


# Newsletter

## September 2023

### 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.

A **big** welcome back to all our families, those that are continuing their journey with us and those that are just beginning. We are very much looking forward to the Autumn term and all the fun it brings!



Our **Annual General Meeting** will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7.30 via Teams on-line. Please show your support to staff and committee by attending this very important meeting. **It is important that each child is represented by a parent or carer at this meeting.** As a charity the pre-school cannot operate unless we have a committee. If you would like more information regarding the AGM, the committee and officer roles please email our Chair [jackmadge92@gmail.com](mailto:jackmadge92@gmail.com) or Amelia [admin@cullomptonpreschool.org](mailto:admin@cullomptonpreschool.org) for more information. You will receive an email shortly inviting you to the meeting.

Message from Amelia (Pre-School Leader)

*Dear Families*

We follow the early years foundation stage (have a look on our website for info on the EYFS and our curriculum) and each year for your child we put together learning journeys for children, we have set up a scrap book style learning journey and each key person has a separate notebook for ideas for home learning and skills we have noticed and areas to practice. The emphasis from the Department of Education has changed to ensure that we spend as much time with the children as we can which is fantastic for us and for them! Some of you have had children move through our setting onto school so you may be disappointed to know that you won't have such a detailed special book to keep. While we are keen to follow the correct guidance we are still going to work on a scrapbook as described above with the children. We use time with our key children to look at the photos together, to help us build our relationships with them and with you and this will have some lovely family info and a record of their days out and Forest School. We also follow progress for all children and will let you know if your child is "on track" or if they need a bit of "nurture" in some areas. We will have a meeting as a team this half term to chat over how the children have settled in and we will then pass their book to you for comments and for you to see the layout. Any questions please chat to your key person or to me.

*Amelia*

We are part of a scheme with Tesco and Aldi to ensure food does not get thrown away. Each week we will take delivery of a quantity of food that Tesco and Aldi has passed to us to use for the children's snack and to share with our families.

We often receive bread and bakery items as these have a shorter sell by date. Occasionally we receive fruit, vegetables and some treat items.

The TESCO logo consists of the word "TESCO" in a bold, red, sans-serif font. Below the text are four horizontal blue lines of varying lengths, creating a stylized underline effect.

Could you benefit from receiving an extra bag of groceries each week? Do you have anyone else in your family that needs a little extra help? Could a grandparent, friend or neighbour benefit from this scheme? This a discreet and confidential service. A text message is sent when your grocery bag is ready for collection from our reception area any time during pre-school hours or at the same time that you collect your child.

We are very keen to ensure that this amazing weekly donation is not wasted. Please send us an email to [admin@cullomptonpreschool.org](mailto:admin@cullomptonpreschool.org) with your name and the words 'Fair Share' if you would like to take part. Alternatively, you can text us on the pre-school mobile (number at the top of this newsletter) with the words 'Fair Share' and your child's name.

**We are also looking for volunteers to collect our Tesco Fairshare on a rota basis. With enough parental help this might mean that you only need to collect maybe once or twice a month. Please call the office if you can help or would like more details.**

**Morning drop off** – we open our doors at 9.00 am – children are dropped at the main entrance and will be greeted by a member of staff. A member of staff from the office will ask you to tell us who will be collecting your child at the end of their session. In order to reduce congestion at drop off time we would ask that wherever possible questions and queries are emailed to us.

**Lunch Boxes and Drink Bottles** – Please put your child's lunch box on the lunch trolley (usually placed outside during morning drop off) and put their drink bottle onto the drink trolley which will now be positioned in the main reception at morning drop off. Whilst the weather is still warm please remember to put an ice pack in your child's lunch box. Please do not add squash to the water bottles.

**Absences** – our office phone lines are usually manned from 8.30 am. If you are calling to report your child as absent, please leave a message on our absence line (accessed through our landline number) stating your child's name and the reason for their absence. If your child is due into session and doesn't arrive it is our procedure to contact parents/carers.

**Lunch time collection** – we will open our doors for collection from 12.00 pm. Please be prompt so that we can allow our afternoon children to be dropped off.

**Lunch time drop off** is 12.00pm – our morning children need to be collected before we can allow you in so please bear with us.

**End of day collection** – We will open our doors at 3 pm for collections. The nominated adult who is collecting your child (the person that you advised us of at the time of drop off) will be shown into the building to collect your child and chat with their keyperson.

**Our Gate** – please ensure that you close our main gate behind you when entering or exiting the preschool – although we have security doors at pre-school, ensuring that the gate remains closed at drop-off and pick up times gives us have another layer of safety for our children.

**Text Messaging Service** – we do try to keep messages to a minimum but our text messaging service is the easiest way to contact parents/carers with short messages or requests. We should explain that messages are limited to 160 characters so it is not always possible to add 'pleases or thanks yous' so we apologise for this in advance! If you aren't receiving text messages from us please let the office know as soon as possible.



Every child has a named clear basket in the cloakroom underneath their coat peg. We use this to store artwork and your child's information that needs to be sent home to you. Please empty your basket each time you collect your child.



### **We are a 'nut free setting'**

Please ensure that your child's lunch does not include nuts or products that contain nuts such as cereal bars, peanut butter or chocolate spread. We also do not allow sweets, chocolate bars, crisps, or fizzy drinks.

We are passionate about healthy lunch boxes here at pre-school! Thank you to all the parents that have followed our guidelines. If you are stuck for ideas, ask us for a lunch time leaflet. If you have any ideas or recipes for healthy lunch boxes, please let us know, we'd love to share with other parents.

## Lunchbox tips



### **Keep them fuller for longer**

Base your child's lunchbox on foods like bread, rice, pasta and potatoes. Choose wholegrain where you can.

### **Mix your slices**

If your child doesn't like wholegrain, try making a sandwich from one slice of white bread and one slice of wholemeal/brown bread.



### **DIY lunches**

Wraps and pots of fillings can be more exciting for kids when they get to put them together. Dipping foods are also fun and make a change from a sandwich each day.

### **Ever green**

Always add salad to sandwiches – it all counts towards your child's 5 A DAY.



### **Tinned fruit counts**

A small pot of tinned fruit in juice – not syrup – is perfect for their lunchbox and is easily stored in the cupboard.





# LAUNCH INTO LANGUAGE

Parents!  
ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT ANY OF THESE?

- My child is unable to maintain attention for more than a few moments.
- My child isn't able to follow simple instructions
- My child is not saying many words for their age
- My child is not producing the right sounds for certain words
- My child cannot socially interact with children their own age
- It is difficult for my child to have a two-way conversation

## Then Pre-school can help

Ask us about our new and exclusive speech and language programme: Launch into Language

Designed to cover all areas of communication and interaction!  
Please speak to Andrea, Louise W or Amelia for more information



Date	Details
25 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Annual General Meeting
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	HALF TERM ** Pre-school is closed **

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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

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