

## Welcome Autumn!



The weather has certainly changed quickly over this last week with a drop in temperatures and more rain! Can we please ask parents to ensure children are dressed for the weather, providing a warm coat which is clearly labelled with their name as well as hat and gloves. A pair of named wellingtons in the correct size that can stay at Nursery on the welly rack would also be much appreciated. Thank you 😊

**Please also take extra care on the decking as it can get more slippery during in these wet and colder months.**

## Staff News



Please join me in congratulating Christine in her promotion to Deputy Manager! But please don't worry, Christine will be staying with the Hatchlings as Room Leader but will also share the role of Deputy with Liv. Christine is a great asset to our Poppins senior management team and I know she is looking forward to learning more about the management side of the Nursery.



HUGE congratulations to Elisha for graduating last month with her BA Hons Degree in Childhood Society! Elisha has worked incredibly hard over the years and it is amazing to celebrate this achievement with her! Well done Elisha, you should be very proud.



Our third congratulations goes to Becky for officially becoming a Level 3 Early Years Practitioner! Becky has worked incredibly hard whilst having a young family, changing jobs and moving house all whilst studying! But we always knew Becky was fabulous 😊



And the last news of the newsletter comes from me 😊  
Some of you may have noticed (but remained very polite) that I have got somewhat larger over the last three months, although some may be down to cake there is also another reason. Yes, I am expecting my third baby! We also know it is another boy!! Finlee and Jax are over the moon and cannot wait to take on their new roles of big, big brother for Finlee and first-time big brother for Jax in January.

### Parent Review Meetings

Our parent review meetings are a priority for us here at Poppins, and we thank you for giving your time for these. They are a fantastic way of your key person building a relationship with you, as well as sharing all the wonderful things your child is learning at home and Nursery. Please do try to book an appointment with your key person on one of these days. Here are our future dates for your diary.

- **The Hatchlings –**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

- **The Nestlings –**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

### Future Stay and Play Dates

Once a month we open our doors for a stay and play, which is a wonderful opportunity to come and have a play with your child in Nursery. This helps children feel secure in their nursery environment, helps form attachments and allows parents to see what happens behind that black front door!

Here are our future dates, we would love for you to join us!

All sessions are 2.30-3.30pm

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November** - Join us for our Forest School Enrichment

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December** - Join us for our special Christmas stay and play

Please visit our Nursery Calendar on our website if you would like a reminder of dates. We will be planning dates for 2024 very soon.



### Millie's 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday!

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November marks Millie's 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday!

Millie has been working hard as our Nursery dog for almost 9 months now and the children adore her being here. In true Poppins style we will be celebrating her birthday with the children and some ice cream. We will be sure to share some photos with you all over Tapestry.

### Save the Dates

Here are some important dates for the diary

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Laura Jenkinson will be with us for Nursery photos of the children

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas stay and play with a visit from Santa

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Hatchling Christmas event (more details to follow)

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – whole Nursery Christmas tea party

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Dinner Day

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December** – Nestling visit to Swan Theatre for "Little Red Riding Hood"

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** – Last Day before Christmas

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December** – Nursery Closed

## **A special thank you...**



We must say a very special thank you to Mia's nan who has knitted these wonderful pumpkins as a gift for the Nursery! Aren't they lovely! Mia's nan makes these for sale too, they are £5 for the big ones and £3 for the little ones.

Please let one of the Nestling team know if you would like some 😊

### **Tapestry**

Just a polite reminder to please check Tapestry regularly for updates. We try to be quite eco-conscious of how much paper we are printing which is why we use Tapestry as a communication method to share letters, important dates and newsletters.

Also we love to hear from parents on Tapestry, to see photos of things you do at home so please do remember to share and make comments. This is really important as it tells us what your child is interested at home, which we use as a starting point for their learning at Poppins.  
Thank you for your support.

### **Couple of important reminders**

#### **Fees**

Polite reminder to please pay fees on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. If you pay via a tax-free childcare account please check these each month to ensure your payment hasn't got stuck. Thank you.

#### **Wipes**

If your child is in nappies, please don't forget to pop wipes in their bag too.

Thank you