



# Ollie's News



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

We had some special visitors in nursery last week - the police came, and the children were able to sit in the police car and hear the sirens as well as dressing up in real police uniform! The children were spoken to about stranger danger and the importance of not running off and away from whoever is looking after them. They even got a special message over the radio from control!

Next term we have a visit from a fire engine planned (subject to not being needed for an emergency), so please watch this space!!!

Last Friday was "Comic Relief" and we joined in the fun with school by coming in to nursery with some wacky and crazy hair, raising £20.10 for this fabulous charity. Leo won the prize for the wackiest hair - well done! The weather has been mixed over the last couple of weeks, but we have had some lovely sunshine to enjoy, and we even had football back on this week as the weather had improved so much. Some of the children have now grown out of their wellies, so please check with a member of staff to see if it is time to send in a bigger size. Over the next couple of weeks we shall be focusing on Easter and springtime.

**Easter Raffle:** On the 2nd of April we will be hosting our annual Easter event. Petite Academy will be joining us for an Easter themed adventure from 2pm and all children are invited. We would love to see you! (Please note if your child is not booked into nursery on that day, then you will need to stay with them). Bring your child as a chick or rabbit, take part in our egg hunt, and enjoy. The Easter Egg Raffle (drawn on the same day) will be £1 a strip. We are also looking for donations of Easter Eggs for our raffle, and usually ask all nursery children to send an Easter Egg I, thank you to all those who have brought one in already. Letters have been put in lockers this week.

**Parents Evening:** We hope you found our recent parents evening informative. If you were unable to attend for any reason, and you wish to speak to your child's key person about their development, please let them know and we shall arrange a time so you can chat in private to them.

**Nursery Trip:** Letters have also been placed in your child's locker with regards to our trip which this year will be to Blackpool Zoo on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June. Please send us your reply slips as soon as possible, and payment will be required by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

**Role play area:** Does anyone have a computer monitor on a stand that they no longer use that we could have to enhance the role play area, as sadly ours is broken? Also, if anyone has any old house phones/mobiles that they are happy to part with, that would also be appreciated. Thank you.

**Mud Kitchen:** It is also time to refresh our outdoor area and we are looking for an old microwave and pans and ladles etc., to replace some of our very well used items!

**Parents and Community Online Safety Workshop:** Goosnargh Oliverson's are holding an online safety workshop in school on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March, 6.30-7.30pm and all parents and members of the community are very welcome to attend.

**Letters and sounds, numbers:** Next week we will be focusing on a new letter "k". Please bring in any items you may find at home or in the environment as the children really enjoy using the items they bring in from home to support their learning of the sound. With this in mind, 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 "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 Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> of April 2019 at 9am until 10am and the one after that will be Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2019. Why not come and see your child in their learning environment and join in the fun?

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**Collection times:** Just a polite reminder that as we are a sessional nursery, it is important your children are collected on time, i.e. if your child is booked in until 11.30am, then they need collecting at that time, and not 11.40am, as it has an effect on staffing numbers/ratio of children. Thank you.

**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.

**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.

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**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.

Mrs Terrins will no longer be in the office on a Friday morning, however she will be available Monday to Thursday should you need to speak to her.

**Booking forms:** Booking forms have been sent out for next half term, please return as soon as possible. Thank you.

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**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:**

26.03.2019: Online safety workshop

02.04.2019: Easter Raffle and Easter Adventure with Petite Academy (2pm)

05.04.2019: Easter Service with school in church, 9am.

05.04.2019: We close for Easter break at 12.30pm - PLEASE NOTE THIS CLOSURE TIME DIFFERS TO SCHOOL.

16.04.2019: Primary school places are advised

23.04.2019: Ollie's reopens

25.04.2019: Stay and play 9-10am

13.05.2019: Stay and play 9-10am

24.05.2019: School Church Assembly 9am

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