

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 enjoyed your bonfires and fireworks. The children have been very animated as they have spoken about the "bangs and wooshes" of the fireworks that fly up into the sky and how hot the bonfire is, and how it crackles. We have created lots of different firework pictures this week using different materials to recreate what they have seen.

Our group time focus for week 3 here at Ollie's will be "showing an interest in representing numbers, and starting to match number to quantity correctly." You can help your child at home by encouraging them to count the apples and bananas in the fruit ball and recording their "numbers" on a piece of paper.

In week 4 our focus will be rhyme and alliteration, and joining in with repeated refrains from stories and anticipating key events. You can continue with this at home with your children by using words such as "big boat" or the "tall tower" when they are building. When reading stories encourage them to join in with you. Maybe you are reading the "Gingerbread Man" and they could repeat the "run, run as fast as you can.....".

Children In Need: We will be raising money for Children In Need on Friday 15th November! So if you are with us on a Friday, come in your spotty outfits or Children In Need tops and join us for a spotty day! There will be a donations pot available, and Mrs Smith has kindly agreed to do face painting for us (Pudsey Bear and Blush). (Please let us know on the day if your child has any allergies to face paints)! We will also be joining in with school for their fabulous "Goosnargh's Got Talent" talent show. (Your child may be on the schools Facebook page, if this is a problem or concern please let Mrs Cocks know).

Nativity: Tickets will be on sale for our nativity in the next couple of weeks. The cost of the ticket will be £2.50. We use the nativity as a fundraiser for Ollie's and your support is greatly appreciated. This year we are planning on using any monies raised to replace our well used waterproof pants! Ollie's provides the costumes for the nativity, however you may need to provide your child with white tights or a white top, but you will be informed shortly once we have established everyone's roles.

"Bag to School" Do you need more room in your wardrobe? Children growing too fast and in need of bigger clothes? Then why not fill one of our blue bags with your old clothes so we can weigh them in and receive funds for Ollie's?! We have brought the date forward this year from January to the 27th November so you can have a proper sort out before Christmas! Look out for the bags that will be placed in your child's locker

when we have received them. A simple way for Ollie's to raise funds. We are planning to use the funds raised to purchase some new games and activities for our after school club children as some are looking rather "tired" or missing lots of pieces! If you have any complete games that you feel are suitable for us to use, covering a range of ages, these would be gratefully received.

Late collection: We have noticed recently that pick up times have become later than the agreed 3pm collection. Ollie's offers an additional service so you can pick up your child at 3.15pm if required for a small additional fee of either £1.15 for 2 year olds or £1.05 for 3 years and above. If you require this extra time please let Mrs Terrins know. For those children that are with us for part sessions ending at 11.30am or 12.30pm collection needs to be on time as this can affect ratio of care for children. Thank you.

Stay and Play: Our next "Stay and Play" will be on Friday 6th December 2019, starting at 9am and finishing at 10am. Why not come and see your child in their learning environment and join in the fun?

School admissions: Applications for primary school places are now open on the Lancashire County Council website for school admissions, September 2020. <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-primary-school-place/> The closing date for applications is the 15th January 2020.

Letters and sounds, numbers, for pre-schoolers: We have been focusing on the letter "d" and we have had suggestions from the children including "duck, dinosaur, dog, doctor and dragonfly". Our next sound to focus on will be "t". 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.

Invoicing and payments: Mrs Terrins has issued the invoices for this half term. If you have any issues with payment, queries concerning the invoice, funding etc., please contact Mrs Terrins. Her email address is s.terrins@ollietrust.com and of course you can phone us on 01772 866415.

Spaces in nursery: We have some spaces available in nursery so if you are aware of anyone requiring childcare please point them in our direction.

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.

Safeguarding: Use of mobile phones in nursery/breakfast and after school club: 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.

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.

Diary Dates:

15.11.2019 - Children In Need Day

05.12.2019 - Nativity

06.12.2019 - Stay and Play 9am-10am

17.12.2019 - Nursery Christmas party - more information to follow

17.12.2019 - After School Club Christmas party

19.12.2019 - School Christmas dinner day - we join the whole of school for this festive lunch!

20.12.2019 - Ollie's closes for Christmas at 12.30pm

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