

Poppins Post – August September October

General News

- We would firstly like to wish all the children who are leaving us over the summer to start School or Pre school settings the best of luck. We will miss you all and hope you will come back and visit us soon. Don't forget the Christmas Fayre... pop along to see us and visit Santa while you are here
- Forest school sessions will be up fully and running again in September so please ensure you know your child's sessions and they have appropriate clothing to go outside. The children will still go out in the cold weather but sessions may be shorter than normal if they are cold. The children will still have opportunity over the summer to do sessions when Sam is here.
- As the weather is still a little unpredictable can you ensure that your children come to nursery with water proof coats so that they are prepared for any weather and can still enjoy the outdoors as we do go outside every day. Please can we also remind parents and carers to clearly label these with your child's name to avoid any mix ups.
- If you have not liked our Facebook page then please do. We add photos regularly of the children engaging in different activities so you can see what they have been up to and use it as a means to pass any messages to you all. We ask permission for your child to be on our Facebook page when you first join, if no longer wish your child to be on the page anymore then please let us know.
- Comments and Suggestions - As part of developing our service we always like to collect your views and suggestions and act upon them where possible. If you would like to give us some feedback, recommend an idea you may have or just praise the girls for the work they do with your child then we now have comments and suggestions forms in reception. Please feel free to collect a form and return via the black box on the wall by the menus. You can put your name if you like or forms can remain anonymous.
- Please can we also remind all parents/carers to close both gates to the nursery both on entry and when leaving the nursery in order to maintain security of the premises.
- If you need to change your sessions for any reason or terminate your place at the nursery we require four weeks written notice as stated in our terms and conditions.
- Pre school uniform - Purple polo shirts are available to buy from the office for £5. Although optional we would like all children to wear these as it will not only save their clothes it will help prepare them for school life.

Dates For Your diary

August

- Holiday club runs throughout the month of August
- 29th August - Bank Holiday - Nursery closed
- 30th -2nd September - No stretched funding this week

September

- 5th September Autumn term starts - NEF starts again
- 6th September Hayes meadow and The Croft schools open.
- 11th September – Grandparents Day. We will be holding special events this week for Grandparents to attend the setting. More details to follow.
- 23rd September – Jeans for Genes Day

October

- W/B 3rd October - EYFS Cheese and Wine night - information evening for preschool parents regarding the EYFS curriculum and how we deliver it at the nursery.
- 24th October - Half term - Holiday club will be running throughout the week. Please see Faye or Debbie to book a space.
- Friday 28th October – Halloween party – more details to follow.

Room News



Caterpillar Room

August - Happy Birthday to Emma who turns one this month! We hope you have a lovely birthday.

We are continuing our exploration of the black white and red area this month looking at some new objects and also doing some foot painting for our display. This will be very messy! Newborns can see from birth, just not as clearly as an older child or adult. Until your child is about six months of age, he will respond best to bold, contrasting colours and graphics. That's why it's important to provide your baby with toys that feature the visual extremes of black, white and red. These high-contrast colours will captivate and hold baby's attention, encouraging visual development as well as physical activity - like wiggling, kicking, and arm waving.

We will also be thinking about holidays as well all take a break and visit some amazing places. The children will be in the sand and water to continue to explore new textures and recreate experiences they have had on their holidays. Also getting the younger ones used to the feel of the sand if they have never sat in it or manipulated it before as it can feel very strange. Children learn through their environment and sensory experiences, such as sand and water, as this helps to stimulate the brain by sending signals that help strengthen neural pathways. This is so important for all types of learning and the best part is the children love it!

September -We will now be focussing on physical skills. Developing skills ready for crawling and walking with the younger children, and the older children perfecting their running, jumping and climbing. We will do this by lots of outdoor play, Forest school and music and movement sessions with Kimbles.

October - Happy Birthday to James and Beau who both turn 2 this month and will be leaving us for the Butterfly room. All children have settle sessions to prepare them for the next room and make the transition easy for everybody.

This month will be about Autumn and natural objects. Exploring leaves as they change colour and texture and looking at different treasure baskets.



Butterfly Room

This September we have quite a few new starters in the Butterfly room so would like to welcome them and we hope you settle in and enjoy nursery life. The Butterfly room can be very noisy and very busy but the children are all very welcoming and you will have lots of fun!

To get to know everyone we are continuing the All about me topic, and discussing family members and others who are important in our lives. Children can bring photos in to add to the family book and Travelling Ted will be going off on his adventures again to get to know your families and give the children something to share with their friends.

The preschool room are learning about People who help us and having a visit from a Police Officer!! The Butterflies are going to join in this visit too and get to meet the police Officer and see what they carry as part of their uniform. Hopefully we get to see a police car too!! And if we are lucky we may get a visit from the Firemen.

The topic table within the room is going to be focussing on numbers 1-10. The children will use animals to support their recognition of numbers, select quantities and count out objects.

Alongside this the children will be doing lots of creative and sensory activities such as jelly play, shaving foam painting and gluing and activities for Bonfire night making fireworks and sparkly pictures to display!



Ladybird Room

September sees the return of all the funded children and a few new starters - welcome back We hope you have had a fantastic summer and we look forward to hearing all your stories! Faye and Kirsty will be taking time to get to know everyone this term and assess their development needs.

We are starting the term off talking about people who help us. Ensuring we talk to the children about stranger danger and who they need to go to if they are in trouble. We have a visit planned from the Police and maybe the fire service where the children will get to look at their uniforms and equipment and ask them any questions they may have. It's not very often the children meet a real police officer! This will also be linked to Bonfire night and safety around the bonfires.

The children will also be talking about Harvest, learning what it is about and why we celebrate it. We will have our own Harvest collection at nursery and will be taking the food to the food bank on the bus - Which will be very exciting!!

This year is the 100th anniversary of the battle of the Somme. The 100th anniversary provides an opportunity to commemorate the service and sacrifice of those who lost their lives in the battle. The children are going to decorating soldiers to display at the National Memorial Arboretum to join in these celebrations and we will be talking to them about Remembrance Day and why it is so important. We will also visit the memorial in the village.

Our literacy focus is:

- Listens to and joins in with stories and poems, one to one and also in small groups.
- Beginning to be aware of the way stories are structured.
- Listens to stories with increasing attention and recall.

We are hoping to have a visit to the library bus so the children can choose some stories of their own to look at in the setting. Introducing the new and younger children to the structure of stories and how we look at and handle books correctly.

Our numeracy focus is:

- Shapes - naming selecting and finding shapes confidently in our environment.