



Registered Charity No. 1169451

Eaton Socon Pre-School

A young persons dream

December 2024



With Autumn Term drawing to a close and Christmas fast approaching the children have been very busy at pre-school and there are lots more exciting things going on and lots of information to share with you.

We break up for Christmas on **Thursday 19th December**, but please remember to drop in at pre-school on **Friday 20th December** to **visit Santa and our (real life) reindeer**.

We hope you all have an enjoyable break and look forward to seeing you again in January when we re-open for the Spring Term on **Tuesday 7th January 2025**.



Save the Children Christmas

Jumper Day will be held during the last week of term. Your child may wear a Christmas (or brightly coloured) jumper to pre-school in return for a small donation. If you would like to help support this worthy cause, please put your donation in our collection bucket.



Save the Children

Christmas Grand Prize Draw... Tickets are now on sale. Please buy your tickets when you drop off or collect your child - tickets are **£1 each**. The amazing Christmas hamper (kindly donated by the pre-school staff) and other gifts and vouchers (donated by the community) will be drawn on **Monday 16th December at 12:00 noon**.



Children's Christmas Parties... During the last week of term (**Monday 16th - Thursday 19th December**) there will be parties for the children during their pre-school sessions and Mr Piccolo will be coming into pre-school to share more music with the children. Please take a food sticker off the board by the gate and provide a shop-bought pre-packed food donation for the children to share at the parties. Please remember no nuts or products containing nuts and check the food packaging for use by dates.



Reindeer Day... Please be sure to drop in and visit us at pre-school on **Friday 20th December**. There will be no normal pre-school sessions on this day (last normal sessions are on the Thursday) but we invite your child and their family to come to pre-school to visit real reindeers in the outdoor garden. Please visit during the times below so that we are not too busy and congested at any one time.

** Daisy Room children from 9am-10am ** Poppy Room children from 10am-11am ** Sunflower Room children from 11am-12noon



There will be complimentary hot chocolate and mince pies, lots of activities for your child to do and even an appearance from Santa! We hope you can join us to treat the children and celebrate with us at the end of term.

Make sure to wrap up warm when you visit and treat yourself to our lovely complimentary "Snowman Soup" (hot chocolate) drink and a mince pie while you wait!



Christmas Lunch... Please remember, if your child would like a hot Christmas lunch, you will need to place your order by Friday morning this week.

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

Road Safety... Please may we remind you to park with care and consideration for the safety of our children. We have noticed some vehicles are still double parking, parking on the junction and on pavements. Thank you for your consideration. And remember parking is available at the George and Dragon Pub and on Regents Close behind the pre-school.



Leavers Concert... Remember our carol concert takes place on Tuesday 10th December at St Mary's Church (for families of our older children starting reception class next September)



School Application Deadline... If your child is turning 4 years old before the end of August 2025 you will need to apply for a school reception class place. If you have not already done so, please be aware the deadline is **15th January 2025**. For more information and to apply, visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions



Snack Donation...

Please help us to continue to provide healthy and varied snacks for your children. If you have not already done so this half-term, we would very much appreciate your £10 donation

Free Childcare... Don't forget, if you are a working family and qualify for an additional **15 hours extended/expanded free childcare** next term, you must apply or revalidate your code on the government website and let us know your code by the deadline on **Thursday 19th December**. Please be aware failure to do so may result in the loss of your free extended/expanded hours in January.

Dates for your diary...

Tuesday 7th January: we re-open for the spring term

Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February: closed for the half term break

Friday 4th April: last day of term before the Easter break

Monday 7th April – Tuesday 22nd April: closed for the Easter break

Wednesday 23rd April: we re-open for the summer term.

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. Please telephone the pre-school on 01480 406047 or email info@eatonsoconpre-school.co.uk or drop into the pre-school office. If you are struggling to make ends meet, please speak to Caroline who can issue you with a food bank voucher.

Christmas break... Our last pre-school sessions will take place on Thursday 19th December and we re-open on **Tuesday 7th January**.

And finally... We wish you all a happy and healthy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all again next term.

