

Ollie's News

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

Well Autumn has well and truly set in. With wind and rain (and glorious sunshine) it feels like the children have experienced every type of weather as we have ventured on our daily mile! They are all doing so well, as we venture round the field, and some have even managed walking the whole mile, with one child nearly running the full mile!

Today we have placed the Autumn treasure hunt bags in your child's locker. We look forward to seeing what fabulous things you can find on your Autumn "treasure hunt" and a huge thank you to Henry who brought in a big bag of conkers to share. We have used them for painting and counting and rolling - a lot of fun and a fabulous natural resource.

Traditional stories have featured a lot in Ollie's and it is lovely to hear your children joining in with a "fee, fi, fo, fum" or a "I'll huff and I'll puff" as we read the stories and use the story sacks to bring the story to life a little more. As part of our story telling we encourage the children to recall the story to us so they are gaining even more understanding, and this also helps with their language skills. Don't forget, when you are reading to your child, change the expression and sounds in your voice! Children are far more attentive when this happens! It's always good to snuggle up and read with your child every day and help them develop a love of books and reading.

SPARE CLOTHES: PLEASE ensure you pack plenty of spare clothes and SOCKS! Today despite the waterproof pants, wellies and coats we still needed to change lots of children and we have very few spare clothes left and NO socks as several have not been returned from previous "borrowings". If you have any of our spare clothes/socks please return them so we have them for those emergency situations!

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 "s". 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.

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:

18.10.2019 - We close for half term, 6pm

28.10.2019 - Inset day, Ollie's will be closed (in line with school).

29.10.2019 - Ollie's reopens

04.11.2019 - Stay and Play 9am-10am

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