

## Poppins Post – August, September & October.

### General News

- We have recently welcomed Kim to the team as the new Manager. She has 13 years experience in private day care and is qualified to level 5. She is looking to develop the team and the setting over the next few months. We are excited for the positive changes ahead. If you have any queries please feel free to contact Kim via phone or email [info@thepoppinsdaynursery.co.uk](mailto:info@thepoppinsdaynursery.co.uk) or pop into the office.
- Nicole is still with us at the moment working part time in the Caterpillar room but we wish her all the best in her future career whatever she chooses to do.
- We have had Sam join us part time. She has a level 5 degree in childcare and is also level 3 Forest School trained and from September we will be running sessions for all children in our very own Forest School!
- We are also welcoming Kirsty to the team in August as Room Leader in the Caterpillar room. She is level 3 qualified and comes to us from a nursery in Cannock and has great experience with the younger age group bringing lots of fun and messy ideas with her!
- Holiday club has been successful this year – the children have enjoyed trips to Beacon park and to Wolseley Wildlife Centre. We are currently making plans for October half term so let us know if you wish to book in.
- Many thanks to everyone that joined in and donated some money for the Teddy Bears Picnic. We raised £30 for Crackerjacks.
- Before and after school club is now being run from The Croft as well as Hayes Meadow from September. The children will have their own room so they can have space to do homework, read their books and relax after school.
- Pre school uniform – From September purple polo shirts will be available to buy from the office for £5. Although optional we would like all children to have a t shirt as it will not only save their clothes it will help prepare them for school life.
- The weather is still very changeable at the moment. Therefore, please can you ensure that children come to nursery with water proof coats, hat 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 also 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.

## Dates For Your diary

- **Bank Holiday** – nursery will be closed on **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August**
- **7<sup>th</sup> September** – **Start of the Autumn term**
- **13<sup>th</sup> September** – **Grandparents Day**. We will be holding special events this week for Grandparents to attend the setting. More details to follow.
- **18<sup>th</sup> September** – **Jeans for Genes**
- **29<sup>th</sup> September** – **EYFS Cheese and Wine night** – information evening for preschool parents regarding the EYFS curriculum and how we deliver it at the nursery.
- **WC 26<sup>th</sup> October** – **Half term**. We will be running a holiday club if anyone requires care for their older children let us know. £3 an hour for a minimum session of 5 hours per day.
- **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October** – **Halloween party**

## NEW NEW NEW FOR SEPTEMBER 2015

### Forest School

“Forest School is an inspirational process that offers ALL learners regular opportunities to achieve and develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning experiences in a woodland or natural environment with trees” (FSA)

Forest school sessions will begin in September. They are a programme of sessions that the children attend each week learning new skills, having new experiences and being able to take risks in a safe environment. Forest School provides children with an opportunity to freely express themselves, to overcome fears and anxieties, to play outdoors and develop independence as they learn new skills.

The children will be engaged in a range of activities including den building, bug hunting, learn about fire safety, toast marshmallows and make hot chocolate! They are provided with a magical environment to ignite their imaginations as they look for the Forest School Fairies and develop their own stories.

Forest School is an ideal opportunity to engage children in learning in a fun and magical way, linking all areas of development to the activities, whilst also developing them as individuals.

All ages will participate in the sessions which will be adapted accordingly. We will also seek parental permission for your child to attend these sessions.

## Room News



### Caterpillar Room

There have been a few new children join the Caterpillar Room and we would like to offer them and their families a warm welcome to the nursery. Everyone has settled in well so far but please remember if you have any questions please ask the girls or feel free to contact Kim.

We have enjoyed making our new displays and we are going to continue by doing lots of messy play!!

Babies thrive off sensory play and being able to freely explore new textures. We aim to provide them with more opportunities for sand and water and also manipulative activities such as gloop and food play - jelly, beans and spaghetti! The messier the better

We are also hoping to be going out for more walks and taking the babies to explore the community. Visual stimulation is important at this young age and our local environment is a great way to develop observation skills and awareness of those around us.

We have continued to enjoy Kimbles doing lots of singing and actions to the music. Joining up with the Butterfly room has been good for the older children who will soon be moving down. We will develop a transition list from the Caterpillar to Butterfly Room and will let you know as soon as your child will begin settling in.

Grandparents Day on September the 13<sup>th</sup> will be a great treat for our children. We are going to make sure we have some fun activities for our Grandparents to experience that week and see what the children do while at nursery.

Halloween will soon be here and as well as having a party and dressing up it is also an opportunity to introduce the babies to pumpkins and all their textures and uses!! Pumpkin printing, playing with the seeds and make some pumpkin soup!



## Butterfly Room

The children in the Butterfly room have been gardening this summer, growing strawberries, lettuce, courgettes and pumpkins. They also made cress heads which they used when making their own egg and cress sandwiches for tea! They have really enjoyed looking after the flowers and vegetables and have made sure they have been well watered...

As a result of their interest in gardening the home corner is going to be developed into a garden centre to extend their learning. If you have anything at home that could be used in their play then it would be gratefully appreciated. Also if you have the opportunity to take your child to a garden centre please do so they can relate their experiences to their play at nursery. The children learn best by recreating experiences they have had and when they have knowledge of a topic they are more likely to engage and develop their knowledge and understanding further.

The children have also been engaging in problem solving! The new water wall is a great way to encourage the children to play and work together. Working out firstly how to get the water into the tubes and to then try and see where it will come out. Great for mathematical development and social interaction!

The Butterfly room have also been enjoying messy activities such as recreating a beach in the garden using the builders tray, sand and water! They had great fun and got very messy! If you do go on holiday please feel free to send us a postcard or bring back any items such as stones or shells as we can use these for your child to talk about with their friends and also use them to create small worlds to play with. Holidays are a great talking point for the children and often get the shyest of children talking with a group of peers. Even if you go out for the day bring us a leaflet or item back and we can help your child share their experiences with the group.



## Ladybird Room

The ladybird room has seen the big children leave for school and we wish them all the very best of luck for September, although lots of the children are returning for the before and after school club. We had a lovely prom in July for all the leavers and had lots of fun!

The children that remain in Ladybirds have been helping to develop their room. We have introduced some new areas such as the discovery table where we create small worlds for the children to explore and play. Not only is this a good way of encouraging the children to engage with each other it is also a good opportunity to develop their language and communication skills and to use their imaginations! Developing the younger children's confidence and self esteem with their peers and within the group is important for their overall development.

The mark making area has been introduced to encourage the children's literacy development, their awareness of text in different situations and to allow them to ascribe meaning to their marks. They are also looking at measure and length, using the new tape measures to see how tall they are and measuring different objects in the environment.

The conservatory has been reorganised to provide the children with sand and water and play dough every day. Malleable activities are an essential part of developing the children's fine motor skills to be able to hold a pen and then form recognisable letters. Having access to these activities and mark making are all key to preparing the children for school.

We will be having an EYFS wine and cheese evening in September for all Ladybird parents and any 2-3 years olds parents who are considering their options for preschool care and accessing the free funding. We will be looking at what the EYFS is, what we are aiming for your child to achieve by the time they are ready to leave for school and comparing our provision to that of a school. This also gives you an opportunity to ask any questions you may have regarding their education and development.

Finally we will be starting our own forest school. These sessions will provide fun, risk taking activities for the children to achieve and enjoy as well as giving them the opportunity to learn in a safe outdoor environment. The boys especially thrive off this kind of activity as the majority of their learning is through games and exploration. The girls love the magical aspect of the fairies and following the fairy dust trails. ..