## Letter to our families - November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to say a big thank you to Caroline, our Chair, who is sadly stepping down after many years of supporting the Pre-School and team. We will miss her very much and can't thank her enough for all her hard work and dedication! Caroline, please come back and visit us! Thank you also to Rachel Grindrod for being our amazing treasurer for the last few years, you have done an amazing job! Thank you for all your hard work and support. We wish you and your family all the best in your new home.

Following on from this, I would like to welcome Will and James to our Committee team. Will is our new Chair and James is going to be the new treasurer, alongside Rebecca. Thank you so much for joining us, we are looking forward to working with you.

Please see below a message from Will Reeves, introducing himself so you know a bit about him.

Please also find attached the latest newsletter from our Committee.

Best wishes, Sally and The Pre-School Team

My name is Will Reeves and I am delighted to introduce myself to you all as the new Chair of Middle Barton Pre-School.

I hope to bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the setting. I aim to support and challenge Sally and the Pre-school team, ensuring they provide the best possible start for our children.

On a personal level, I have two children, one of whom is attending the Pre-School currently, and a newborn. We have lived in the village for just over two years and have felt the community aspect hugely since our arrival. For example, last year I ran the London Marathon to raise money for the local playgroup, Busy Bees.

From a professional viewpoint, I am currently the Headteacher of a large local primary school. My school also merged with a local Pre-School, which has allowed me to go out and observe a range of good practice from early years settings.

In addition to this, I run NPQ (National Professional Qualifications) courses and work as a curriculum advisor for a number of schools. This includes Pre-School curriculums.

Previously, I have worked in teaching for a number of years, as well as working in a Special Needs base and a Therapeutic care home. All of which have shaped me to become the leader I am today.

I feel that rural communities like ours should collaborate as much as possible to ensure that all amenities thrive as much as they can. This community spirit is something I really aim to enable the staff to provide the best possible care and education for our children.

I look forward to getting to know you all and working closely with the Pre-School team.

Will