

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

Monday 5th September - Autumn term begins/ Nursery Educational Funding (NEF) recommences.

Tuesday 18th October - Photo Day.

W/C 24th October - Half term - No NEF funding this week.

24th October - Diwali

Monday 31st October - NEF funding recommences and Halloween!

Saturday 5th November - Bonfire Night.

Friday 11th November - Remembrance Day.

Friday 18th November - Children in Need Pyjama Day!

Saturday 26th November - Poppins' Christmas Fair.



Firstly, we would like to say a big welcome to all of 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 and can't wait to hear all about your summer adventures.



'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, 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.



EYFS – We have received some lovely feedback regarding our transition to in the moment planning, involving weekly assessments and the opportunity for parent meetings. Our children and practitioners are benefiting greatly from this transition and we hope you have found our parent meetings with your child's key person useful. As the new term starts, we will recommence focus children's assessments. If you have any questions then please get in touch



Monthly Information – As you may already be aware, last term we introduced monthly information that each room sends to parents via Blossom, including: story, nursery rhyme and top tip of the month. This will now include a policy of the month for your information.



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 annual Poppins' Christmas Fair (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 and as winter approaches, we will be exploring arctic animals and winter sensory activities.

Butterfly Room

First the butterfly team would like to welcome all our new starters into the room, we are really looking forward to getting to know you and watching you grow.



Throughout this term we will continue our forest school sessions each week, so can we please ask that you bring in wellies and waterproofs that can stay here as we will go in all weathers.

I hope you have enjoyed our monthly posts; we will continue to do this so keep an eye out for our story-based activities. Our October story of the month will be Room on the Broom. Halloween is soon approaching which means lots of spooky activities, we will be hunting for spiders in jelly. We will also be having a Halloween themed afternoon tea (date to be confirmed). Soon after Halloween can only mean one thing, CHRISTMAS! Can't believe it's nearly here... Our Butterflies will step into a winter wonderland with our Christmas themed room and activities. We will wait and see if our little elf returns to cause mischief in the room. As always, we will send home Christmas crafts so make room on your fridges 😊.

Ladybird Room

Firstly, we would like to say welcome to the preschool room! We wish Ashleigh all the best on the safe arrival of her baby girl as she will be going on maternity leave this week and welcome Connor to the team. Connor is a qualified practitioner and has already made some brilliant bonds with the children.



Connor and I are looking forward to setting out some exciting activities to promote our children's development in a fun way before their journey into reception!

This term we will be focusing a lot on the Autumn season and using this to our advantage by using loose parts indoors and outdoors especially in forest school to encourage using our imagination in building dams, bird feeders and even some rock sculptures! We look forward to exploring the wonders that Autumn brings us!

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.

We have the following dates lined up:

17th September -National coastal clean-up day, we will be discussing the importance of recycling

and how it affects our oceans. This encourages children to take care of our environment and how we can be good citizens.

W/C: 3rd October - Space week, we will be having a week full of exciting science experiments and tuff trays related to science such as magnets, rockets, junk modelling and many more exciting activities!

10th October - Mental health day, we will be discussing the importance of our mental health and how we can support each other and being mindful towards our children. We will learn some more meditation, yoga and self-care, extending children's vocabulary to promote self-regulation.

31st October - Halloween. We will have a build up to Halloween throughout the month of October and it would be lovely to see your children dressed up for the occasion!

5th November - Bonfire night, we have lots activities based around bonfire night including the story of *Guy Fawkes*. We will be creating our own firework pictures, rockets and much more.

11th November - Remembrance Day, as this is such an important date, we will have activities and stories based around those we remember we will be creating Poppies, sensory play based on this date and much more.

December - Build up to Christmas. We will be setting out lots of exciting activities based around Christmas. We will also be practising for our nativity performance! We cannot wait to show you our singing voices and acting skills!