




# Newsletter

## January 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](mailto:admin@cullomptonpreschool.org) Our website address is [www.cullomptonpreschool.org](http://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.



**We'd like to wish all our children and their families a very warm welcome back to pre-school. We hope you all had a wonderful time over the Christmas and New Year break.**

**Committee Meetings** – The next committee meeting will take place at 7.30 pm on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 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.



We currently have a vacancy for a bank staff role. You can find more details about the job role at the end of this newsletter. Application packs are available from the office. The closing date is Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

## Behaviour Support

We work really hard at pre-school to support all the children here to make fantastic progress among friends. At times friendships and sharing and turn taking and listening can be hard for many reasons. We are all managing lots of different feelings at a time and add in a moment when something goes wrong and it is hard to stay calm and regulated! Remind yourself how you feel when the shopping bag breaks or someone makes a demand on you when you are already busier than is healthy, when you stub your toe while rushing to get to work or when the car is iced up and you are in a rush. It is hard to manage feelings even as an adult, so we take a lot of time to teach self-regulation to the children and teach them to think and feel at the same time is a big concept. It takes time and patience and while we are learning, some behaviours will continue.

Behaviour is communication – every behaviour comes from a feeling, a frustration, an upset, stress, anxiety, worry, fear, happiness even – some children will dysregulate and run around and throw toys when they are really happy and excited! Our job at pre-school is to help children recognise feelings, to understand triggers, to understand home situations that might make that harder and friendships that might be testing their listening and sharing skills. We all want to support a really positive day at pre-school and as a staff team we are committed to ensuring every child is safe, listened to and is able to share their views and know they will be heard. The Thrive approach is central to our Ethos – [www.thriveapproach.com](http://www.thriveapproach.com) - have a look at the parent section if you have concerns about behaviours at home that worry or upset you and if you are interested we can create a plan for your child at home which we can mirror at pre-school. I am the Behaviour Support Lead at pre-school and am always happy to chat – *Amelia*



### Healthy Eating

Our current group of children absolutely love to bake and mix and concoct and create using food! One of the most popular activities each week is when we make our own snack - using recipes from Sarah to cook oat cookies for example which we then eat later.

We have also used lunchtime as a learning opportunity to see what fruit we have in our lunchboxes and the children have helped me take a tally chart for each fruit (the results are on the whiteboard in reception!) We take it in turns to say what fruit we have and then make a mark by the right name of the fruit. It has helped the children learn the names for fruits which are not familiar to them and helped them identify which item on their plate is a fruit, distinguishing it from cucumber or peppers for example. In order to follow Ofsted guidance "a healthy diet" is part of our curriculum and we would like to remind you that just one sweet item in a lunch is OK and a pot of crisps is ok rather than a whole bag.

## Applications for Primary School Places close on **15<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

### How to Apply for a Primary School Place in Devon

You can apply online at [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline)

Devon Admissions team can be contacted at

[admissions@devon.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@devon.gov.uk)

You can call the Helpline on **0345 155 1019**



### DIARY DATES

Date	Details
15 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	<b>Closing date for primary school applications</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Committee Meeting via Teams – all welcome
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Half Term – pre-closed is closed for sessions
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	Last day of Spring Term
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Easter Holidays (Pre-school is closed)
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	First day of Summer Term



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donation you raise makes a difference to us so please signed up and share today using the link below!

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<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1029404-0>

## Have you thought about a career in Childcare?

### Cullompton Pre-school

Are seeking to appoint a

**Bank Staff for covering sickness / holidays / meetings etc**

You will need to be -

- Flexible
- Available at short notice
- Enjoy spending time with the children
- Encourage great outdoor play

This is a fabulous opportunity for anyone who has been thinking about childcare, a chance to learn more and get some great support and training from our dedicated team.

This vacancy offers you an opportunity to update your CV and we would be able to provide a reference for any future employment.

We are looking for an enthusiastic and caring individual to work within our established staff team. We are able to consider an unqualified candidate who may be prepared to complete the Level 2 qualification following in house training and a successful probation period.

### **Minimum Requirements**

- Enthusiasm and Passion for working with young children
- Patience, kindness and using your initiative are essential
- You must be punctual, reliable and flexible

The vacancy is an immediate start following a successful interview process.

Salary Details : £NMW / NLW dependant on age

**For more information and a job description please contact [admin@cullomptonpreschool.org](mailto:admin@cullomptonpreschool.org) or telephone (01884) 35018**

Cullompton Pre-school are committed to safeguarding children and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. **You will need to produce an enhanced DBS and be registered with the update service if you are offered the position.** References will be taken up. Any job offer is made solely on the successful candidate passing all aspects of our safer recruiting process.

Closing Date: **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January @ 10am**

Short listed candidates will be notified by **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January**. Interviews will take place on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023**. As part of the interview process candidates will also have time to look around the building and meet our current team and ask any informal questions.

We may invite candidates back to spend the day with us to help us in the interview process.

**To apply for this vacancy, you will need to complete an application pack which is available to collect from our reception or we can e-mail over a copy for you to print off at home. Please do not send your CV to us.**