

## Poppins Post – November, December and January

### General News

- We hope you have all settled into school/ nursery life and have enjoyed the first half term back. Kirsty was invited to see some of the children that now attend The Croft and see their work, and we were pleased to see they have all settled in well.
- We would like to say a big welcome to Amy who has joined the Poppins Team and hope by now you have all had time to meet with her.
- 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 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.
- If you have not liked our Facebook page then please do. 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.
- 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.
- Can we also remind parents that 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.
- There will be a slight increase in fees from January 2018 - a copy of these will be posted in the entrance to nursery.
- A massive plea - in order to ensure that we have sufficient items for our ever popular chocolate tombola stall at the Xmas Fayre - if you have any chocolate that you would like to donate can you please them on to Louise. Many thanks.

## Dates For Your diary

### Novemeber

- 5<sup>th</sup> November- Bonfire night
- 12<sup>th</sup> November - Remembrance Sunday
- 17<sup>th</sup>- Children in need- we shall be holding a 'spotacular' Pudsey picnic!
- 27<sup>th</sup>- Fancy Dress Day

### December

- 2<sup>nd</sup>- Christmas Fayre- come along and meet Mr Clause. 12.30-2.30
- 5<sup>th</sup>- Christmas Nativity
- 14<sup>th</sup>- Christmas Party
- 15<sup>th</sup>- Nursery Funding Ends
- 20<sup>th</sup>- Christmas Dinner
- 22<sup>nd</sup>- Nursery closes for Christmas

### January

- 2<sup>nd</sup>- Nursery re-opens

## 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 having lots of fun. In the meantime if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Kirsty (Baby room leader) or Louise.

#### November

Throughout November the children will be exploring Autumn. Looking at leaves, conkers and acorns and exploring natural objects and textures. We will be doing lots of messy activities as sensory development and stimulation is important with this age range. We will also be using the outdoor environment and letting the children explore and play in the leaves and mud, collecting natural resources and creating woodland animals as part of a developing sensory board.

Look out for bonfire night and firework pictures that we will be creating this month!

We would also like to say a huge Happy Birthday to Erin and Jacob who turn two this month and will be joining our Butterfly Room!

#### December

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 uses their senses.

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

Can we wish a Happy Birthday to Charlotte S who turns two and George who turns 1 this month, we hope you both a fabulous day!

#### January

Wishing a huge Happy Birthday to Franklin, Oliver and Max this month! Have a great day!

This month we will be focusing on 'animals' and learning the makaton signs for them, we aim to make a display of this work and would kindly ask that parents provide us with photos of family pets.



## **Butterfly Room**

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

### November

We would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to both Lloyd and Antonia who both turn 3 this month, we wish them all the best as they move onto the 'Lady Bird' room.

This month we are very excited to talk about and explore 'Bonfire night' where the children will be given the opportunity to create their very own 'Bonfire' inspired art work using glitter, materials, paints, chalks etc.

Closely followed by the exploration of 'Remembrance Sunday' where we shall be making our very own poppies.

November is an important month for raising awareness of 'Children in Need' and we intend to support this awareness by holding a Spotty Pudsey picnic where we look forward to dressing up and having some cake.

### December

We hear 'Sleigh bells ringing' and this month we are getting very crafty in making Christmas cards, stockings, decorations and baking cookies! ☺ . We are also very much looking forward to the Christmas Fayre where will have the chance to chat to Santa himself!

Also this month Mia turns 3 and we would like to wish her a very Happy Birthday and hope she has a lovely day!

### January

This month will see us focusing on shape, space and measure. We are also hoping to take the children out in to the community for a walk to extend this learning.

Lots of birthdays this month, can we say a big Happy Birthday to Caleb, Ariella, Robin, Orla and Rarys who all turn 3 this month! We hope you all have a super day!



## Ladybird Room

### November

Throughout the next few months we will be doing a range of activities. Remembrance Sunday is on the 12th November and we will be doing Poppy pictures and talking to the children about remembering people who are special to us. In support of this and to extend children learning we shall be taking a stroll to the local memorial wall in the town.

Bonfire and firework pictures will be made ready for Bonfire night! Lots of glitter and sparkle! We will also be talking about safety around a bonfire.

We shall also be talking about Diwali and introducing the children to the concept of other beliefs and festivals.

Alongside this we will also be beginning to prepare for our Christmas nativity play and therefore will be asking for your help at home with assisting the children in practicing and remembering lines.

### December

We will be creating a 'Santa's workshop' in our role play area and look forward to getting into the Christmas spirit this month. Children will have chance to explore colours, Christmas themes, wrapping, posting, cutting etc in the workshop. We look forward to making Christmas crafts for our family and friends, exploring Christmas stories, playing Christmas games and enjoying a yummy Christmas dinner.

### January

We would like to welcome you all back and hope you all had a lovely Christmas! We cannot wait to hear all about what exciting things you have been up to.

We have lots of birthdays this month! We would like to wish Teddy, Sophie, Oliver, Lola, Ruby L and Luke a big Happy Birthday! We hope you all have a fantastic day!

Our focus for Literacy is: Exploration of letters and sounds.

Our focus for numeracy is: Recognising numerals and beginning to write numerals.

