



## Poppins Post - December

Where has 2014 gone!?!?

The format of December's newsletter is going to be slightly different as soooooo much is going on at this festive time!

### General News

- We welcome Rebecca, Claire and Samantha to our team. Rebecca works with our babies in the Caterpillar Room, whilst Claire and Samantha work with the Butterflies and Ladybirds.
- A reminder that Holiday Club will run for part of the Xmas holiday - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December - Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December. Please see Nicole or Faye to book a space.
- Nursery grant funding will finish on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December and resume on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January.
- NEW - 15hrs funding is now available for more 2yr olds. These places are managed and funded through Staffordshire County Council. If you think your child could be eligible for this funding please visit: [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/think2](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/think2) or phone 03001118007.
- Please come along and support our Xmas Fayre on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November 12.00-3.00. If you have any unwanted gifts or could donate some chocolate our tombola stalls would be very grateful!!
- As you are aware staff make regular observations of your child and record these in their learning journeys, along with any photos. If your child does something new at home we would be really grateful if you could fill in a parent/carer observation form (located on the shelf in reception) and pass it on to your child's key worker so that it can be included in the learning journey - Thank you.
- Nursery fees have remained the same for the last 2 years. However, due to increased costs there will be a small increase to all nursery fees from January 2015.

- A plea to all parents/carers - to enable the children to have more trips out we need your help to ensure outing ratios are covered. If you do have a little spare time in the new year and wouldn't mind helping out with this please have a word with Nicole.
- The Before and After School Club to Hayes Meadow has really taken off. If parents/carers know of anyone else who may be interested in this service from January please pass our details on - thank you.

### **Dates For Your Diary**

1. **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November 12.00-3.00** - Poppins Christmas Fayre
2. **Nursery Education Funding** - will finish on 12/12/14 and resume on 05.01.15.
3. **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 4.00-5.00pm** - Ladybird Christmas nativity/concert. Due to space restrictions 2 tickets will be allocated per Ladybird. Stay and have a coffee and mince pie with us afterwards.
4. **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December (am)** - Children's Christmas Party - hopefully a special guest will be visiting us!?!?
5. **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** - Children's Christmas Dinner.
6. **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December** - nursery closes at 4.00pm. Nursery will re-open on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January.

**Wishing All Our Children/Families &  
Staff A Very Happy Christmas and  
New Year.**

