

Ollie's News

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

What a fabulous first half of the term we have had. It has been lovely the way you have all joined in with the autumn bags and there have been some fantastic finds and so much for us to share with the children and them with us. We hope you all enjoyed your autumn walks as much as we did and of course it doesn't stop there, as the season changes there is still lots to talk about with your child as they notice the world around them.

Our group time focus for week 1 here at Ollie's will be similarities and differences in relation to friends and family and remembering and talking about significant events in their own experiences. You can help your child at home by encouraging them to talk about their hair colour and eyes, are they the same as someone else in the family and by looking at family photographs and talking about them.

In week 2 our focus will be colour and how colours can be changed and textures. You can continue with this at home with your children by allowing them to mix up their paints and create new colours or adding white to the colours to make them light. Talk about the feel and texture of fabrics or how pasta changes from hard to soft when cooked.

We shall also be beginning to look at our nativity in the next couple of weeks. The nativity will be held on Thursday 5th December in St. Mary's church starting at 9.30am. All children are part of our nativity, however if you think you may struggle for your child to attend then please let your child's key person know as soon as possible. Further information will be sent out shortly!

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.

Do you have.....If you have any old pans that we could use in our mud kitchen area please send them our way. Also if you have any old sheets we can use for painting on that would also be appreciated.

Stay and Play: Our next "Stay and Play" will be on Monday 4th November 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/>

Letters and sounds, numbers, for pre-schoolers: We are currently focusing on the letter and sound "d". 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 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 "You tube" by following the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EYx1CyDMZSc&t=2s> for extra guidance.

Invoicing and payments: Mrs Terrins is in the process of sending out invoices for this half term so please look out for it in your child's locker. If you have any issues with payment, please contact Mrs Terrins.

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:

04.11.2019 - Stay and Play 9am-10am

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

20.12.2019 - Ollie's closes for Christmas at 12.30pm

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