

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

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April** - Summer term begins/ Nursery Educational Funding (NEF) recommences.

**W/C 9<sup>th</sup> May** - Mental Health Week.

**W/C 30<sup>th</sup> May** - Half term - No Nursery Educational Funding this week.

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June** - Bank holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June** - Father's Day.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July** - Graduation photos for Preschool.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July** - Beach Day.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July** - Sports Day.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July** - Graduation Party.

**Friday 22<sup>th</sup> July** - Nursery Educational Funding ends.



**'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 warmer weather approaches, please ensure that you provide sun hats and sun cream. It is recommended that after 12 months, sun cream is discarded, due to the UV protection not being as effective after this time, therefore we require a new bottle and any remaining sun cream from last year will be discarded. As always, please ensure that your child's belongings are labelled, this means that belongings do not get lost or mixed up. Baby room asks for shoes every day for the babies, even those who are not yet walking to give them the opportunity to cruise along in the garden/ride on the wheeled toys. 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.



**EYFS** - In light of the revised EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) and OFSTED framework, the way we conduct our teaching and assessment is changing. This includes the promise of LESS paperwork and MORE child interaction. Therefore, we are moving towards a 'Planning in the Moment' approach, meaning that we challenge and extend children's learning through their interests and a play-based approach. Now, this isn't new to us here at Poppins Day Nursery, our children are always put at the centre of everything we do and we understand the importance of play! But this new approach also benefits our practitioners greatly, as they are more able to give children their full attention in the moment to scaffold children's learning to the best of our ability. Our wonderful practitioners have been working hard behind the scenes, enhancing their environments to include conversation stations, loose parts and 'real world' materials. Part of our approach means that you will have more regular parent meetings with your child's key person (scheduled once per term but not limited to) to discuss their learning and development. We will outline this proforma in more detail soon.



**MEET THE TEAM** - Please look out for an introduction to the team which will be sent out very soon!

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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.

During May our babies will continue to explore spring as we explore leaf painting using our sensory experiences to get involved in messy play. We will also be celebrating the Queen's Jubilee as we explore a red, white and blue treasure basket, making flags and bunting to decorate the garden for a picnic party (don't forget to wear red, white or blue that day) and keep your eyes peeled for other activities relating to this special time.

Also, this month we have introduced our story, nursery rhyme and top tip of the month, each of these will be different each month and will be sent to you via our Blossom app. Make sure you look out for these each month as you could help with your child's learning and development by doing these at home too.

The babies will be getting very creative in June, making some lovely special cards and gifts for their superhero daddies in celebration of Father's Day and they cannot wait to share them with you. Our baby room staff have some exciting and innovative activities planned to get the babies highly engaged in outdoor learning this summer, please can we ask that all of the babies are equipped with sun cream and sun hats that are labelled and to stay at nursery.

This month we will also be updating our family photos, therefore we ask if you could send in some recent family photos of family members your child may recognise. This can be some members they see on a regular bases such as mummy, daddy, grandparents and even the family pet. You can send these in via our Blossom app or email them to us ([info@thepoppinsdaynursery.co.uk](mailto:info@thepoppinsdaynursery.co.uk)).

Caterpillar room shall be getting very sporty in July as they celebrate and partake in a fun time sports day session with the toddlers, they will have a great time joining in races, ball games, challenges and much more. Don't forget your sports gear and super-fast running shoes! In addition to this we shall be furthering learning as we explore Summer and all the fun things we can do!

We know they will thoroughly enjoy getting out and about this summer and will have an absolute blast at our very own Poppins 'Beach Party', make sure you come in your beach clothes as we go exploring the sand, building gigantic sand castles! Can't wait to see you there!

In August we shall be continuing to explore Summer as it comes to an end, and making the most of the nice sunny days in the outdoor area. This month we shall be exploring summer holidays and the adventures the babies have been on, if you could share with us some pictures of these events so the children can share them with their friends it would be greatly appreciated.

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 would like to thank everyone who took part in our Easter Bonnet parade, you all did such an amazing job it was lovely to see all your different creations.

We would like to introduce the toddler team to the new arrivals into the butterfly room, the team consists of Zara (Room leader), Sophie and Alice. We are looking forward to getting to know all the children entering the room. We have also introduced a story of the month which means we will be exploring the characters and different parts of the story along with lots of different activities to match that story. Furthermore, each month we focus on a 'nursery rhyme of the month' to sing during carpet times. You will be updated via Blossom each month as to which story and nursery rhyme we are focusing on.

We have lots of exciting things to look forward to throughout this next term. We will be...

Watching our plants grow that we have took the time to plant in the forest school area. We have planted a variety of different herbs and flowers and our children love watching them grow! We are also looking forward to watching our tadpoles grow, we have been observing the changes closely and talking about their life cycle.

We have just introduced a new friend into our daily routine which is Lola the Leopard. We worked together to create a home for her so that she is safe whilst at the setting. Lola has lots of exciting activities for us to engage in at carpet times, encouraging good listening ears. Our children are very excited about Lola and love saying 'hello' to her each day!

We are looking forward in celebrating the Queens Platinum Jubilee where we will be taking part in a afternoon tea party. We are also going to make the Queen a special letter and send it to her, the children are very excited about that. During the tea party we would like all the children to come in the special colours of Red, White and Blue.

During the summer we are also going to dedicate a week to be pirates and princess (date to be confirmed) where the children will get a chance to dress up like the character and take part in a variety of different activities. Even the staff will dress up too. During the Summer we will also take part in a beach day and a sports day.

Father's Day is coming up and the toddlers are getting ready to make our someone special a lovely surprise, were not saying just yet it's a big secret.

## Ladybird Room

Firstly, we want to welcome the new children and parents into the preschool room. We hope you settle in well and have fun enjoying the exciting activities we have planned in the upcoming months. Myself and Ashleigh are here to answer any questions you have regarding your child's learning and development



As you have all seen, forest school has certainly flourished in the last few months, many different plants/herbs and vegetables and our new tipi! This promotes exciting outdoor learning- caring for living things, building their self-esteem and working together with each other.

This term we will be focusing on "All about me" we have a new board with photo frames which is a great opportunity for our children to showcase their families as they talk about their home lives and their favourite things to do outside of nursery.

As we branch out and dive into the world around us, we will be learning about different cultures throughout the coming months:

14/05 - Fair Trade Day: we will be discussing the work throughout this week that other countries accomplish and the hard work they do to supply us with food and drink. Fair Trade is a very important topic and we feel the children should be aware that "small-scale" farmers and workers should receive the recognition of their work and drive forward a better future for all.

16/05 - Walk to school week! We would love to see the children take part in this and allow them to tell us what they see on their way to nursery and maybe even create a map of their route here. Some photos of your journey would be great too!

21/05 - Cultural Diversity Day - every person is unique and it is important to encourage and learn about this. We will be using various stories and activities to enhance our understanding and cultural awareness. There is an abundance of diversity embedded in each person's backgrounds, and that diversity is something to be appreciated and celebrated.

Throughout the month of May, we will be talking about the differences we notice in the environment such as the flowers growing on the trees, the weather and how it can affect us such as needing sun cream, hats and in need of more hydration throughout the day.

This June is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee! We will have plenty of activities set out for this special occasion! Crown making and decorating, an outdoor tea party (weather dependant), soldier pegs, bunting decorating and so much more!

Father's Day activities - we would love to see some pictures of your little ones with someone they are very close to so that we can make something special for them to take home! Please send in some photos for us to see!

8/06 - World Oceans Day - we will be focusing on the creatures we can find in the ocean and how we can help protect them e.g. by recycling and taking care of our environment.

23/06 - Public service day! We appreciate all the hard efforts from our various public service and we would love to showcase this in the preschool room! From role play and stories to small world set ups!

**SPORTS DAY (6<sup>th</sup> July)** We hope to see the children participate in this year's Sports day and the lead up to it! We have some fun games for them to take part in and we can't wait to have some fun in the sun!

This July, we will have our annual **BEACH DAY**. We hope to see everyone in their summer outfits and get ready to splash in the pool, eat ice cream and dance to some music in the garden! The children and staff will be having plenty of fun and lots of summer activities!

**W/C: 27<sup>th</sup> June: Children's Art Week** - Our children regularly engage in open-ended arts & crafts such as junk modelling, painting and gluing, allowing their creativity to flow. We love to showcase our art around the room, we peg our own work up on the boards. This builds confidence and encourages discussions between their peers. We invite you to get busy at home with your little ones and see what you can create.

**Graduation Party** - We will be sad to see our preschool children leave as we have made such good bonds with them! For the leavers, we will be having our graduation party, the theme this year is "Sweet ending to a new beginning", as one door opens, another closes, it is fun to look back on the amazing memories and welcome the sweet ones to come. We will ask the children to wear bright colours to celebrate their time here at Poppins!

**Transitions** - Over the next few months we will be saying goodbye to some of our children as they take their next step in their journey to **BIG SCHOOL!** Therefore, to make this a smooth transition for our children we will be arranging for their teachers to come and visit them in our setting.