



Sarah Greenslade, Committee Chair

Committee News

Hello and a warm welcome back after the summer holidays for our new and returning families. I hope you had a lovely summer. We are really looking forward to an exciting term ahead, with lots of fun things planned for the children.

As it's a new school year, we will be holding our AGM or "Big Meeting" on Tuesday 26th September at 7:30pm in the hall. The Committee for the year ahead will be agreed at the AGM. If you would like to be a part of our committee, please do let us know. No experience is necessary, all we ask is you're keen to help support our lovely preschool. If you would like any further information, please email me at chair@comeytroveunderfives.co.uk
Best wishes Sarah



Staff News

We were sad to say goodbye to Sophie who has moved onto new ventures 'up North' We will miss her and would like to wish her every success in her move.

We are delighted that Amy will be staying with us as a fully qualified member of staff and has passed her Early Years qualification with distinctions across the board. Well done Amy!

We are also very excited to announce that Leanne is expecting her third baby which is due at the end of January. Leanne will be leaving for her maternity break at the end of the Autumn term.

Dates for your diary

26th September: The Big Meeting (our AGM)
7:30pm in the hall
27th September: Preschool Photographs
23rd - 27th October: CLOSED for Half Term
11th December: Christmas Entertainment
12th December: Christmas Party
15th December: End of Term
2nd January: Start of Spring Term

Weekly Preschool Activities

Muddy Mondays: Exciting Forest school session. Please pack warm clothes, wellies, and waterproofs for your child as we often get muddy!

Tuneful Tuesdays: Music Bugs visit us on Tuesday mornings providing sensory, play-based music and singing sessions, with lots of colourful props!

Workout Wednesdays: James the Sports Coach visits us on a Wednesday morning to get us moving with fun activities to help us stay fit and healthy!

Tasty Thursdays: On Thursdays, the Bears will be making tasty, healthy snacks with a wide variety of ingredients from the Fareshare Go Scheme.

Tuneful Thursdays: Music Bugs visit us for an afternoon session (see also Tuneful Tuesdays).

Fitness Fridays: James the Sports Coach visits us on a Friday morning to get us moving with fun activities to help us stay fit and healthy!

Clothing for Muddy Mondays

If your child attends Muddy Mondays please ensure they come to preschool wearing long sleeved tops and trousers/leggings. **Please Label all items brought to Preschool**

<https://www.nameitlabels.co.uk/>





Reminders!

30 Hours codes

The deadline for families to obtain their 30-hour codes for the Spring term is 31st December. Please note that codes issued after this date will not be valid until the summer term. To find out whether you are eligible, or to renew your code please visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk



Drop Off and Collection Times

Your drop off times are:

8:30am, 9am, 12pm and 1pm.

Your collection times are:

12pm, 1pm, 3:30pm and 4pm.

Please ensure you stick to these times, as dropping off/collecting at other times can be unsettling for our children. Thank you for your understanding.

Nappies, Wipes and Nappy sacks

We would like to remind you that if your child wears nappies, please ensure you provide sufficient nappies, wipes, and nappy sacks and a change of clothes in your child's bag in case of any accidents. **If your child no longer wears nappies, please still provide wipes and nappy sacks and a change of clothes for any accidents.**

Lunch boxes

A reminder to please **halve all cherry tomatoes and grapes lengthways**. Doing this dramatically reduces the risk of choking.

September 2024 School Admissions

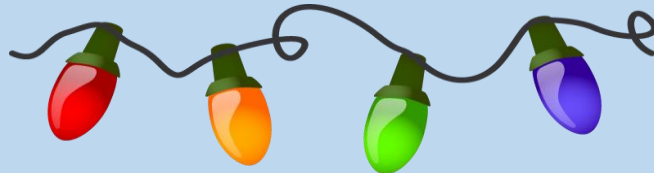
The online portal opens on 25th September for September 2024 Applications. **The deadline is 15th January 2024**

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/apply-to-start-school/>



Preschool Photos

Concept Photography are visiting preschool on Wednesday 27th September. All children are invited to have a photo taken, even if Wednesday is not their usual day at preschool. Siblings are welcome too if you would like to bring them along. The photos will be available in time for Christmas!



Christmas Party

The Christmas party will be taking place on **Tuesday 12th December 1 - 3pm**. If your child doesn't attend Preschool on a Tuesday, they are welcome to come to the party, however, we are sorry we are unable to accommodate any parents/carers or younger siblings. Preschool will provide food for the party lunch and enjoy a visit from Malcolm the Magician.



Christmas Entertainment

This year we are delighted to invite parents/carers and younger siblings to watch our Wiggley Nativity on **Monday 11th December** at 10am. We do hope you can join us for this exciting event.

Christmas Raffle

The committee are busy gathering some fantastic prizes for the Christmas Raffle to be held on **Monday 11th December** after the Nativity. Tickets will be coming home shortly. If you're able to contribute a prize, big or small, please email our fundraising lead at committee@cometroweunderfives.co.uk