

## Poppins Post – February, March and April

### General News

- Happy New Year to everyone we hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year and have settled into 2021.
- We would like to thank all parents for complying with our COVID rules/practices and helping to keep everyone safe during this time. We know that communication has been difficult due to fast pace drop off and collection times and welcome a time again in which we can invite all of our parents back into our nursery. But whilst this is not currently possible, we assure you we are currently working on an online system whereby parents will soon have much online access/involvement into their children's daily activities and progress. (information to follow soon)
- We will be starting Forest school sessions again in February so please ensure children 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.
- As the weather is still a little unpredictable can you ensure that your children come to nursery with water proof coats, hat and gloves 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 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.

## Dates For Your diary

### February

- 12<sup>th</sup> - Chinese New Year - the children will be taking part in a range of activities all week to celebrate and learn about Chinese traditions
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Pancake Day - mmmm pancakes for pudding today
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Red Day for Valentines - wear red and join in lots of red themed activities such as jelly play and card making
- 15<sup>th</sup>- half term no funding this week.

### March

- 1<sup>st</sup> - St David's Day
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Mothers Day
- 17<sup>th</sup> - St Patricks Day

### April

- 4<sup>th</sup> - Easter
- 5<sup>th</sup>- Bank holiday (nursery closed)
- 5<sup>th</sup>-16th Easter holidays- no funding these weeks
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - St Georges Day - wear white and red.
- Parents Evening (Government guidance permitting) - more information to follow.

## Room News



### Caterpillar Room

Throughout February the babies are learning simple makaton signs to support their communication. They will be learning different animals and signs for drink and milk. If you would like some more information to continue the signs at home then please let Fran know.

They will be taking part in some Chinese themed activities. Playing with noodles and stir fry and tasting some Chinese foods in honour of the Chinese New Year.

For Valentine's Day we will be dressing in red and making cards and a few surprises for our loved ones!!

March and April include St David's Day, St Patrick's day and St George's day so we will be getting creative to celebrate making daffodils, Clovers and flags.

As we have now had lots of new young starters, we will be looking closely at enhancing our treasure baskets to allow our babies to explore their senses through natural materials and opportunities.

Unfortunately, it is looking unlikely at this time that we will be able to invite parents in for Mother's Day events; however, this will not stop us engaging in lots of lovely activities and making special presents for our wonderful mummies and nannies.

March sees the start of spring, continuing looking at animal makaton signs and sounds the animals make and continuing the theme through other activities. We will use this learning to create a new Spring display.

Wishing a big happy birthday to Freddie, Megan, Cyrus, Luke and Oliver who all turn 2 this term and will then go onto our toddler room! We will miss you!



## Butterfly Room

Forest school sessions will be starting again on Tuesday mornings. We ask that all children attending then have warm and suitable clothing as we will still go out even if it is cold. The children will begin a new programme of exploring the environment, learning fire circle safety and developing a new range of skills using the tools. The children enjoy this and thrive on being able to freely explore, learn new skills and take risks.

Alongside these things we will be taking part in all the fun activities for Chinese New Year - tasting foods and playing with noodles! We will be turning our role play corner into a Chinese restaurant! Valentine's Day and Mother's Day - making cards and treats for our loved ones and learning about what St David's day, St George's day and St Patrick's day are and why we acknowledge them.

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We will be looking closely this term at stories and by doing this we have now introduced 'story of the month' where the children will explore a story and many themed activities based around this story.

As per our action plan for our room we will look at developing our knowledge of shapes and we will do this in a fun and exciting way such as shape hunts in the garden.

We would like to wish a very big happy birthday to Robyn, Cole, Zac and Archer who all turn 3 this term and will be going onto the preschool.



## Ladybird Room

The Preschool children will be starting Forest school sessions on Friday morning. Can you please ensure they have appropriate clothing to go outside in all weathers as we will still go out even if it is a bit cold. They will be looking at fire circle safety and rules and will be using tools to create natural items.

In addition to this the preschool staff have been working really hard on devising and implementing a new educational regime for the children to keep them highly engaged. With this in mind they will now be doing the following:

Mondays- French lingo session (currently suspended due to COVID)

Tuesdays- Art Club

Wednesdays- Music and movement session

Thursdays- Cookery Club

Fridays- Forest School

This term we will be adapting all activities around themes the children enjoy such as Disney, and Superheroes. This supports their learning and encourages them to engage in educational activities in a more fun way. Developing their learning of shapes and numbers etc without such a formal approach.

We will also be joining in Chinese New Year activities and learning about the Chinese and traditional customs, talking about foods from around the world and having tasting sessions!

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Wishing a very happy birthday to Martha who turns 4 in March! We hope you have a lovely day!

**Our literacy focus is: we will be looking closely this term at phonics phases.**

**Our numeracy focus is: we will be looking this term at numeral recognition.**