



Registered Charity No. 1169451

Eaton Socon Pre-School

A young persons dream

AUTUMN 2024



A huge welcome to all our new families and welcome back to our returning children and families. We hope you all had an enjoyable and restful summer.

The children are slowly settling into their rooms, we know this may be a difficult time for some children but please be assured we will call you during the session if your child does not settle. Attachment is important and once the children are settled everything else falls into place!

This newsletter will provide some useful information ready for a busy Autumn at pre-school.



Things to remember... Children will still play outdoors at pre-school even in cold and rainy weather, so please ensure they come to pre-school with appropriate clothing and wellies to keep them warm and dry.

And remember there will be lots of messy play, so if your child is not wearing our uniform, make sure they come to pre-school in clothes which you don't mind getting messy!

Please send your child to pre-school with a change of clothing in a named bag and wellies too. And please make sure all bags, clothes, wellies, shoes and any other belongings are labelled with your child's name.



Things to remember... If you are coming to pre-school by car, may we remind you to park with consideration for our neighbours and not park over driveways, on pavements or near road junctions. To minimise congestion and for your convenience the George and Dragon pub have kindly agreed to let parents and carers use their carpark.

Things to remember... Please speak directly to your child's key person if there are any changes which may affect your child, such as: allergies, medical issues, potty training, changes at home, contact details or child collection arrangements.



Tapestry... Have you logged onto Tapestry yet? This is a secure on-line portal which allows us to communicate about your child and their learning at pre-school, with weekly updates on activities and suggestions for related activities you can do to support your child at home. If you have not received your email with the tapestry link or you are having trouble logging in, please drop into the office and we will be happy to help you out.

Pre-School Lending Library... Look out for our book lending library! There is a selection of children's books for you to choose from and take home to share with your child. Our books will be available outdoors (under the canopy if it rains!) during drop off and collection time. Please show your child how to respect our books and handle them carefully and return them within 7 days to ensure other children have the opportunity to read these too.



There's more to see, please turn over...

Fees... Although we do try to keep our prices as low as possible it has been necessary to increase our fees this term. Half-day sessions are now £18 and full-day sessions are now £36. (£6/hour). Please ensure your fees are paid promptly before the end of each half term, either on-line or by cash. If you think you may be eligible for funding visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk to check and remember to renew your code when necessary.

Hot lunches... If your child is staying all day and would like a hot lunch, please ensure you book a lunch when you drop your child at pre-school or telephone the school office by 9:30am at the very latest. Please note, our hot lunch price has increased this term, but still excellent value at **£2.40**.

And packed lunches... If your child is bringing a packed lunch to pre-school, remember not to include sweets or chocolates, to cut small fruit lengthways (such as tomatoes and grapes) and remember, **NO nuts** (check the ingredients on shop bought items too)

Snack Time... We offer your children a healthy variety of seasonal fresh fruit, vegetables and other healthy snacks at each pre-school session.

So that we can continue to provide healthy snacks for your child during the sessions may we remind you to bring your **(half-termly) £10 snack donation** – this will really help us out given the rising cost of food. Please pay cash in a sealed envelope with your child's name or by bank transfer.

Dates for your diary...

AGM: Wednesday 6th November at 7:30pm Please come along and meet the trustees and find out how your pre-school runs.

Half term break: Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November (we will be closed for the week)

Parent Consultation Evening: Thursday 14th November 5:30pm – 9:00pm (booking details to follow nearer the time).

Leavers Christmas Concert: Tuesday 10th December from 1:30pm at St Mary's Church. Please note this event is only for the children and their families leaving to start school reception class next year.

Last day of Autumn Term: Thursday 19th December (last normal pre-school sessions on this day)

Reindeer Day: Friday 20th December All the children will have the opportunity to come into pre-school and meet Father Christmas and 'real' reindeers who will be visiting pre-school. (Please note there will be no usual sessions on this day and parents/carers will need to stay with their child during their child's allocated visit time)

Finally... We hope the time spent at Eaton Socon Pre-School is a positive one, please do not hesitate to drop into the office if you have any questions or concerns. I am here every day and happy to help.

Caroline Allanson
Pre-School Manager

