



Poppins Post -February, March, April

General News

Happy New Year to everyone, we hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year and have now settled into 2017.

- Firstly we would like to welcome our new manager Louise to our team. She is a well qualified level 6 practitioner with a passion and desire to produce the best for the children in our care. If you would like to speak to Louise, then please feel free to do so.
- We would also like to welcome Samantha to the Poppins team. Samantha is a level 6 qualified member of staff and she is our new Head of Preschool. Samantha has settled in very well so far and is forming good relationships with the children.
- With recent staffing changes we would just share with you the new staffing structure located in the entrance hall. This structure also highlights the levels of staff qualifications.
- Comments and suggestions- As part of developing our service we ask that you please give us some feedback via the suggestions box located in the main office. We also thank all who have taken the time to fill out a parent questionnaire.
- We are once again very pleased with our latest OFSTED inspection which can be viewed online (from mid February) and we thank all that left lovely comments behind for our inspector to view.
- To assist us in maintaining high levels of security could we please remind all parents and carers to close and secure gates when entering and leaving the nursery.
- We would also like to take the opportunity to thank all who came to parents evening. For those who could not make it and who would like to discuss their child's progress here at Poppins, please feel free to speak with your child's key worker.

Dates for Your Diary

February

Valentine's Day- Tuesday 14th February

Pancake Tuesday - Tuesday 28th February

March

St Davids day - Wednesday 1st

World Book Day- Thursday 2nd (Please come dressed up as your favourite book character)

St Patricks Day - Friday 17th

Mothers Day Activities- Thursday 23rd (more information to follow)

Red Nose Day- Friday 24th (more information to follow)

Funding for all children finishes Friday 31st March and resumes on Monday 24th April.

April

Easter Bonnet Competition - Wednesday 12th April

Room News



Caterpillar Room

February- We would like to wish Amelia a Happy 2nd Birthday.

Continuing with our black and white theme we will be adding to this by further exploring and introducing the colour blue and updating our black and white area.

We are all very excited to celebrate Valentine's Day and very much look forward to getting stuck into arts and crafts whilst making our special valentine cards and gifts.

March- We wish a Happy Birthday to Georgia who turns 1 this month. During this month we will be exploring the outdoors and learning all about spring.

We are also looking forward to spending some time with our mummy's and nanny's in celebrating Mother's Day, where we will share some special creations we have made.

April- During April we will be celebrating Easter and we are looking forward making nest cakes, decorating eggs and going on a Easter egg hunt.



Butterfly Room

February- We are in the process of developing our role play area into a supermarket and this month we will be visiting the local supermarket to collect groceries to further develop this role play area. This month will also

see us getting very creative in making our Valentines gifts for Valentine's Day to share with those we love.

We are also excited to celebrate Pancake Day and can't wait to make and taste our pancakes in forest school!

March- This month is a month of celebration where we will be interactively learning all about St David's Day and creating our very own daffodils after taking a nice long stroll through the village in search of daffodils.

We will then go onto celebrate St Patrick's Day and will be exploring some Irish traditions and music.

We are also looking forward to spending some time with our mummy's and nanny's in celebrating Mother's Day where we will share some special creations we have made.

April- We shall be celebrating Easter this month where we will be decorating eggs, making cards and cakes and going on an Easter egg hunt. Later in the month we will be looking at St George's day where we will have the opportunity to dress up and make English flags.



Ladybird Room

This term we are looking forward to learning all about professionals who help us. We will be talking to people in our local community and looking closely at how the police, fire services, lolly pop lady/men and ambulance services help us.

There is a board in Reception that shows the focus of our week in preschool, please take a look at the beginning of the week to see what your child will be learning about and how you can extend and support their learning at home.

Freddy the Frog will be making his entrance this term. Freddy will be going home with a different child each week to spend the weekend and have lots of fun. Please fill out Freddie's book by telling us what Freddie has been up to over the weekend and return him the following week. Not only do the children love looking after Freddy but they also love sharing his experiences with their friends during circle time and this obviously helps develop their communication and language skills.

February- In February we will be celebrating Valentine's Day and will be looking forward to getting creative in making cards for someone special.

March- For mother's day we look forward to seeing mummy and nannies in nursery where we will share with you some special creations we have made.

St Patrick 's Day will be lots of fun in preschool, we will be exploring Irish traditions by dressing up, listening to Irish music, dancing and making four leaf clovers.

April- This month we shall be getting very creative in making Easter cards, decorating eggs, making cakes and much more! We are also looking forward to the Easter bonnet parade on 12th April and seeing who can win the prize for the best bonnet!

Our literacy focus is:

- Supporting the children in recognition of their name and letters within their name. Leading onto naming the initial letters of words and labels that are familiar to them.
- Developing mark making techniques in preparation for writing.

Our numeracy focus is:

- Counting 1-20 and recognition of numerals.
- Using methods of measure