



Registered Charity No. 1169451

# Eaton Socon Pre-School

A young persons dream



## SUMMER 2023



Here we are at the end of another busy and very successful year. Pre-school is running at full capacity and has a waiting list for new children, so if you have siblings due to start with us in the coming year, please register them as soon as possible.

As you know we continually strive to offer outstanding care and education for our children and to help support our families too. Family support is provided through a range of means, such as helping families in need with emergency food supplies and clothes, supporting parents suffering from mental health and sponsoring children to attend pre-school and provide a hot lunch when family finances are stretched.

We continually look for ways to improve our setting and to enrich the children's learning and experience at pre-school by continuing to update and invest in new equipment and resources and offering an amazing range of activities for the children.

Wherever possible we try to keep costs for our families at a minimum, for example, our recent trip to Wimpole (which took over 300 children and parents/carers for a day out) was provided at a hugely discounted price. We also have a number of visitors attend throughout the year to enrich our curriculum and this is usually provided without any extra charge to our parents and carers.

We believe our high adult: child ratio at our pre-school (which is above government recommendations) enables us to prioritise safety at pre-school and provide a wider range of tailored activities by qualified staff.

Goodbyes....

Sadly, after over 26 years working at Eaton Socon Pre-School, we say a sad farewell to Diane our Sendco and Deputy Manager. Diane has been here through thick and thin, helping to support many families with children with additional needs, helping them to reach their full potential and securing places for them at their next provision. Diane was an integral part of setting up the new pre-school, interviewing new staff and supporting every part of the smooth running of the pre-school. Diane will be very much missed by us all.

This term we will also say goodbye to Sarah, a valued colleague who has been working at our pre-school with children and families for nearly 5 years. Sarah is looking to move onto a new challenge and we wish her well.

We will also be sad to see our older children leave us to begin school in September (where did that time go!) and we will be holding a party for those children on Friday this week. We wish all of our children leaving us a happy and successful move to their new settings.



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



Well done to those children who joined our sunflower growing competition and thank you for sending in photographs of your sunflowers – Congratulations to Ellie-Mae and Joshua (in Sunflower Room) who grew the biggest sunflowers – a prize is on the way!

Please may we remind you, this term our last pre-school sessions will be tomorrow, **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July**. Next week staff will be busy at pre-school meeting new parents at home-visits and preparing for the new children who will be joining us in September.

The year ahead.....

Planning for the coming September began way back in the winter months, to ensure we are ready to welcome our new children and those children returning to us for another year.

Due to some staff changes we have made some slight adjustments to our structure; our senior leadership structure is now as follows:

*Manager – Caroline Allanson*

*Deputy Manager Wendy Humphreys*

*Deputy & SendCo – Maddy Wyse*

*Deputy & Curriculum lead - Debbyanne Lydon*

*Senior Room Leaders (Sunflower Room) Jo Childerley & Kerry-Ann Adams*

*Senior Room Leaders (Poppy Room) Lynne Kidd & Jess Kennedy*

*Senior Room Leaders (Daisy Room) Jo Arkley & Wendy Bonnyman*

And finally...

We thank you all for your continued support and your recommendations for improving our setting; this week we (the Manager and Kathryn, the Chair of Trustees) have been looking through some of the parent survey questionnaires you kindly returned to us. We are not content to stand still, and your feedback allows us to improve our setting, we have already discussed and are considering implementing some of your suggestions.

We grow by word of mouth and do not advertise our pre-school, so please keep our name out there to you friends and family.

Pre-School will re-open for the Autumn term on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September**. In the meantime, we wish you all a happy, healthy and safe summer break – our pre-school team are looking forward to returning to pre-school in September, happy and refreshed and ready to welcome everyone back.

