



Ollie's News



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

It continues to be a busy here at Ollie's.

What a fabulous couple of weeks we have had here at Ollie's. The snow added to the fun as all the children played outside, throwing snowballs at the teachers and chasing them across the school field.

We have been focusing on textures and have heard some fabulous descriptive words from our children such as "squashy" and "squidgy". Please encourage your children at home to continue to think of words that describe items so that it extends their thinking, for example if something is "spiky" you could introduce the word "prickly".

Did you know that if you mix blue and yellow you can make green, and red and yellow makes orange? Well the children did lots of colour mixing last week and combining just two colours at a time created lots of different ones and if you add white the colour gets "lighter"! If you are able to continue mixing colours at home over half term, please upload them to Tapestry so we can see what your child has created.

Letters and sounds, numbers: We have lots of items on our sound table at the moment supporting our learning of the sound "g", thank you! When we return after half term we shall be looking at the sound "o".. We will be continuing to practise this at 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 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.

Also don't forget when out and about to encourage recognition of the numbers we see in the environment, e.g. car registrations, house numbers, prices in shops

Stay and Play: Our next "Stay and Play" will be Wednesday 6 March 2019 at 9am until 10am and the one after that will be Thursday 25th April 2019. Why not come and see your child in their learning environment and join in the fun?

World Book Day: This year it is on Thursday 7th March. This year we have decided on an underwater theme, thinking about the books "Smiley Shark" and "Barry the fish with fingers." We would love it if your child could come in an underwater themed outfit on this day or bring in their favourite book to share with us. It is our intention to continue with this theme (Baby Shark) for the float on the 1st June.

Comic Relief: On Friday 15th March we shall be joining in with "Red Nose Day"! Send your child with "wacky, crazy hair" - there will be a prize for the wackiest! (A donation tin will be available should you wish to donate to this worthwhile cause).

The Trust: Ollie's Trust are looking for new trustees. "The Trust" oversee the running of Ollie's and are looking for volunteers who can contribute to this. If this is something that may be of interest to you, please let Mrs Cocks know and she will pass your details on to Mrs Sant (Chair of the trust) who will contact you for an informal chat and will be able to provide you with more information.

Car Parking: It has been brought to our attention that some parents/grandparents/carers are parking on school grounds. Please could I remind EVERYONE that parking on school grounds is for school/nursery staff only. It would be appreciated if you could pass this message on to others who may not receive this newsletter who drop off/collect your child. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Blue Bag Scheme: Thank you to all those who brought in bags of clothes etc. Our final total was £68.00 which we have used to purchase some new bricks for the construction area which have special colours in them.

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.

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:

15.02.2019: We close for February half term (normal time)

25.02.2019: Ollie's reopens

01.03.2019: Church assembly 9am with school

06.03.2019: Stay and Play 9am - 10am

07.03.2019: World Book Day

15.03.2019: Comic Relief Day

05.04.2019: We close for Easter break at 12.30pm

23.04.2019: Ollie's reopens

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