

Ollie's News

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

What have we been up to at Ollie's:

What a fabulous half term we have had. New starters have settled in fantastically well and we are all getting to know each other.

We have looked at Autumn and Autumn finds, the changes in the weather and the wind, but our interests and fascinations have developed with us exploring flying dinosaurs and volcanoes to dragons and dragon dancing - all following the children's interests!

The outside has been fully utilised and we are undertaking a daily walk/run around the school yard, keeping our bodies moving, getting out of breath, feeling warmer as we have been moving, and noticing that our hearts are beating faster. We have also been undertaking some mindfulness, having a lie down listening to restful music, and as we place a teddy on the children's tummy we have watched it go "up and down" as we breathe "in through the nose and out through the mouth." We hope the children have been practising their massage techniques at home as they have been taking it in turns to massage their friends shoulders.

THE OLLIE'S HALF TERM CHALLENGE! Help your children to develop a knowledge and understanding of numbers whilst you are out and about. Can you send us a photo of the numbers you and your child(ren) have found whilst you are out and about this half term? Some examples are, it could be your house number, a number on the bus, a bus timetable, or price tags whilst out shopping! Please upload your "finds" to Tapestry!

Letters and sounds, numbers: This week we have introduced the sound "s" and this will continue for the first week back then the following week will be "d". Whilst we send out a sheet with the phonic sound detailed on it you may want to hear the sound you are focusing on with your child, so please take a look at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EYx1CyDMZSc&t=2s> for extra guidance. We don't recommend teaching the "Alphabet Song" to your child as this can cause some confusion. 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.

EYFS Information Evening Thank you to those who joined myself and Mrs Grayston for our information evening, we hope you found it useful. For those that were unable to attend, if you are ever unsure what any of us mean by EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) please just ask, we are all happy to explain.

Stay and Play: Our next "Stay and Play" will be Thursday 8 November 9am until 10am and Monday 3rd December 9am-10am. Why not come and see your child in their learning environment and join in the fun?

Illness: It is the time of year of coughs and colds. Here at Ollie's we do not administer "Calpol/paracetamol" and would request that should your child be needing "some magic medicine" to get them through a day at nursery because they are unwell, that they 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.

In addition I would add that we are also UNABLE to administer eye-drops. Sorry for the inconvenience.

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.

Toys in nursery: Whilst we appreciate that your child may need to bring a snuggly comforter (particularly our younger children) could I please ask that no toys are brought in to nursery as this is often causing some friction between the children.

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.

Healthy Start Campaign: With Healthy Start, you get free vouchers every week to spend on milk, plain fresh and frozen fruit and vegetables, and infant formula milk. You can also get free vitamins. **Pregnant or have children under the age of four?** You could qualify if you're on benefits, or if you're pregnant and under 18. For more information, please look at the website. <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/>

The Benefits of Playing Outdoors: Don't be stuck indoors this half term! The benefits of outdoor play are proven to help not just your child's physical development but have fantastic health benefits. (Please see the leaflet attached to the email).

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:**
- 30.10.18 - Ollie's re-opens
 - 08.11.18 - Stay and Play 9am-10am
 - 30.11.18 - Church Assembly
 - 03.12.18 - Stay and Play 9am-10am

10.12.18 - Nursery Nativity (am) - more details to follow

21.12.18 - Christmas service in church

21.12.18 - Ollie's closes for Christmas at 12.30pm

07.01.19 - Ollie's re-opens

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