

# Ollie's News

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

We hope you have all had a fabulous half term (despite the weather). Please don't forget to upload your half term fun to Tapestry so we can chat to your child about what they have been up to!

Following on from our pre-schoolers group time challenge last half term, we have created a new challenge, to find out about occupations. We have already had some offers from parents to come in and chat to the children about what they do, so if any parent would like to join us and let the children know about their job, please speak to either Mrs Cocks or Mrs Grayston so we can arrange a time. One parent had previously been in touch, and thanks to them we had a visit from the local vets on Thursday and the children bandaged and used the stethoscopes and looked at animal x-rays and teeth and models of poorly animal ears! These sort of visits really enrich our children's lives and we appreciate the time taken.

Our group time focus for the next two weeks will be occupations and similarities and differences and looking at numbers and representing them.

As always we will continue to look at our phonics sound of the week.

**World Book Day:** World Book Day this year is on THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Sports Relief:** This year Sports Relief is on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March! So please send your child in their "Sporty Attire" with a donation for Sports Relief as we join in with school for some fun sporty activities!

**Another date for the diary:** Our nursery trip this year will be on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to Smithills Farm at Bolton. It is somewhere we have visited in the past and is a fabulous place to go to. Further information will be sent out in due course. (All nursery children are invited).

**Letters and sounds, numbers, for pre-schoolers:** Our current letter sound is "O" followed by "C" the week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> March. Sheets will be 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.

**Calpol:** A timely reminder with all the coughs and colds around at the moment - please do not administer Calpol (or similar medicines) to your child prior to sending them to nursery. If they are requiring Calpol then it is often a sign they are unwell and will struggle with a busy nursery day.

**Collection from nursery and after school club:** As you are aware, we have a number of finish time options for nursery and after school and we do try and be as flexible as possible. However, we have noticed of late that some parents are coming after the agreed 3pm, 3.15pm or 3.30pm. Could I please ask that you collect your child promptly and if you are running late then please get in touch and let us know (I am aware that some parents do and pay the appropriate fee and I thank you for contacting us and checking)? If the situation continues, we will start to monitor and charges be applied accordingly to your account. Could you also ensure that carers/grandparents are also aware of your child's finish time?

Also, a polite reminder that our after school club closes at 6pm. Increasingly the after school club staff are finding that their home time is becoming later and later. If you are, for example, stuck in traffic and need to arrange for a "back up" person to collect, please let us know (remember only to use your mobile, if it is safe and legal to do so)! Our phone number is 01772 866415. Thank you.

**Stay and Play:** Our next "Stay and Play" will be on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 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:**

05.03.2020 - World Book Day

06.03.2020 - Stay and Play 9am-10am

13.03.2020 - Sports Relief - Wear your sport clothes!

16.03.2020 - Key worker development discussions (letters have been handed out this week)

03.04.2020 - Ollie's closes for Easter at 12.30pm (please note this differs to school closing time).

09.04.2020 - National Unicorn Day!

27.04.2020 - Stay and Play 9am-10am

08.05.2020 - Ollie's will be closed for the Bank Holiday, May Day - this has changed from the Monday 4 May 2020

30.05.2020 - Goosnargh and Whittingham Festival Day

03.06.2020 - Nursery trip to Smithills (More details to follow, nursery will be closed between 9am and 3pm)

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