



Registered Charity No. 1169451

Eaton Socon Pre-School

A young persons dream

AUTUMN 2022



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.

This newsletter will provide some useful information ready for a busy Autumn at pre-school. Please remember, Caroline, the Pre-School Manager is available should you have any concerns or worries, or if you are in need of support or advice.

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 to keep them warm and dry.

Please send your child to pre-school with a change of clothing in a named bag.

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!

Don't forget wellies – and make sure they are labelled with your child's name too!

Don't forget a hat and sun cream for sunny days.

Please make sure you label all your child's clothing and any other belongings they bring to pre-school.

If your child is still in nappies, please can you send nappies to pre-school with your child, in a named bag.



Tapestry... Have you registered with Tapestry yet? Tapestry is a secure on-line portal which allows us to communicate about your child and their learning at pre-school. 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.

Once a week you will receive a picture/update of something your child has achieved or worked at. Also once a week you will receive a message to let you know what activities your child will have access to during the following week and learning intention will be attached to the activities. There will also be suggestions of activities you can do at home to support your child in this area of learning.

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

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 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.



Hot lunches...

If your child is staying all day and would like a hot lunch (supplied by Bushmead Primary School), please ensure you book a lunch when you drop your child at pre-school or telephone the school office by 9:30am at the latest.

Hot lunches cost £2.30 each day. Please see the attached lunch menu.

You must pre-pay for the lunch, either in advance or on the day, either on-line or by cash to a member of staff when you drop off your child in the morning.

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 in lengthways such as tomatoes and grapes and remember NO nuts (check the ingredients on shop bought items too)

Keeping hydrated...

We understand the importance of keeping children well hydrated and we always ensure they have access to drinking water throughout the session. Children are encouraged to help themselves to a drink of water as often as possible and will be reminded to do so throughout the session. Please send your child to pre-school with a named water bottle (to be kept in pre-school) so that the child can more easily access water during the session. Ensure their bottle is named with a waterproof label (or a sharpie) so that staff may wash and refill the bottle.



Fees... Fees are charged each half term, please pay them promptly before the end of the half term. Please pay on-line remembering to reference your payment with your child's first initial and surname. And remember if you are using a 30 Hour Code for free childcare please ensure you renew your code when necessary.

Uniform

Uniform is not compulsory, but many children do wear our uniform. If you would prefer your child not to wear the uniform, please ensure they are wearing clothes which you are happy for them to get messy.

Uniform is available to purchase online or at the pre-school office. Please check our website for current prices.

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Pre-School Book 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 return your book within 7 days to ensure other children have the opportunity to read these stories too.

Please show your child how to respect our books and handle them carefully.



Coat Exchange

We will be introducing a children's coat exchange. You will find a rack with hangers near to the office entrance. If you have any coats, that are still in good condition, but no longer fit your child please consider passing them to us – just hang them up on the rack.

If you see a coat that may be suitable for your child you are welcome to take it away so that the life of the coat may be prolonged!

Medical Updates

If there has been any change in the medical information you provided about your child when they joined us (either on your registration form or other information provided to your key person, please let your key person know immediately. You will be asked to complete an update form to ensure that all staff are made aware of important medical conditions, for example any new allergies.

Illness

As you know illnesses spread very quickly in early years settings. If your child is unwell, please keep them at home. If your child has diarrhoea or sickness, they must stay away for 48 hours from their last incident of diarrhoea or sickness. Please contact the pre-school office to let us know you child is unwell and will not be attending.

AGM Note for your diary... the Pre-School AGM will take place on Wednesday 9th November 2022 at 7:30pm. Please come along and find out all about how our pre-school runs.

