

Welcome to the Poppins Day Nursery Summer newsletter.

Here are some important dates for your diary...

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April** - Summer term begins/ Nursery Educational Funding (NEF) & Think 2 Funding recommences.

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May** - Bank holiday - Nursery closed.

**W/C: 1<sup>st</sup> May** - Deaf Awareness Week.

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May** - King & Queen Consort's Coronation.

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May** - Bank holiday for the King's Coronation - Nursery closed.

**W/C 15<sup>th</sup> May** - Mental Health Week.

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May** - Bank holiday - Nursery closed.

**W/C 29<sup>th</sup> May** - Half term - No Nursery Educational Funding & Think 2 Funding this week.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June** - Father's Day stay & play (details to be confirmed)

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June** - Father's Day.

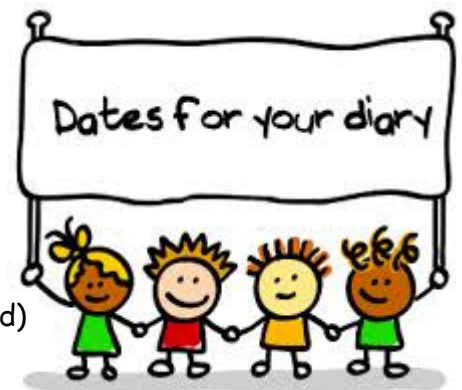
**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June** - Graduation photos for Preschool.

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June** - Sports Day.

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July** - Graduation Party.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July** - Nursery Educational Funding & Think 2 Funding ends.

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August** - Bank holiday - Nursery closed.





**'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 of, 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 disposed of. **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.



**App Update** - Blossom have advised us that the parent app has been updated and requires parents to update the app to version 2.14.1.

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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.

We would like to welcome Tom to the team. Tom has settled really well into Poppins and is building lovely relationships with the children.

We would also like to welcome Beth to the team. Beth has been a student with us over the last 2 terms, so is a familiar face to the babies, and we are delighted that she has chosen to complete an apprenticeship with us. Welcome to the team Beth.

Over the last few months we have added some new "WOW!" stars to our board as some of our children have learnt to walk! A huge well done to these children and we have loved celebrating this milestone with our families! Please remember that we celebrate all achievements however big or small so remember to ask a member of staff for a star to add to our board!

In the Caterpillar room we are very excited to celebrate the upcoming King's Coronation and will be exploring many exciting activities in relation to this event such as getting messy as we make flags and crowns and explore red, white & blue sensory baskets. We will also be holding our very own garden tea party in celebration. Further celebrations will include Father's Day in June where we are super excited to invite our daddies in for a special activity afternoon!

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 basis such as mummy, daddy, grandparents and even the family pet. Family photos are a great way to support children settling into nursery and gives them a sense of belonging. Children respond positively to these photos by laughing or smiling and it helps to build language as they may also begin to name special people in their lives. You can send these in via our Blossom app or email them to us ([info@thepoppinsdaynursery.co.uk](mailto:info@thepoppinsdaynursery.co.uk)).

With the warmer weather approaching, we will now start to explore how and what that means for the world around us, in doing this we are looking at revamping our home corner into an exciting role play ice cream parlour. The children will be able to explore their senses and develop new language as we explore ice and crunchy cones as well as acting out experiences! Please feel free to send us some photos of any summer holidays or messy ice cream experiences to display in our role play area! 😊

Throughout this term, we will also be supporting some of our children in transitioning into the Butterfly room where we know they will continue to thrive.

## Butterfly Room



A big thank you to 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 welcome all the children transitioning from the Caterpillar room into the Butterfly room. During the upcoming term we have lots of exciting things to look forward to so keep an eye out on the diaries. With the King's Coronation approaching, we have started to make a card to send to him just like we did for the late Queen and will be exploring some royal activities!

As we continue to explore forest school can we please ask that parents bring in wet suits and wellies with their name on so we can explore the environment in all types of weather conditions. The children have been enjoying going on bug hunts and looking closely at the different types of bugs and have started to show an interest in the plants that are starting to grow, especially as they use their senses to explore the herb garden! Using the pots and pans to make mud pies have been their favourite and it has been brilliant to see them working together to serve 'food' to each other! Getting out and getting messy is such an amazing opportunity for our little ones as it encourages them to explore the world around them, looking for changes from season to season and taking care of living things. Maybe you could go for a walk in the local area and see what you can see?

We're looking forward in welcoming all of our lovely fathers in to take part in our Father's Day stay and play in June. We will also be creating a lovely gift for the special people in our lives, but it's a surprise so we're not saying any more...

It is lovely to see what our children get up to when at home and during the weekend so please feel free to continue in sending us some lovely parent observations.

## Ladybird Room



Welcome to the Ladybird room, it has been wonderful to see your pictures on Blossom over the last term of your Christmas and Easter celebrations, or all of the fun things you get up to on the weekend! Our children absolutely love looking through them and talking about what they have been doing! Also, a big well done for all of your Easter bonnet creations, they were fantastic and we could see how hard you worked on them!

As we move through the summer term, we have lots of exciting things coming up! We have our caterpillars due in May for the children to explore the life cycle of a butterfly.

The children have been learning about the King in our conversation station and what happens on Coronation Day! The children have shown a big interest in reading through the fact card and pictures to learn about the royal family and have been talking about the different castles and buildings. The children have enjoyed taking this learning into their play as they take on the role of a king, queen or princess and building castles using resources around the room.

We have some lovely activities planned for Father's Day so keep your eyes peeled for some cards and gifts coming your way as well as a stay and play session!

SPORTS DAY! 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!

We have a large group of preschool children leaving us this year, as sad as we are that they are leaving us, it is certainly time for them to flourish in reception and expand their learning! We will be focusing on school readiness and we will be changing the role play area into a small classroom for the children.

We are looking to promote independence in the run up to children going to school in September, this includes:

- **Getting dressed independently** - we provide numerous opportunities for children to dress themselves such as putting on their own coats, shoes, forest school clothing and role play costumes.
- **Personal belongings** - we encourage children to take care of their own belongings such as putting their bags and coats on pegs, and personal items in their trays etc this encourages children to take on a responsibility to check their own areas at the end of the day.
- **Name recognition** - children's names are displayed all over the nursery environment and we focus on children recognising the first initial sound in their name and other words.
- **Emotions** - we help children to understand and regulate their own emotions by talking through big feelings and use stories to help develop their language and understanding.
- **Carpet time activities** - encouraging children to sit for a period of time and listen to a story, engaging in questions and learning how to take it in turns to talk.

Top tips for parents:

- Involve your child in the process of buying school uniform and other items such as bags and shoes (remember to buy shoes that children can take on and off independently)
- Encourage your child to manage their own personal hygiene e.g to wipe their own bottom, washing their hands and to be able to wipe their own nose

We are looking forward to planning the graduation party for the school leavers and the theme will be confirmed soon!

If parents can let us know what school their child will be attending in September as well as their last day with us that would be great.

We also run a Before & After school for the children going to Hayes Meadow or The Croft. If you are interested in this club or would like further information please speak to Lou, Jo or Debbie.