

# Ollie's News

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

Did you know that a rat's teeth never stop growing, or that puppies can't smell, hear or see when they are born, or that there are 108 varieties of fuchsia or that National Unicorn Day is the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2020? Well thanks to our amazing pre-schoolers we have all learnt something new here at Ollie's. From asking Alexa, Google, visiting the library and looking at books your children have found out lots of information and shared it with the group. We all hope you have enjoyed the activity and thank you for taking the time to complete it. There will be another pre-schooler challenge coming your way soon!!

Next week our group time focus will be discussion about how things work and similarities and differences. When we return after half term our focus will be on health and self-care, looking at healthy foods, hygiene and the affect activity has on our bodies.

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

**Advance Warning!** 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!

**Another date for the diary:** Our nursery trip this year will be on Tuesday 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).

**Getting Ready For School:** Attached to the email is some useful information/top tips published by Lancashire County Council.

**Soft toys:** Our nursery children are enjoying a vets role play area, but we are a little lacking in the soft toy area of cats and dogs. If you have any you are able to part with, it would be appreciated. Thank you.

**Letters and sounds, numbers, for pre-schoolers:** Our current letter sound is "g" followed by "o" the week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> February. 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.

**Job Vacancy:** If you know of someone who would like a few hours each week to help us with our after school club, then please ask them to get in touch. Thanks.

**Stay and Play:** Our next "Stay and Play" will be on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020 starting at 9am and finishing at 10am with the next one being Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020. 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:**

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

06.03.2020 - Stay and Play 9am-10am

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

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

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