



Registered Charity No. 1169451

# Eaton Socon Pre-School

A young persons dream

**OCTOBER 2024**

This newsletter is just a quick update on what we've been up to this term and a few important reminders for you. The children are busy enjoying lots of Autumn activities. We have been talking about the changes in the season and 100 pumpkins have been delivered here for the children to explore.

**Hold your child's hand...** Please be sure to hold your child's hand on the way in and out of pre-school - as you know the road outside can often become busy and congested with traffic and parked vehicles



**Speed Restrictions...** If you are driving to and from pre-school, please may we remind you to drive and park with care and consideration. Please be aware 20mph speed restrictions are now in place in Queens Gardens



**Wellies...** If your child wears wellington boots on the way to Pre-School, please ensure they have some other footwear to change into for indoor play.



## A few things you may not know about us...

- Our Pre-School team is made up of 26 members of staff - 95% of them work here full-time.
- All (100%) of our staff are trained in paediatric first aid.
- 95% of the staff are qualified in Early Years.
- We have been operating as a pre-school for nearly 40 years.
- We are a registered charity (charity number 1169451),
- We are a CIO; this means no-one owns us and takes any profit from the pre-school. Once our operating costs are paid (including for example, electricity and staff wages) all monies are ploughed back into the pre-school - with money spent on resources for the children.
- Our purpose-built building belongs to Eaton Socon Pre-School (we have no loans or mortgage)
- We don't tell parents/carers which or how many pre-school sessions they can have
- We now have an Instagram account linked to our Facebook account.



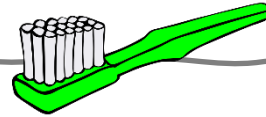
**Hand Foot and Mouth Infection...** Over the last couple of weeks, we have received a number of confirmed cases of hand foot and mouth within our pre-school. Hand foot and mouth is highly contagious. If you suspect your child has hand foot and mouth you must not bring your child to pre-school. Our policy is that children with hand foot and mouth infection should not return to pre-school until the blisters have all dried up – this usually takes about 5 days.

**There's more to read please turn over...**



**Don't forget to apply for your child's school place...** If your child is 4-years old or will be turning 4 before the end of August 2025 you will need to apply for a school reception place. The deadline for applying is 15<sup>th</sup> January for further information visit [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

**Tooth brushing...** Sunflower and Poppy rooms will be taking part in an oral health initiative next half term and the children in these rooms should have received a letter from us with further information. **Please ensure the permission reply slip is returned to us as soon as possible** so that we can order the toothbrushes and plan our learning activities.



### Dates for your diary...



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

**AGM: Our AGM will be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30pm** Please come along and meet the trustees and find out a little more about how your pre-school runs.

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

### More dates for your diary...



**Leavers Christmas Concert: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Children's Christmas Parties** will be held throughout the last week of the term (during week commencing Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December) more information will be given nearer the date)

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

**Reindeer Day: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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)

**Any Finally...** We always strive to improve our setting and value your comments and suggestion. If you have any comments to make or bright ideas, please take a suggestions form from the box in the office entrance hall.

