




Newsletter

April 2023

Summer Term



Contacts - You can contact us on (01884) 35018. The Pre-school mobile number is 07927057415. We can also be contacted at admin@cullomptonpreschool.org Our website address is www.cullomptonpreschool.org See our website for general information and our weekly blog and photos of what children have been doing and learning.  'Like' us on Facebook to see regular updates of our session activities.

Our next **committee meeting** will take place at 7.30 pm on **15th May 2023** via Teams. Meetings are open to all parents, we would welcome your support. If you would like to join the meeting, please let us know in the office and we will send you a link.



Sponsored Bike Ride - We are so excited to announce the absolutely fantastic total of money raised by you all but we can't do this until we've collected all the sponsor money in! We are set to raise our biggest total yet! Thank you to those that have already brought their sponsor money in. If yours is still outstanding you can pay either by bank transfer into our fundraising account, card payment via the office or with cash. Thank you so much!

Trips and Outings - We absolutely love taking our school starter children out on local trips including St Andrew's Church, the library, primary schools, the milkshake cabin. Our adult to child ratio is much higher when we are not in our setting so we are reliant on parents, carers and grandparents to help us out. We generally go out in groups of approximately twelve children so if you receive a text message asking if you can help it means that your child is included in this trip. We completely understand that parents work and have other commitments but any help at all is hugely appreciated - we can't go on outings without parental support. **We'd like to say a really BIG thank to all our recent volunteers, we hope you enjoyed our trips as much as we did!**



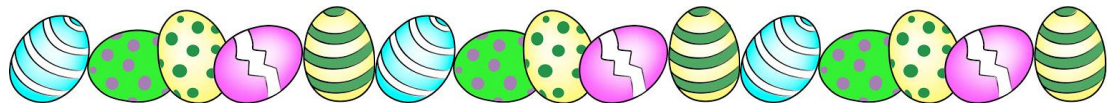
Thank you for all the kind donations for the items that we use regularly in our sessions – you've all been so generous!



Thank you to Alec's parents for doing a huge tip run for us – your help was very much appreciated.



Thank you to Elsie's Grandad for the enormous donation of card and paper!



Easter Egg Design Competition

Well done to everyone that entered – The winners are as below:-

Star Group	1 st Place	Freddie
	2 nd Place	Leonardo
	3 rd Place	Ezra
Sun Group	1 st Place	Athena
	2 nd Place	Reuben
	3 rd Place	Ralph
Moon Group	1 st Place	Charlie
	2 nd Place	Luella
	3 rd Place	Sophie
Age 5-8 years	Winner	Chloe

Continuous provision

We work hard to ensure our activities and ideas are really interesting and engaging for all the children here and that through their time with us they make excellent progress. To do this we add different ideas to learn new skills in play that is available all the time. We include books, physical development, sand, small world, mark making, mud kitchen and construction in our plan for this half term. This ensures that all areas are available over the term, that the staff have the ideas they need to extend and interest the children and that the children can go back to a favourite activity area and revisit what they enjoy, looking for new learning or experiences.

Andrea is in charge of our continuous provision planning and we talk over ideas each week when we plan on a Thursday – the resources are designed to be independently accessed so children are free to explore their own creativity and ideas, and they can seek adult interaction or support if needed. The resources should be of a high quality and we aim to inspire awe and wonder. As the children develop during their time with us in their learning, they start to get more out of the resources, having new ideas, exploring more complicated concepts - all leading to excellent progress for school.

In our continuous provision the focus is on the process not the outcome, so the process of creating that amazing mud pie, the mixing, the choosing which pot is right, using the spoon, adding the herbs or spices, taking turns with a friend, listening to ideas, deciding what to make and how are all as important as the end result!

Amelia

Diary Dates

Date	Details
Monday 1 st May 2023	May Day Bank Holiday (Pre-school is closed)
Monday 8 th May 2023	Coronation Bank Holiday (Pre-school is closed)
Monday 10 th May 2023 ** REVISED DATE **	New Parents Evening for September 2023 starters
Monday 15 th May 2023	Committee Meeting – 7.30 pm – everyone welcome (Via Teams)
Monday 29 th May to Friday 2 nd June 2023	HALF TERM (Pre-school is closed)
Saturday 8 th July 2023	SUMMER FETE 11am until 2 pm
Monday 17 th July 2023	Last day of Summer Term

If your child has come home telling you about our housekeepers Sarah's delicious Oat Raisin Cookies that we sometimes enjoy at snack time then here's how you can make them together at home:-

Oat Raisin Cookies

Makes Approximately 18 large cookies.

200g butter

100g butter

340g flour

200g oats

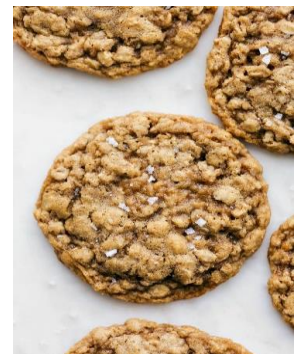
2 tsp vanilla

2 tsp baking powder

2 tsp cinnamon

100g raisins

6 tbsp honey



Mix butter and sugar together first, then add the rest of the ingredients. If mixture is a little too wet then add a small amount of flour or oats. Mix well and shape into cookie shapes on baking trays. Bake for approximately 20 minutes at 160.

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Got something you would like to tell us? Your child has had a 'wow' moment? You would like to give us some feedback or make a suggestion? Do you have any worries or concerns? You would like to share a healthy recipe with us? Use this slip to tell us anything at all! Post the slip into our post box in reception or hand in at the office.....