

Welcome to the Poppins Day Nursery Autumn newsletter. Here are some important dates for your diary...

Monday 4th September - Autumn term begins/ Nursery Educational Funding (NEF) recommences.

Tuesday 10th October - Photo Day.

W/C 30th October - Half term - No NEF or Thnk2 funding this week.

Tuesday 31st October - Halloween! (Don't forget to come dressed up)

Sunday 5th November - Bonfire Night.

Monday 6th November - NEF & Think2 funding recommences.

Saturday 11th November - Remembrance Day.

Sunday 12th November - Diwali

Friday 17th November - Children in Need Pyjama Day!

Saturday 2nd December - Poppin's Christmas Fayre.

Friday 15th December - Term ends (NEF & Think2 Funding finishes).

Friday 22nd December - Nursery closes for Christmas.



Firstly, we would like to say a big welcome to our new children who have joined us recently, we are thoroughly enjoying getting to know you all. Also, we hope you've had a lovely summer (albeit a wet one this year!) and can't wait to hear all about your adventures- don't forget to upload some pictures to Blossom!



'WOW!' Moments - Parents/Carers! Your child is truly amazing and throughout your child's life they will make some mighty significant steps on their journey of development. Together, we would like to show the children how proud we all are of these moments and celebrate their individual achievements. These are what we call at nursery our 'WOW!' moments. So, if outside of nursery your child has perhaps tried something new for the first time (food, drink, standing, walking, talking, using the potty), or maybe enjoyed a trip or activity, please fill in a star or tell a member of staff so that we can put it on our WOW

Board - you can also share a photo of special moments through the Blossom App. **EYFS - it is important for parents and early years settings to have a strong and respectful partnership. This sets the scene for children to thrive in the early years.**



Holidays and Absences - Although nursery attendance is not statutory, it is important for parents/carers to report their child's absence to nursery on the first day. Nursery has to follow guidelines set out by the local authority regarding the regular attendance of all children. Please report all absences on our landline number 01543 493433.



Appropriate clothing - As the winter months approach, please can you provide your child/ren with a warm coat that is waterproof, hat, scarf, gloves and wellies. As always, please ensure that your child's belongings are labelled, this means that belongings do not get lost or mixed up. Baby room asks for shoes every day for our babies, even those who are not yet walking to give them the opportunity to cruise along in the garden/ride on the wheeled toys, thank you.



Toys from home - We understand that children often want to bring toys in from home to show their friends, however to avoid these getting lost or broken, we would appreciate it if you could encourage your children to leave them in a special place at home or hand them back to you on drop off. We do not accept responsibility for lost/broken toys. We do understand that comforters are an important part of children's development and these are of course allowed into nursery.



Maternity Leave - We would like to wish our lovely deputy manager and baby room lead- Fran all the best as she goes on maternity leave this September- we are all looking forward to a snuggle from your baby girl when she arrives! Fran is currently doing a full handover to continue the best care for our babies, as we welcome Zara into the Caterpillar room to continue the smooth running of the room. Louise & Jo will oversee the running of Butterfly room until there is a new room leader appointed, which you will remain updated on.



Christmas - It will soon be that time of year again where we celebrate Christmas and we have lots of exciting things to look forward to this year. Including the Poppin's Christmas Fayre (see dates for your diary). We will be issuing a Christmas newsletter including all the important dates closer to the time so make sure you look out for it!

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News from the rooms...

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Caterpillar Room

Firstly, we would like to give all our new children and their families a warm welcome into the Caterpillar room as we begin our journey together to support and guide your child/ren through their development. Here are some of the things we will be doing with your children over the next few months.

During the following months, the caterpillar room are focusing on getting to know and building bonds with all of our new children. We will be exploring minibeasts and the Autumn season. During October, the children will be exploring Halloween by engaging in fun activities such as pumpkin painting, Halloween themed sensory bags and much more. They will also be developing their gross motor skills both indoors and outdoors as we explore the wonders that Autumn brings such as different colours and textures.

November will be fun in the caterpillar room as we celebrate Diwali, the festival of light and bonfire night by creating our very own firework paintings. Caterpillar room will also be celebrating Remembrance Day and exploring all things red.

In December, we will be preparing for the arrival of Santa as we get messy creating Christmas crafts. As winter approaches, we will be exploring arctic animals and winter themed sensory activities.

Butterfly Room

We would like to welcome all the children transitioning from the Caterpillar room into the Butterfly room.

During the upcoming term we have lots of exciting things to look forward to so keep an eye out on the diaries. During this term we will continue to gain knowledge on all different types of animals, especially pandas as the children are showing a particular interest in them at the moment. We have been looking at live animal cameras seeing how they interact on a daily basis and taking this into our play and even talked about the different weathers that they enjoy e.g. warm/hot places.

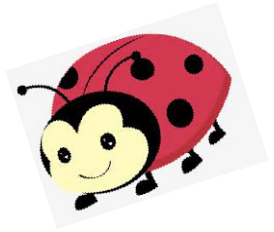


We will be soon celebrating Halloween 🎃 (scary how quickly it's come around), so be on the lookout for our spooky activities. We will be also looking forward to seeing all your lovely costumes. Can't wait to see who you decide to dress up as. Activities we will be taking part in are things such as, spooky spider hunt, making monster soup, and our favourite Room on the Broom messy tray.

And then just like that... it's Christmas! 🎄 . The most magical time in a nursery as we turn the Butterfly Room into a winter wonderland. We will have lots of fun creating special Christmas crafts for you to take home.

Ladybird Room

Firstly, we would like to say welcome to the preschool room!



Myself and the team are looking forward to setting out some exciting activities to promote our children's development in a fun way before their journey into reception! In Ladybird room, we promote independence such as dressing themselves, seeing to their own care needs such as toileting and giving simple tasks such as pouring their own drink at mealtimes. We also emphasise the importance of managing our feelings and emotions and develop skills to self-regulate and solve problems. We welcome our friends from the Butterfly room who are transitioning over to us in the upcoming months and will be building relationships and getting them used to the preschool routine. We will be encouraging them to recognise their own names which will promote independence when entering nursery and putting their bags on their own pegs, knowing their own drawers etc. Keep a lookout for our monthly information with top-tips for parents to support your children with this at home.

This term we will be focusing on the Autumn season as we talk about changes in weather and the environment around us, looking for minibeasts and getting involved in an Autumn walk. We look forward to exploring the wonders that Autumn brings us!

As we continue cooking club, we would love to see some photographs of your little ones getting involved in cooking at home, whether this be helping to chop vegetables, mixing up some cake batter or even just enjoying some family time around the dinner table. If you have any simple recipes that we could do here at nursery, please feel free to send them in, this may also include any traditional bakes from your culture.

As always, this time of year is very important in the Ladybird room as we begin to prepare for our Christmas nativity play. We can't wait to welcome you all in to see and the children will be working very hard practising their songs and lines! More details to follow on the Christmas newsletter!