

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

Tuesday 2nd January - Nursery reopens

Tuesday 2nd January - Nursery Educational Funding (NEF) recommences.

W/C 5th February - Chinese New Year.

Friday 9th February - Half term/No funding

Tuesday 13th February - Pancake Day.

Wednesday 14th February - Valentine's Day.

Friday 1st March - St. David's Day.

Sunday 17th March - St. Patrick's Day.

Friday 8th March- Mother's Day event (further details to follow)

Sunday 10th March - Mother's Day.

Friday 29th March Bank Holiday

Friday 22nd March - Easter holidays / Nursery Educational Funding (NEF) finishes.



Happy New Year! - We hope you have all had a magical Christmas and New Year. We would love to see some photos of your celebrations, so don't forget to send us some via Blossom!



'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 for the 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 colder weather continues, please ensure that your children are prepared for the outdoors, as we do still access the garden in all weathers. Items such as hats, scarves, gloves, waterproof clothing and wellies are super helpful to ensure that your children can still have lots of fun in the garden!

As always, please do ensure that ALL of your child's clothing is labelled so that items can be easily located, especially as we can often get duplicates of the same clothing. We do not accept responsibility for missing, unnamed items.

Baby room asks for shoes every day for the babies, even those who are not yet walking to give them the opportunity to cruise around the garden/ride on the wheeled toys and to have the opportunity for fresh air, 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.

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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.

In January, we will be exploring winter themed activities. We will be exploring ice play as we use our senses to explore the ice, we will also be exploring snow using our feet to feel the fluffy snow between our toes. We will be making our very own winter themed sensory baskets and bottles for the children to explore.

During February we shall be celebrating Chinese New Year, where we will taste Chinese food developing our likes and dislikes in food further. We will also be creating our very own dragon masks and Chinese lanterns, painting with chopsticks as we get creative.

We will be sharing the love whilst we explore Valentine's Day and the colour red! We plan to make our very own family books to look at and talk about those who are special to us. Further Valentine's Day

activities will include making our loved ones a very special card and a biscuit gift, exploring a red treasure basket, heart printing, red water etc. For pancake day we will make and taste our very own pancakes and try various toppings.

In march, we say goodbye to winter and hello to spring, exploring all things colourful and new in the world around us! We will look closely at the natural changes that happen in spring and explore spring time animals.

This month we will celebrate St David's day, the patron Saint of Wales, we will create our very own daffodil pictures and explore daffodils using our first-hand experiences. We will also have the opportunity to taste some yummy Welsh cakes. We will also be exploring St Patrick's day this month the patron of Ireland, where we will explore Irish music, decorate our own Irish flags and dress up as leprechauns.

Over these months, some of our children will be transitioning into the toddler room. We wish them all the best in the journey and look forward to seeing them grow from babies into young children.

Butterfly Room



We hope you had a lovely Christmas and Santa delivered all that you wished for. Throughout the upcoming term, we have many lovely activities planned so keep an eye out on blossom for the daily post.

Chinese New Year we will be taking part in a food tasting so we can explore the country's finest foods/treats. We will also be talking about why we celebrate Chinese New Year; we will also be doing this with some fun activities so stay tuned....

For Valentine's Day we are planning on making love heart biscuits to share with someone we love. We may even have to taste them before we send them home... We will also be making a lovely Valentines card to show how much we love you.

We are super excited to explore St Patricks day where we will learn all about Irish traditions and the colour green! During music and movement, we will listen to traditional Irish music and have a go at Irish dancing!

We hope to see you at the Mother's Day event during March where will be able to share with you some of the lovely tasks and activities children enjoy at nursery. We will be talking lots about our mummies and all the things we love about them 😊

We have so much more planned we cannot wait for you to see...

Ladybird Room

Happy New Year to all of our friends and families in preschool! We hope you've all had a lovely Christmas and have enjoyed playing with your new toys and spending time with your families!



This term we will be exploring changes to season and we will be taking every opportunity to explore via first hand experiences such as winter and spring time walks in the community.

In February, we will be looking at Valentine's Day using language to describe emotions and our senses to investigate, this will support our learning as we explore the how to express our feeling of love and the special people in our lives.

Children will be tasting different Chinese food as we celebrate Chinese New Year and will be encouraged to use language to describe how they taste. They will be exploring different costumes within the role play area where they can try on Chinese outfits.

We look forward to making more crafts this term for meaningful events such as Mother's Day, we will be creating a special gift for you and a handmade card. For St David's day, creating our own daffodil paintings which are a wonderful talking point for spring! We hope to go on a walk and see some daffodils of our own.

We will use our forest school area to continue our gardening scheme as we grow plants for another year and explore our herb garden to and care for them each day, observing the changes. This will encourage responsibilities for our preschool children!

Here's to 2024 and the exciting plans ahead!