



## Poppins Post - April, May, June & July

Where is 2015 going - nearly Easter already!!

### General News

- Many thanks to the parents/carers who completed our annual questionnaire - the results of which can be found on the parent/carers notice board in the hall way.
- Congratulations to Hollie who has recently passed her Level 3 childcare qualification and has been promoted to Pre-school Room Leader at another nursery.
- We welcome Emma, a fun loving Level 3 practitioner, who is working with the Butterflies at the moment.
- Well what can we say about the weather - very changeable at the moment. Therefore, please can you ensure that children come to nursery with water proof coats, hat, scarf and gloves and sun cream so that they are prepared for any weather and can still enjoy the outdoors. Please can we also remind parents and carers to clearly label these with your child's name to avoid any mix ups.
- Please can we remind all parents/cares to close both gates to the nursery both on entry and when leaving the nursery in order to maintain security of the premises, thank you.
- A reminder that holiday club will run through the Easter holidays, May half term and throughout the summer hols. Please see Nicole or Faye for further information or to book a space.
- Due to the increased numbers of children at nursery we are in the process of appointing 2 experienced nursery nurses. They will spend time in both the Caterpillar and Butterfly rooms getting to know the children and we are sure you will make them feel very welcome.

- No nursery grant funding during:

Easter holidays - 6<sup>th</sup> April - 17<sup>th</sup> April  
May half term - 26<sup>th</sup> May - 29<sup>th</sup> May  
Summer Holidays - 17<sup>th</sup> July - end of August

## **Dates For Your diary**

1. **Easter Bank holidays.** Please note that nursery will be closed on:

- Friday 3rd April
- Monday 6th April

2. **May Bank holidays.** Nursery will be closed on:

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May

3. **Parent's Evening** - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June

This will take place from 6.15pm - 8.15 pm. We will be sending out reply slips so that you may book a time slot to see your child's key worker. This will be an ideal time for you to view your child's learning journey and discuss your child's progress in the nursery.

4. **Pre school Prom/Graduation** - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July

This will take place at nursery between 6.15 - 7.30pm for all of the

Ladybirds going to school. The theme for this years prom is 'Dressing Up'.

**Yan and I wish all the Ladybirds going to school in September all the best -  
but we will miss you VERY much.**

## Room News



### Caterpillar Room

Caterpillars would like to say a big warm welcome to all our new children. We hope you are settling in and having fun exploring the Caterpillar room.

Easter will see the Caterpillars having lots of fun going on an Easter egg hunt, sampling Easter produce(!?! ) and making little Easter surprises to bring home!?! We will also be creating an Easter basket for the children to explore so if you have any Easter items/objects that would enhance this Easter treasure basket please pass on to Tracey or Katy - thank you. We would also like to have a creative morning where parents can come in and get messy with us - keep your eyes peeled for this date!

One of our focuses this term is colour and to kick start this off we are in the process of creating our very own Caterpillar Rainbow and colour boxes. Continuing with this colour theme we will be looking at the story of Elmer and creating our very own Elmer display.

During May we shall be doing music & movement with ribbons to celebrate May Day as well as accessing the outdoors much more with the weather hopefully warming up. We will be exploring outdoor objects and listening to outdoor sounds. We will also be planting our very own seeds and watch them grow.

Our other focus during May will be looking at baby animals born at Spring time and the sounds they make. This will be done through a variety of activities - books and flash cards, puppets, farm animals in saw dust and songs to mention a few.

June sees Fathers Day so we will be getting creative and messy making things for our special daddies/people in our lives. As June sets off the holiday season we shall be looking at different types of transport that take us on holiday and creating our very own holiday/transport display. So if you do go on holiday please can you send us a post card and take a picture of your child in the method of transport that you went in.

If you have any activity ideas that you think your child would like or benefit from please feel free to pass these on to your child's key worker.

Lastly some of our Children will be moving on to new adventures and graduating to the Butterfly room. We hope they have a lovely time and make lots of new friends but we will miss them in the Caterpillar Room.



### Butterfly Room

Firstly a very big warm welcome to our new Butterflies -we hope you have lots of fun during your stay with us. Also good luck to the Butterflies who have recently moved to the Ladybird Room.

We hope all of our Mums had a wonderful Mother's Day and that you liked your cards? The children worked really hard on these and enjoyed painting.

In the Butterfly room we have been focusing on learning our colours and shapes and counting up to 10/15. The children are all learning at a great rate and showing their newly acquired knowledge in their play. Keep up the good work Butterflies!

It's almost Easter and I think Spring is finally starting to arrive so we will be getting outside lots, exploring the changes of the season and tailoring our art work to these themes. We will also be doing lots of craft projects for Easter including decorating bonnets and eggs, Easter egg hunt and there may even be a visit from the Easter Bunny!!!! In line with a number of Butterflies' interests, along with our new purchases - new cars, we have changed our outdoor area to a car wash/garage. If you have any unwanted items that you feel would enhance this role play area please pass on to any of the Butterfly Room staff - thank you.

23rd April is St Georges Day so we will be holding another colour themed day. If your child could wear something red or white on this day that would be fantastic. We will be getting messy making white & red flags as well as a large group dragon.

Our home corner at the moment is a post office. To extend the children's knowledge & understanding of a post office we will be taking the children on a trip to our local post office to buy some stamps and post some letters.

In May we will be doing a topic on 'our families' where we will be looking at who is in our family and describing family members. If you could send in some family photos that we can use on our family tree display we'd be really grateful.

June is Fathers Day so we will be getting very creative and messy producing something special for our daddies/special people in our lives - that is all we can say at the moment!

If you observe your child(ren) doing something at home that is new please fill a parent/carer observation form, which can be found in the hall way, and pass on to your child's key worker. This can then be included in your child's learning journey.

Barney Bear is a huge hit with our Butterflies and is slowly on his way round visiting his butterfly friends. A massive thank you to all the parents/carers who have already shared their child's 'Barney experience' with us - the children love showing the pictures to their friends!!

Finally can we remind parents/carers to bring a bag with lots change of clothes in please as accidents do happen. Thank you.



### **Ladybird Room**

We would like to welcome Alfie, Lacey, Tyler, Lily and Myley to the ladybirds. It's great to see you are all settling in so well and making new friends.

The Ladybirds really enjoyed the green day for St Patricks Day. Thank you for your help in making the children look fantastic. Hope all our Mums had a lovely Mothers Day and loved their card?

In April we will be busy celebrating Easter, decorating Easter eggs, going on an Easter egg hunt and making Easter bonnets at home. If all bonnets could be in for the week commencing Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April that would be great. Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> is the Queen's birthday which we will celebrate by making crowns. We will also be holding a white and red theme day to celebrate St George's day on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April. I'm sure there will be lots of flag making on this day too together with looking at the story of George & The Dragon.

With the onset of Spring we will be changing our display to a Spring one - so look out for this. The ladybirds will also be busy planting and tending to new plants, flowers and vegetables. We will be looking at changes and growth and decay at this time of the year.

One of our focus points for Ladybirds this term is 'Literacy' - looking at story sacks, how to handle books as well as guessing how stories might end. If you would like some more information on our literacy work please do not hesitate to ask Faye who will be only too happy to provide information so this work can also be carried out at home. Similarly if you would like your child to be set homework please ask your child's key worker and this can also be arranged. Many of our Ladybirds are off to school this September so at some point this term we will welcome teachers from our feeder schools to come and visit us at our setting. Dates and times of these visits will be confirmed as soon as these have been arranged.

June sees Fathers Day where we will be making some special things for our special daddies/people in our lives. But that's all we can say at the moment!!

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July from 6.15 - 7.30pm is our annual leavers prom/graduation for all our Ladybirds going to school in September. The theme this year is 'Dressing Up' so please come dressed in your favourite clothes or dressing up outfit.