




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 Monday 3rd July 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.



'Pick Your Own Prize' Raffle – This week you should have received an email giving you details of our Pick your Own Prize Raffle. This is such an amazing fundraiser for our pre-school and helps us purchase new resources and equipment for all our children to enjoy.

Please circulate to your family, friends and colleagues so that we can make our ticket sales the best ever – our catalogue of prizes this year is fabulous! Winners will be picked throughout the morning at our Summer Fete on Saturday 8th July.

If you would like to pick up additional paper copies of tickets these are available to collect from the office.

**PRIZE UPDATE : We have an additional raffle prize (No. 31) :-
2 x tickets for Cricket Match on 6th August 2023 @ 11 am
Somerset -v- Worcestershire Rapids**



Our graduation ceremony for children starting school in September is being held on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th July. You should by now have received a letter by email advising you which ceremony your child has been invited to. If you have not received your letter please let us know as soon as possible. Parents and family members should arrive at 2.30 pm.

Graduation Photos - Proofs have been emailed - order forms are available in reception. Payment by bank transfer should be made by 26th June 2023. Many thanks.

SUN CREAM Please ensure that an all-day sun cream has been applied to your child before their session with us. We will ensure that children wear hats, drink regularly and will provide shaded areas for outside play.



Please also remember to add ice packs to your child's lunch bag during this very warm weather, thank you.

Session Fees - Please be aware that from the beginning of our Autumn Term (September 2023) our hourly rate for our fees will increase to £6.50.

If your child does not currently receive government funding this new hourly rate will be applied to your Autumn Term invoice. Invoices will be given out during this term and at session visits for new children starting in September.

We appreciate that families sometimes experience financial difficulties. If you are experiencing problems paying your child's pre-school fees, please get in touch either by email or telephone.

HOME LEARNING IDEAS FOR SCHOOL STARTERS

It's nearly time for your children to head off to school and we are working to support you and your child - we are working on a big display with lots of info about what's happening, and the schools will be in touch with extra information and invitations to visit!

If your child is starting at Willowbank or St Andrew's we will be taking them on a visit there and the teachers will be coming to us - if your child is going elsewhere, please feel free to take your child out of pre-school for a visit, just let the office know in advance please.

AT PRE-SCHOOL WE WILL BE:-

- Working on building confidence in group times - encouraging the children to share their ideas, talk in sentences and not to use just one word and to feel valued and listened to.
- We will play lots of turn taking games and run special nurture groups to work on listening, turn taking and speaking skills.
- Listen to and talk about stories together
- Build up gross motor skills, climbing, playing, running, jumping to keep healthy and gain confidence and co-ordination
- Build up fine motor skills with activities to build strength for all the writing they will do at school!
- We will use Letters and Sounds programme to support early phonics and in our circle times we will look at specific areas.
- Looking at the school uniforms and dressing up.

AT HOME YOU CAN:-

- Use simple fastenings for new school shoes - e.g. Velcro
- Have a healthy lunch with no sweets or chocolate bars. Lots of fruit to peel will help fine motor skills.
- Any toileting worries - talk to us or the Health Visiting team on.
- Build up a good bedtime routine - tired children will find school much harder and a good breakfast will set them up for the day.
- Practice using a knife and fork - all children in Foundation get free school meals! Children will get choices to build up confidence and offer choices at home - e.g. pasta or potato, peas or beans.
- Practice putting on own coats, shoes, socks.
- Wash hands before snack and after going to the toilet.
- Tidy up toys - reward charts are always a good tool.

Going to school is exciting and scary for us all! Give positive messages and talk about how much fun they will have there with friends and new areas to explore. We will miss all our school starters but we know they will head up to primary school ready, willing and able to learn from the great start and great fun they have had at Cullompton Pre School. We can't wait to see them next year when we go visiting again!

Any worries or concerns or questions please chat to Amelia or your key person - we are happy to chat and to help!

Term Time Holidays – As families begin to make their plans for the summer can we please remind parents that there is a limit to the number of days that can be taken as holiday within term time. The Devon County Council year runs from April to April, and you are allowed ten days within that year i.e. two weeks. For example, if your child only attends two sessions a week and you take a week off for holiday this would be counted as five days/one week. If you have a family holiday booked in term time please help yourself to a holiday form from our reception area (they are in labelled baskets). Once completed please hand in to the office. When you are booking holidays please consider booking, where possible, within the school holidays so that your child does not miss out on planned events and activities such as graduation ceremonies and trips.



Herb Flatbreads

Makes Approximately 8
 500g flour
 300ml Water
 2 tsp oil
 2 pinches of salt
 Mixed herbs and/or paprika



Mix ingredients together in a bowl and knead into a ball then divide into 8 equal sized balls. Rolls until approximately ½ -1cm thick. Add a small amount of oil in the frying pan and cook each side until browned.

Date	Details
Thursday 13 th and Friday 14 th July 2023	Graduation Ceremonies for School Starters
Monday 17 th July 2023	Last day of Summer Term
Monday 4 th September 2023	First Day of Autumn Term
25 th September 2023 *** SAVE THE DATE ***	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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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

