

Letters and sounds, numbers: Over the past 2 weeks we have been looking at the letter and sound "o" and we have had some fantastic items for the sound table - an orange, octopus, olive, octonauts and much more - thank you. We have been practising this at our group times and through various activities set up throughout the day. Next week we will be focusing on and exploring the letter and sound 'c' - Please bring in any items you may find at home or in the environment as the children really enjoy using the items they bring in from home to support their learning of the sound. With this in mind, as the children do have access to the sound table, it is advisable not to bring anything to 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.

Also don't forget when out and about to encourage recognition of the numbers we see in the environment, e.g. car registrations, house numbers, prices in shops.

Tempest photography: Tempest photography will be in school on Monday 18 March 2019 for the class photographs, including one of all the children from Ollie's. If your child is not normally in and you wish to for them to be included on the photograph, please come to Ollie's with your child for 9am and remain with them until the photo has been taken.

Stay and Play: Our next "Stay and Play" will be Thursday the 25th of April 2019 at 9am until 10am and the one after that will be Monday the 13th of May 2019. Why not come and see your child in their learning environment and join in the fun?

Easter Raffle: On the 2nd of April we will be hosting our annual Easter event. Petite Academy will be joining us for an Easter themed adventure from 2pm and all children are invited. We would love to see you! (Please note if your child is not booked into nursery on that day, then you will need to stay with them). Bring your child as a chick or rabbit, take part in our egg hunt, and enjoy. The Easter Egg Raffle (drawn on the same day) will be £1 a strip. We are also looking for donations of Easter Eggs for our raffle, and usually ask all nursery children to send an Easter Egg in - any will be greatly received, thank you. Letters will be put into lockers over the next week.

World Book Day: Thank you to everyone for joining in with "World Book Day" - your children looked truly amazing.

Comic Relief: On Friday 15th March we shall be joining in with "Red Nose Day"! Send your child with "wacky, crazy hair" - there will be a prize for the wackiest! (A donation tin will be available should you wish to donate to this worthy cause).

Bushells House: Last week a small group of pre-schoolers went to visit the residents at Bushells House and made us so proud. They were absolute superstars and had a lovely time looking at books, colouring pictures and playing puzzles and jigsaws with some of the residents. We hope to make this a regular event.

Parents and Community Online Safety Workshop: Goosnargh Oliverson's are holding an online safety workshop in school on the 26th of March, 6.30-7.30pm and all parents and members of the community are very welcome to attend.

Car Parking: It has been brought to our attention that some parents/grandparents/carers are parking on school grounds. Please could I remind EVERYONE that parking on school grounds is for school/nursery staff only. It would be appreciated if you could pass this message on to others who may not receive this newsletter who drop off/collect your child. Thank you for your support in this matter.

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.

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.

Mrs Terrins will no longer be in the office on a Friday morning, however she will be available Monday to Thursday should you need to speak to her.

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:

15.03.2019: Comic Relief Day - Crazy, wacky hair!

16.03.2019: Jumble Sale fundraiser for the Whitsuntide Festival
16.03.2019: FROGS Bash 2019
18.03.2019: Tempest Photography in school for class photos
26.03.2019: Online safety workshop
02.04.2019: Easter Raffle and Easter Adventure with Petite Academy (2pm)
05.04.2019: We close for Easter break at 12.30pm - PLEASE NOTE THIS CLOSURE TIME DIFFERS TO SCHOOL.
16.04.2019: Primary school places are advised
23.04.2019: Ollie's reopens
25.04.2019: Stay and play 9-10am
13.05.2019: Stay and play 9-10am
24.05.2019: School Church Assembly 9am

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WHITSUNTIDE FESTIVAL JUMBLE SALE

Goosnargh Village Hall

PR3 2BH

Saturday 16th March - 11:00am

Good as New *Toys* *Books*

Bric-a-Brac

Jumble may be brought to the Village Hall

Fri 2:00 to 7:30pm & Sat up to 10:00am

Donations of BAKING most welcome

For collection of larger items please Tel: 01772

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