

Ollie's News

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

We are back!! Your children have delighted us with their tales of Christmas, and it has been lovely to hear of the fun family times that you have had over the holidays, and of the presents your children have received. If you have not yet had chance to upload any pictures to Tapestry, please do, as they really love seeing home and family times.

Next week our pre-schoolers group time focus will be numbers - representing and recognising numerals. You could help you could help your child at home by asking them to perhaps look in your fruit bowl and see how many bananas there are, and encouraging them to write the number. At this stage it doesn't necessarily have to be the actual number, it could be two lines which may represent the number 2, or they may demonstrate using their fingers. When out and about encourage them to look for numbers around them and help them identify them.

The following week we will be looking at rhyming and rhythm which you could help your child with by making up rhyming words or tapping out a simple rhythm on some saucepans and encouraging your child to copy.

We will also be talking to the children about where we can find out more information. So why not have a visit to your local library to look at books that may be of interest to them as well as showing them how you can search on a computer/tablet or phone.

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

Waterproof pants: As you may recall from my previous newsletter, some of the funds raised from our nativity service and Christmas hamper raffle were to be used to purchase some much needed new waterproof pants. These have now been ordered and should be with us shortly. Thanks to everyone again for your generosity.

Letters and sounds, numbers, for pre-schoolers: Our current letter sound is "n". Sheets have been 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. The next sound for the week commencing the 20 January 2020 will be "p".

Job Vacancy: Sadly, at some point next half term we lose Mrs Gornall from our after school club. We aren't sure of an exact date, and are hanging on to her for as long as possible!! However, this does mean we will have a vacancy for a new member of staff so if you know of anyone then please encourage them to get in touch.

Education Sunday: On Sunday 26th January it is "Education Sunday" at St. Mary's church. The service starts at 11.15am and is a chance to celebrate the education of children in school and nursery. All welcome!

Stay and Play: Our next "Stay and Play" will be on Tuesday 14th January 2020, starting at 9am and finishing at 10am, then the one following will be Monday 10th February 2020 9am until 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.

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:

14.01.2020 - Stay and Play 9am-10am

15.01.2020 - Primary School applications for September 2020 close

31.01.2020 - Church assembly 9am

10.02.2020 - Stay and Play 9am-10am

14.02.2020 - Ollie's closes for half term at normal time

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Phone - 01772 866415 or 07584901562. (the mobile is for emergency calls only, please use our landline or email Mrs Terrins for bookings of breakfast club and/or after school club).

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