




# Newsletter

## November 2022

### Autumn 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.

Dear families

We are working on promoting a love of reading and stories in our pre-school and we are choosing 5 books a week to read which we will share with you all and they will be all along a theme, this half term we started with 'Family Life' and now 'Space'. One of our books is "Alien's love Underpants!"

It is so important that children are read to every night/every day and this really helps with their brain development and it is crucial for children to love stories and books, it is so helpful if you draw attention to the pictures and the characters and talk about what is happening in the book. Please let us know your child's favourite book and they can bring it in to share with their friends. Reading with your little children can improve their outcomes for school, bringing the books to life with different voices and facial expressions will be really engaging for your child!

Amelia (Pre-school Leader)



*Hi, I'm Rhi. My son Jack is in the Sun group, you've probably seen us in the queue! As I am sure you are all aware, the Pre School is a registered charity. The fees we pay just scratch the surface of the funds they need to keep it running to the standards we all love! I have recently been elected as Fundraising Lead which I am very excited about. We've got some wonderful events planned this year which we'd love for everyone to be involved: bingo, a quiz, sponsored bike ride, a sky dive, clothing collections, auction, and summer fayre. So, I'm asking for your help; whether it be through volunteering or raffle prize donations, fundraising ideas or knowledge of local companies who would be interested in sponsorship opportunities. Please grab me in the queue or drop me a message if you're willing to be involved (just ask Mandy for my number!) Rhi x*

Was your child born between  
1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019?

## 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)

From 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022 to 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Devon Admissions team can be contacted at

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

thank you

to everyone that took part in our Halloween fancy dress sessions and Pumpkin Colouring Competition!



Here are the winners of our pumpkin colouring competition! Well done to everyone that entered! We didn't receive an entry for the '4 year olds' category so we gave a prize for the runner up in the 3 year old category.

2 year olds - Charlotte Ellis

3 year olds - Ruby Ewers

Runner Up - Reuben Mudge

Parents of children with **food allergies** will be aware that we put measures into place to ensure that their allergies are understood and monitored by all pre-school staff. The housekeeper, who usually prepares the session snack, is aware of every child that has a special requirement regarding food items and ingredients. A file containing comprehensive information about each child's allergy or intolerance is available for all staff to view. With parental permission, a 'head shot' photo of each child with a food allergy or intolerance is always displayed in our kitchen area so that all staff are aware - this is particularly useful in the early weeks of a new academic year whilst we get to know the children. All parents will have noticed that we display snack boards outside so that you are aware of the food items that have been offered during each session. Allergen information regarding any food prepared or offered during the session is also available to view each day at pick up times.



You should by now have received a email advising you that your child's self portrait or handprint has been included in our **Christmas T-Towel**. These make excellent gifts for family and friends and are priced at £5.50 each. We only have limited stock so these will be available in a first come first served basis. You can reserve t-towels by paying for them at the office either with cash or we now take card payments for fundraising items. **Closing date for orders Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022.**

**Personalised Christmas cards** have also been sent home recently. You can order these using the order form provided – please pay by cash or by card via the pre-school office.

**Closing date for orders Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022.**

**Please return your orders as quickly as possible to ensure that items are received in plenty of time before we break up for Christmas!**



An enormous thank to all our families that were able to donate some food items from our snack list– we really are very grateful, especially in these difficult times.



Date	Details
wc 14 <sup>th</sup> November, wc 21 <sup>st</sup> November and	Parent Consultations – please refer to your recent email
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	The Children in Need Spotacular – children are invited to come into pre-school wearing SPOTS!
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	<b>Pre-School is closed for normal sessions.</b> All children will be invited to our Christmas party for either the morning or afternoon session – more information to follow.
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	<b>Last Day of Autumn Term</b>
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023	<b>First Day of Spring Term</b>



Children are invited to attend their session wearing SPOTS on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November** to raise money for Children in Need. We will be facepainting spots during the day too!

We will have a collection box for donations in our reception area! Thank you for your support.

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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 .....

If your comments are confidential, please put into an envelope and mark 'Confidential – for the attention of the Pre-school Leader'.