

Ollie's News

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Welcome back - We hope you all had a lovely Easter break enjoying family time, the sunshine and of course eating lots of chocolate! We love to see any pictures you may have from the holidays and hearing all of the fun things that the children have been doing. It has been lovely this week to be able to go outside without our wellies on and explore in our garden, searching for mini-beasts, baking in the mud kitchen, digging and planting and thinking of ideas to construct and build with the crates and blocks. Following our current interests for gardening and growing, we will be doing various planting activities to focus on the changes and growth we can see over time, whilst also learning about what little seeds need to help them to grow into beautiful flowers!

Sunflower Competition: To support our recent interests in growing, we will be planting our own sunflower seeds and bringing them home. Please help to support your child's learning by helping them to nurture it, take photographs of its growth, talk about any changes and measure it as it grows. (A leaflet will be sent home with their planted sunflower seed with further details). Will your sunflower be the tallest, cutest, smallest or prettiest? We shall have to wait and see!

Easter Raffle: Following our Easter egg Raffle, we raised a fantastic £102.00. Many thanks to everyone for your support.

Warm Weather: As the weather is getting warmer and we are spending lots of time outside, please could you start to send your child with a named sunhat and with sun cream already applied - when applicable. We recommended that you use an all-day sun cream and ask that you don't bring them in the children's bags. Please speak to a member of staff if your child has an allergy to a certain brand, and do not forget to indicate on the signing in register whether or not you have applied sun cream. Whilst we try to provide as much shade as possible to our outdoor area, there are areas where we cannot and it is quite a sun trap!

Goosnargh Field day 2019: Calling all our baby sharks... 'Doo doo do do da do' Who is joining us this year for our Festival Day walking float on Saturday the 1st of June at 1pm? We will all be dressing up as sharks and you are all welcome! A letter will be sent out later this week with more details.

(*all children to be accompanied by an adult, Ollie's staff accept no responsibility for children on the day, all adults to be dressed up and ride ons/prams decorated accordingly)

Stay and Play: Our next "Stay and Play" will be 13th of May at 9am until 10am and the one after that will be Wednesday the 11th of June 2019. Why not come and see your child in their learning environment and join in the fun?

Nursery Trip: Letters have also been placed in your child's locker with regards to our trip which this year will be to Blackpool Zoo on Thursday 13th June. Please send us your reply slips as soon as possible, and payment will be required by Friday 24th May.

Role play area: Does anyone have a computer monitor on a stand that they no longer use that we could have

to enhance the role play area, as sadly ours is broken? Also, if anyone has any old house phones/mobiles that they are happy to part with, that would also be appreciated. Thank you.

Outdoor Area: It is also time to refresh our outdoor area and we are looking for an old microwave and pans and ladles etc., to replace some of our very well used items! We are also looking for old duvet/pillow cases and blankets to enhance our den making area!

Letters and sounds, numbers: For the next two weeks we will be looking at the letter and sound "u" and we need your help to fill our sound table with lots of fantastic ideas! We will be focusing on this during our group times and through various activities set up throughout the day. So far we have been using our pointy fingers to form a 'u' in the coloured sand and shaving foam! 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 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.

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.

Invoices: These have been issued this week. Please could these be paid by the end of next week. If you need to make any arrangements for payment, please contact Mrs Terrins. Her email address is s.terrins@olliestrust.com.

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.

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:

25.04.2019 - FROGS Easter Bingo

6.05.2019 - Closed for Bank Holiday

13.05.2019 - Stay and Play 9-10

15.05.2019 - Tempest Photography - further details to follow.

24.05.2019 - Church Assembly with School 9am

24.05.2019 - Close for half term at 6pm

1.06.2019 - Goosnargh Field Day 1pm - please look out for the leaflet in your child's locker.

3.06.2019 - Ollie's Re-opens

6.06.2019 - School Sports Day - further details to follow

11.06.2019 - Stay and Play 9-10

13.06.2019 - Trip to Blackpool Zoo

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