


Newsletter

February 2023

Spring 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.

Committee Meetings – The next committee meeting will take place at **7.30 pm on Monday 6th March 2023** via Microsoft Teams. Committee meetings are open to all parents, we would welcome your support. If you would like to join the meeting, please let the office know and we will send you the link.

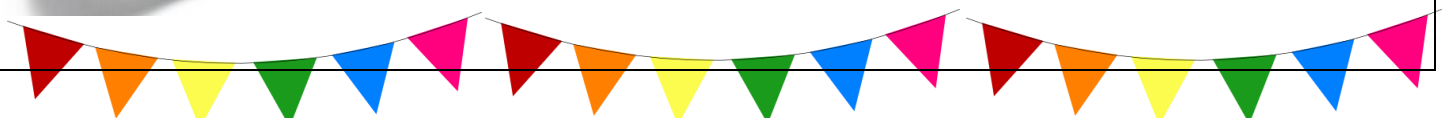


You should by now have received a letter and a sponsorship form for your child for our **Sponsored Bike Ride Event!** This event will take place **week commencing 20th March 2023** across all days of the week to accommodate the sessions of every child. This is a fun fundraising event for all of our children. Please do not worry if your child doesn't ride a

bike - they can ride a scooter, they can push a dolly in a pram or they can hitch a ride with a friend on a double trike! There's no need to bring in a bike or scooter etc - we have enough at pre-school for the children to use. As with all fundraising events we would love some volunteers to help us encourage the children to complete their 10 laps of the pre-school garden. The event will, of course, be supervised by pre-school staff. If you are able to help please call the office.



We are so excited to be able to have a Summer Fete this year! It's going to be held on **Saturday 8th July** from 11 am to 2 pm – **please save the date!** This is our biggest fundraiser and such a fun event for all ages. We need parent volunteers to make this event as successful as possible – the more helpers we have the more stalls and activities we can offer – the more funds we raise the more new resources we can buy for our children! Let us know if you can spare an hour to help out by emailing or calling the office.



Role play

Role play is a really enjoyable area of our work with the children, there are so many ways to bring learning into the mix and to support emotional development and speech development. Children can join in whatever stage they are at and they can make friends, learn about how to manage conflict (everyone wants the best tea pot!) and even work on physical development all at the same time!

This half term we had a Chinese restaurant inside a couple of weeks ago. We looked at the different style of writing, the colours, the foods, we tried the prawn crackers and noodles, we counted out plates for our friends, laid the table, we used our mark making skills to take orders and write out menus. We used our strength to bring chairs over for more people to join us and we learnt new vocabulary as well. The set we chose to set up for the children comes from their interests and we can weave in so much learning. Next week we are getting out the dressing up – lots of different outfits to see where the children take the ideas and we can then use this for our planning for the coming weeks as well. We know Spiderman and superheroes are always popular and we can use those characters to talk about conflict – the children will be using vocabulary such as “goodies” and “baddies” and we can do a lot of work on being kind and it is definitely a hard lesson when there are no more superman outfits left and someone has to wait for a turn!

Hospitals and Vets are always popular with lots of very caring children, exploring equipment and new language, and they can bring their own experiences into the chatter and share what they know with us.

Home corner play is also really beneficial. Children who may lack confidence to join in some role play will be happy and settled in a play that is familiar to them, based on what happens at home they can re-enact without talking to friends. They can offer cups of tea, plates of food and smile away and begin to play with other children, building confidence to join in other games as well.

Keep an eye on our blog for photo's of the role play we plan and enjoy!

Thank you so much to everyone that has already voted for us in Cullompton branch of Tesco's – Every blue token counts! We are currently raising funds to update our tech so we're hoping for as many blue tokens as possible to receive the highest amount awarded by Tesco's! We are very grateful to Tesco for allowing us to take part and to the local community for voting for us!

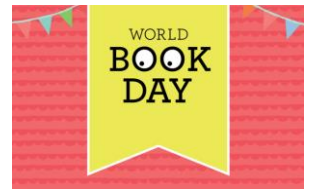


Trips and Outings - We absolutely love taking our school starter children out on local trips including St Andrew's Church, the library, primary schools, local shops. Our adult to child ratio is much higher when we are not in our setting so we are reliant on parents, carers and grandparents to help us out. We generally go out in groups of about 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!**



Sickness – You will already be aware of how many coughs, colds and high temperatures are about at the moment. If your child is feeling unwell please do not send them into pre-school. A quiet day at home on the sofa is very different from a busy session at pre-school. If you have had to give your child medication such as Calpol we would ask you to consider whether they are feeling well enough to attend. If your child has a high temperature please keep them off pre-school for at least 24 hours after the high temperature has subsided. We know how stressful it can be juggling with family life, jobs, younger or older siblings and school runs, we really do understand but in order to try and keep our children and staff healthy we would ask you to follow this guidance.

World Book Day - Thursday 2nd March 2023 - All children will receive a £1 book token which can be used to collect a free book from selected retailers or can be put towards the purchase of other books costing £2.99 or more. To see the full list of free books available visit worldbookday.com - Free books available while stocks last.



World Book Day Dress Up - Monday 27th February - Friday 3rd March 2023 - children are invited to bring in their favourite book to share (please ensure this is named) and to dress up as their favourite book character for any session during this week. We celebrate World Book Day across the week so that all children have an opportunity to take part.



We are always so grateful for donations of carrier bags (especially the bag for life type) as we use them regularly for Fair Share groceries. If you can spare a few please hand them in at the office. Thank you. 😊

Diary Dates

Date	Details
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th February 2023	Half Term – pre-closed is closed for sessions
Monday 27 th February – Friday 3 rd March 2023	Dress up as a favourite book character for any session this week
Thursday 2 nd March 2023	World Book Day
Monday 6 th March 2023	Committee Meeting via Teams – 7.30 pm – all welcome!
Tuesday 14 th March 2023	Deadline to return your child's bike ride sponsorship form
Monday 20 th March – Friday 24 th March 2023	Sponsored Bike Ride Event
Friday 31 st March 2023	Last day of Spring Term
3 rd – 14 th April 2023	Easter Holidays (Pre-school is closed)
Monday 17 th April 2023	First day of Summer Term
Saturday 8 th July 2023	SUMMER FETE 11 am until 2 pm

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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.....

