



Poppins Post – November, December and January

General News

- Here's hoping that you have all settled into school/ nursery life and have enjoyed the first half term back!?! Faye was invited to see some of the children that now attend The Croft School. She loved seeing their work and how settled and happy they all were - as well as getting a few hugs!!!
- The children have loved the first few sessions of Forest School with Sam. The babies are taking a break now though as the weather is turning cold and it is not so enjoyable for them - but we will start again in the new year as the weather picks up. The children have enjoyed a range of activities such as pumpkin soup, popcorn and hot chocolate on the camp fire. Our next aim is to develop our mud kitchen for Forest School so if you have any old pots and pans or utensils please bring them in for the children to use to make mud pies!
- As the weather is getting colder now 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 access the outdoors. 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 so. 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.
- The Christmas Fayre will soon be here - Saturday 5th December so if you have any unwanted gifts/toys for the tombola/raffle they would be greatly appreciated -

please pass to Kim or Faye. Also if you would like to donate a bar of chocolate for our very popular chocolate tombola stall we would be very grateful - thank you.

- There will be an increase in fees from January 2016 - more information to follow.
- 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 our nursery.
- Can we also remind parents that if you need to permanently 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

- **8th November** - Remembrance Sunday
- **11th November** - Diwali
- **13th November** - Children in need - Dress as your hero for the day!
- **5th December** - Nursery Christmas Fayre! Come along and join in the festivities and meet Santa!
- **9th December** - Nativity play by the Pre School children
- **17th December** - Christmas party
- **18th December** - Christmas jumper day
- **24th December** - Christmas Eve. Nursery will be closing and will re open on Monday 4th January.

Room News



Caterpillar Room

Firstly we would like to welcome all the new babies that we have had join the nursery. We hope you are all settling in well and are having lots of fun. In the meantime if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Kirsty (Baby room leader) or Kim.

We had a good turnout of Grandparents for the babies when we celebrated Grandparents Day so a big thanks to everyone that came. A few were a little unsure why their Grandparents were here but it was lovely for you all to join in and we hope you all had fun.

Throughout November the children will be exploring Autumn by looking at leaves, conkers and acorns and exploring natural objects and textures. We will also be doing lots of messy activities as sensory development and stimulation are important with this age range. Some children can be cautious of new objects and sensations so we do a lot of work as a group so they can watch their friends join in too. We will also be using the outdoor environment and letting the children explore and play in the leaves and mud!

Look out for bonfire night and firework pictures!

In December we will be focussing on Christmas and winter themed activities such as ice play, frozen shaving foam and ice cubes, making glittery pictures and using Christmas resources again as stimulation for the babies to explore textures and use their senses.

We look forward to settling everyone back into nursery after a lovely Christmas with family.



Butterfly Room

The children in Butterfly room are looking forward to a creative few months.

For children in need they will be joining in and dressing up as a hero for the day. This can be a superhero, a cartoon character or someone who is important to them. They will be making lots of yummy biscuits and also pictures of Pudsey Bear. For Bonfire night the children will make splatter pictures like fireworks and bake rice crispy cakes with sparkly sprinkles.

Forest School sessions this half term will include fires in case anyone is going to a bonfire so that the children are aware of the dangers of fire and they can also share with their friends the fire circle rules.

For Christmas we will be making lots of crafty things...calendars, cards, gifts and using our senses to explore Christmas treasure baskets.

We are also hoping to take the children out in to the community for a walk where we will be looking for different shapes and signs and listening to sounds as a start to their letters and sounds work that they will continue in preschool.



Ladybird Room

The preschool children really enjoyed having their Grandparents come and play, they have been looking at the photos and talking about what we did. A massive thank you to all that came - it meant a lot to the children. Ladybirds have also been on a few walks around the village and looking at the local community. They love to get out and about and a big thank you to Alfie's mum for coming along and helping. If anyone is available to help please let us know.

Throughout the next few months we will be doing a range of activities. Remembrance Sunday is at the beginning of November and we will be doing Poppy pictures and talking to the children about remembering people who are special to us.

Bonfire and firework pictures will be made ready for Bonfire night using lots of glitter and sparkle! The children will also learn about the safety around a bonfire. This will be reinforced during Forest School when remembering the fire circle rules.

Then we will be talking about Diwali and introducing the children to the concept of other beliefs and festivals. As it is the festival of lights we will look at torches and see what effect they have in light and dark, teaching the children how to use and operate them themselves and make Diva candle holders out of clay so the children will all have a light to take home. It also incorporates patterns and the children will look at a range of patterns and mark making techniques and have a go at making their own.

Alongside this we will be preparing for Christmas! The preschool children will be doing a nativity for parents to come and watch so we will be busy practicing our songs and performance as well as exploring the theme of Christmas and winter and all things cold and sparkly!

Our focus for Literacy at the moment is:

- Recognition of initial sounds in words and the children's names
- Recognition of the written name
- Understanding of fiction and non fiction books.

Our focus for Mathematics is measurement. We will be measuring objects and each other, looking at sizes and ordering shortest to tallest and smallest to biggest. It would be lovely, if the opportunity arises, to recap on these areas with your children).

WISHING ALL OUR CHILDREN & FAMILIES A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

