




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 1st July 2024** 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.



It's not long until our Summer Fete!
We can't wait to see you all on Saturday 22nd June 11:30am – 2pm

'Pick Your Own Prize' Raffle – Please don't forget to send in all your completed raffle tickets along with the payment. You can either pay by cash (please put this in a sealed envelope with the tickets and hand into the office) OR you can pay by bank transfer to our Fundraising Account (details below) If you choose to pay by bank transfer, please write this on the envelope your tickets are in and hand into the office.

Cullompton Preschool Fundraising Account
Account Number: 70644625
Sort Code: 20-30-47

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 22nd June.

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



Our graduation ceremony for children starting school in September is being held on Thursday 11th and Friday 12th 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 – We will be shortly taking Graduation Photos of all our school starter children. Proofs will be emailed to you in due course so keep an eye out for a cute photo! Once proofs have been emailed to you, order forms will be available in reception.

Session Fees - Please be aware that from the beginning of our Autumn Term (September 2024) our hourly rate for our fees will increase to £6.75.

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 the wooden unit under the window hatch). 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.



**Thank
You**

We'd like to say a big thank you to Lisa, the Tesco Community Champion for putting our name forward for receiving the Book Stall donations for the month of May. We have received an absolutely super amount of £360!



We had an amazing surprise last week of a very generous donation made to Preschool from the company Moose International. We would like to say a very big thank you to Skylar's grandparent for very kindly nominating us for the donation. The amount donated was a wonderful £300!

For our parents of current children and also parents of children that are due to start at Preschool in September, there is a private Facebook Group you can join that you might find useful.

Some of the Committee members are part of the group, so they might be able to let you know some information that you might need or answer some questions you might have (ie. days that Preschool is closed or when we reopen etc)

The link for the group is below and we hope you find it useful!

<https://www.facebook.com/share/AEtYegxQiBvUT2Jx/?mibextid=K35XfP>

Date	Details
Saturday 22 nd June 2024	SUMMER FETE
9 th July 2024	Teddy Bears Picnic at CCA Fields (Sun & Moon Groups)
Thursday 11 th and Friday 12 th July 2024	Graduation Ceremonies for School Starters
Monday 15 th July 2024	Last day of Summer Term
Thursday 5 th September 2024	First Day of Autumn Term
30 th September 2024 *** SAVE THE DATE ***	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



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'.