

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 couple of weeks we have had here at Ollie's. We have been very fortunate to have had some lovely weather which has meant the children have been outside even more, exploring the outdoors and their surroundings. We have even been on a walk around the grounds of Bushells House, collecting pine cones and admiring the gardens and smelling the flowers. Of course, whatever the weather, we always encourage being outdoors, and wet socks and wet feet are part of life here at Ollie's, so please remember to pack some spares, so we can change your child if needed, and don't forget the wellies!

As we notice the changes in the weather, our thoughts turn to Autumn, and we shall be looking at the trees and talking about changes that come about and the colours. Look out for a paper bag in your child's locker over the next couple of weeks as we encourage you to go on an Autumn walk with your little one, and bring in what you find. We like to encourage our children to collect items off the floor and not pick them direct from the tree as they are still "living". We hope you enjoy your nature walk and we look forward to seeing what you have found. Don't forget to talk to your children about what the items feel like, look like and maybe even smell like.

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. Our dolls are very well loved but looking a little bit sad and tired at the moment. If you have an "excess" of dolls in your house and are looking to rehome them, Ollie's would appreciate them!

Messy play: Why do we have messy play and why do we encourage it? Please read the extra attachment to this email about the benefits of messy play, and how it can help your child in so many ways!

Parking: A polite reminder to all our parents/carers and those that drop off or collect your children as per my email dated 3rd September.

"Parking is a big issue around school and nursery, and I am sure you will all agree that the safety of all children is of the utmost importance. With this in mind, if you are arriving after 8.20am and before 9am, please do not park in the bays around Bushells House, and for collection please only

park in the bays after 4.30pm, allowing time for children to leave school and clubs safely. Also, you should not park on the school grounds. It would be helpful if you could let others know, who may be dropping off or collecting. Thank you."

Stay and Play: Our next "Stay and Play" will be on Tuesday 1st October 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 Open Evening: Goosnargh Oliverson's and Ollie's will be holding an open evening on the 25 September 2019 from 5pm until 7pm, an ideal time to come and have a look around school as applications 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 "a". 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.

Invoices: By now you should all have received your invoices for this half term. If you have any issues with payment, please discuss them with Mrs Terrins. Her email address is s.terrins@ollietrust.com should you need it.

Have you looked into tax free childcare payment options? The government website www.childcarechoices.gov.uk offers all sorts of information to help with payment of childcare costs and well worth looking at.

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. We have a child with a nut allergy, so please do not send in items with nuts.

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:

20.09.2019 - Tempest Photography in school for individual/family photos - an email has been sent 17/9/19 to nursery parents.

25.09.2019 - School and Ollie's open evening 5pm-7pm

27.09.2019 - we join school for their harvest assembly 9am in church.

01.10.2019 - Stay and Play 9am-10am

18.10.2019 - We close for half term, 6pm

28.10.2019 - Inset day, Ollie's will be closed

29.10.2019 - Ollie's reopens

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