

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: The start of the term has been busy with us settling in our new and returning children, although I am very pleased to report that ALL the children have been fantastic and have settled into the routine of Ollie's brilliantly.

This week has seen the start of drama (Tuesday) and football (Thursday) and next week dance starts again on the Monday. Please let Mrs Terrins know if you would like your child to take part.

This Friday we are planning on taking a small group of children to support the local playgroup "Goosnargh Ducklings." Unfortunately, it is not practical for us to take everyone at the same time, but we are hoping to go over the next few weeks so hopefully most children will get to visit. Please let Mrs Cocks know if you have any concerns over us taking them.

We have been talking about the holidays with your children and what they have been up to and the photos you have sent us help us with this discussion as it provides a reference for the children. If you have not sent any pictures as yet, please could you send some? Thank you.

For our new children we have started our baseline assessments, as to where they are working within the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. The "All about me" forms that we request to be completed, really help us with this as a starting point. If you have misplaced the form over the summer, please ask for a new one as your opinion and thoughts count.

In your child's locker you will also find a "home learning challenge" asking for a drawing, handprints etc. Please join in the challenge - we would really like to see what you have done with your children.

Tapestry: We would really like it if you could interact with us on Tapestry, our online learning journey. If you have not received a log in, please let Mrs Cocks know.

Parking: It has come to our attention that some parents may not be aware of the parking arrangements for drop off and collection, and we apologise for this being the case. School request that you do not use the car park opposite the school gate, adjacent to Bushells House as there is usually a high volume of children, particularly after 8.30am. Also, when collecting, the same principal applies, although if you are collecting later from after school club you are able to. NO cars should come onto school grounds. It would be appreciated if you could pass this information on to anyone who may help with drop offs and collections. If you are unsure, please ask a member of staff.

Letters and sounds, numbers: Next week we start with the "letter and sound" of the fortnight together with a focus on a number which we look at with our pre-schoolers in our group time sessions. For those that are unaware, we ask you to find something from home that starts with the initial sound and if possible leave it on our sound table as we use it as an interactive tool. The pre-schoolers are also sent home with a sheet to practice on and it will also let you know the rhyme that is used with "Read, write, inc" used by Goosnargh Oliverson's. 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. The first sound of the week will be "m", then from 1 October 2018 "a" then the 15 October it will be "s".

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.

Nursery Invoices: Nursery invoices have been issued this week for payment, and you will find them in your child's locker, usually in the door so as not to get lost amongst your child's possessions. If you have any queries regarding them, please speak to Mrs Terrins. Thank you.

Stay and Play: Our next "Stay and Play" will be Tuesday 9 October at 9am until 10am. Why not come and see your child in their learning environment and join in the fun?

Goosnargh Oliverson's Open Evening: We shall be joining Goosnargh Oliverson's for their Open Evening on Wednesday 10 October 5pm-7pm. Please feel free to come and have a look around school and visit us in nursery - no appointments necessary!

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.**

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 in the kitchen and on the whiteboard near the sign in book

Group times: Our group times occur at the end of the morning and afternoon sessions and are a "focus" time for the children. With this in mind, particularly at 3pm, please do not ring the doorbell but wait for a member of staff to open the door to you at 3pm when the group time has finished so the children are not disturbed.

It is very tempting for children to press the button at the side to open the door for you to leave, however, could I also ask that you do not encourage your child to do this.

Please can you pass these messages on to others who may drop off/collect?

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. Invoices have been issued this week. Should you have any queries regarding them, 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.

Change4Life: As you will have probably heard or seen on the news, obesity in children continues to be on the rise, so to give your child the best start in life, the government are offering further guidance to support parents/carers. Snacks can often prove to be a challenge, so they have listed some ideas of 100 calorie snacks, and you can find more information concerning this at <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/food-facts/healthier-snacks-for-kids/100-calorie-snacks>.

Smile4Life: At Ollie's we STRONGLY RECOMMEND that your child brings **water** in their water bottle and not juice/cordial as it is recommended that drinks that contain sugar should be had at a mealtime so your children's teeth have limited "sugar hits".

Why not follow the link to download the sugar app - the results may surprise you!

<http://www.nhs.uk/change4life-beta/campaigns/sugar-smart/home> and the "smart recipes" from the NHS for healthy meal ideas for your family - <http://www.nhs.uk/change4life/pages/meal-planner-recipe-finder-app.aspx>. Our Smile4Life co-ordinator is Mrs Smith.

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:

28.9.18 School assembly 9am

3.10.18 Tempest Photography in school - more information to follow

9.10.18 Stay and Play 9am-10am

19.10.18 Close for half term holidays

29.10.18 Inset day in school and Ollie's

30.10.18 Ollie's re-opens.

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