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Children's Parties

We love to party at the Cake Box!
**We are a perfect venue for parties for
all ages and occasions**

Children's Birthday Parties * Hen Parties * Office Parties
Baby Shower Parties * Afternoon Tea Parties
Girl's or Men's Night Out Parties
Team Building Parties * Fund Raising Parties

Set in the pretty village of Hampton, *The Cake Box* is a friendly and inspiring party venue. Joanna and her team create a party experience for you that combines fun and friendship with the learning of new skills and the chance to achieve success in a short space of time.

Children's parties are our most often requested parties so to make it easy for you we have attempted to answer your most asked questions.

We look forward to seeing you soon!
Jo, Philip and Anna at *The Cake Box*

What does a party involve?

Your children will learn how to decorate cupcakes or cookies using a wide range of skills and techniques. The party will be in two sessions with a short break for a drink and homemade cookie in between. Our 1 hr parties include a slightly simpler second half activity. For children aged 3-5 we offer shorter Sticky Fingers Parties, please ask us for a separate brochure.

Do the children bake?

Our parties usually involve decorating cakes as more can be achieved in a shorter time, but we can include baking skills in our longer workshops and for older children.

What will the children take home?

The children will take home their beautifully decorated cakes and/or cookies which we will gift wrap for them. They will also be given a Cake Box certificate.

How long are your parties?

We run parties for 1hr, 1.5 hrs or 2hrs depending on the age of your children. Below is a general guide:

- 1 hour workshop suitable for 4-6 year olds
- 1.5 hour workshop suitable for 6-10 year olds
- 2 hour workshop suitable for 10-16 year olds
- 2.5 hour workshop suitable for 16-adults

How much do your parties cost?

Party prices in the shop:

- 1 hour workshop - £17.50 per head
- 1.5 hour workshop - £20.00 per head
- 2 hour workshop - £25 per head
- 2.5 hour workshop - £30 per head



Party prices in your own home or a venue of your choosing:

- 1 hour workshop - £20.00 per head
- 1.5 hour- £22.50 per head
- 2 hour workshop - £27.50 per head
- 2.5 hour workshop - £32.50 per head

NB: The difference in price covers packing, unpacking, travel time and petrol and an initial visit to your home to talk through space etc.

What is included for the price?

Tuition, refreshments, gift wrapped items children make, Cake Box certificate and tea and cakes for up to 4 attending adults (additional adults £3 per person) For older children we provide an optional handout pack. All these items are packaged in a white paper carry bag. If you wish to add small items to this party bag, we are happy with this, or you can provide your own party bags.

How many children can you cater for?

The price is per head is based on a min of 6 children. Less can come but we would ask you to pay for 6.

Within our opening hours of Mon-Friday 10.00-6.00 pm including school holidays we can take up to 12 children, but recommend 8-10 as an ideal number for this type of activity. We can also run parties in your own home or in a venue of your choice, where numbers can be more flexible.

Do you offer a party tea?

A party tea can be provided at a cost of £6-£8 a head. For details see below. You may also bring your own tea/food boxes at a cover charge of £2.00 per head. When writing your invitations, don't forget that having a tea will add 30 minutes to the length of the party. If bringing your own tea, you will also need to provide plates and napkins and drinks. You can reuse the cups we offer half time drinks in.



Party Menu 1 - Sandwich Tea

A selection of grated cheddar cheese, jam, ham or filling of your choice: 1.5 rounds per person

Crisps and mini cheese biscuits

Cucumber, grapes, carrot sticks, cherry tomatoes strawberries, 2 mini cupcakes each

Drinks:

Squash, fruit juice, milk & water. (Lemonade & cola on request)

Price: £6 per head

Additional or alternative items can be provided, price to be agreed.



Party Menu 2 - Pizza Tea

Pizza of your choice served hot, 3 slices per child

Garlic bread or dough balls

Grated carrot and cucumber salad

Ice cream of choice with chocolate sauce and fresh fruit salad

Drinks:

Squash, fruit juice, milk & water. (Lemonade & cola on request)

Price: £8 per head

Additional or alternative items can be provided, price to be agreed.



What about a birthday cake?



Well, of course we are the right people to ask! We can create you a cake at a special party rate. We also offer a cupcake and candle for £3, if you just want a token cake to sing happy Birthday to. You can also bring your own cake if you wish, for a charge of £3 to cover cutting and wrapping for you.

What party themes do you have?

Here are some ideas for you to choose from. Some of these ideas are best suited to cupcakes, some to cookies and some to both. If you want something slightly different, we are happy to discuss your ideas.

Teddy bears - Jungle animals - Transport - Cars and boats - Ballet underwater world - Mini-beasts - Dogs and cats - Robots and machines- Snowy princesses - Pirates - Farmyard animals - Space travel - Owls - Flowers and butterflies - Hedgehogs - Witches and wizards - Superheros - Alice in Wonderland - Ghosts and monsters - Unicorns and rainbows

How early do I need to book?

Our children's parties are very popular and weekend dates in particular get booked up in advance. If you are interested in booking a party it is sensible to pencil in your date as early as possible. To confirm and secure the booking we ask for a 50% deposit and will fill out a party planner sheet with you. This can be done in person or online. This party planner is vital to ensure that all details are clear so that everything runs smoothly on the day.

When do I have to pay?

50% Deposit to confirm booking, balance on the day of party.

How do I pay?

Payment can be made by card (including American Express), cash, cheque (subject to clearance) or online banking:

Account name: The Cake Box (Hampton) Ltd

Sort code: 20 38 83

Account number: 23 98 32 42

What other services can you offer?

We are happy to provide or source items such as balloons, flowers, party bag items and other services to make your party even more special. We can source personalised aprons for you. We have Cake box party invitations, either standard or personalised. Please ask us for details and pricing sheet for all these items.



What if numbers change?

- 1 weeks notice or more - no problem, up or down
- Less than 1 week's notice -if we have arranged staff and/or baked for the original numbers we may have to charge you for the full number should people pull out. We can usually add extra places if there is enough seating space, unless it is very short notice and we have already baked.

What happens if I have to cancel?

- 1 weeks notice or more - your deposit will be returned.
- Less than 1 weeks notice - a credit note for the deposit will be given to use for anything from *The Cake Box* within 2 months.
- If, due to unforeseen circumstances we have to cancel, a full refund will be given to you.

Looking after your children

Joanna is a trained early year's teacher and has a paediatric first aid certificate and an enhanced DBS clearance. We ensure that the staff levels match the age and needs of the children. For parties for 5-6 year olds we ask that a familiar adult stay on the premises at all times. We suggest that toilet trips are supervised by you/another parent. Older children can be left under our care. We ask for a list of children's names and any special needs or allergies and would ask that you have contact details of all parents with you. We have a child gate on the kitchen doorway.

When should we arrive on the day?

We suggest that the birthday family arrive about 10–15 minutes before the start time so that they can be there to welcome their guests. When inviting your guests, please make it clear that the party takes the form of a workshop which needs to start on time in order to finish on time. We have travel and parking information on our website. We are close to the Hampton Football club, where games start at 3.00pm on Saturday, so allow extra time for parking at this time. Older children can be dropped off outside the shop if parents are happy with this. There are no other parking restrictions on Saturday.



Thank you to our customers for their lovely comments

Kelly said: A HUGE thank you for the party this morning. As you know the birthday girl thoroughly enjoyed herself and was a keen teacher! All the parents have texted to say how impressed they were with the children's efforts and I know the children had a great time. Thank you as always for your time, patience and most importantly expertise! I would not hesitate to recommend the parties to anyone.

Chris said: Thank you so very much for making Dora's birthday as fantastic and as happy as it was. She was so happy and it was all exactly as she wanted it! The cake was perfect - everyone who tasted the cake complimented it and everyone who collected their children spoke highly of your business.

Trudy said: My daughter has just had her 5th birthday party at *The Cake Box*, and I can honestly say it's been a delight from start to finish. Jo is brilliant with the kids, so if you want a hassle-free chilled party idea, I can't recommend Jo at *The Cake Box* highly enough.

Other parties

Please ask for details of other types of parties we offer at *The Cake Box*