

AGM: July 2021

Chairpersons Report July 2021

Hello everyone, for those of you that don't know me, I'm Vanessa and this is my third year as Chairperson of the committee. I joined the committee in October last year and became the Chairperson in January 2019.

For those who are new to preschool, we are a charity and as such, are managed by a committee of volunteers who become the trustees of the charity, and collectively take on the role of the Ofsted 'registered person'. We help with the running of the preschool as well as the fundraising events, which I'm sure you are all aware of!

The resources you see around you when dropping and collecting your children, inside and outside the preschool have been bought with funds raised at these events - from our Christmas and Summer fairs, the sponsored bounce and dress up days. However due to the unfortunate COVID-19 pandemic we have been unable to plan any fundraising events. Every penny of funds raised goes on new equipment, toys and resources to benefit the children - so thank you for supporting us so generously. We are very sad this year that we have had to miss out on our two biggest fundraising events! However, we have still been able to offer a raffle which luckily brought in some fundraising money and we've been awarded a couple of local grants which have enabled us to update the inside and outside area of the preschool. We are really excited to continue our chances into the next school year, keeping our focus on becoming an Eco school.

We've been really lucky to have had lots of children during the last year, and mornings in particular, have been busy, while still maintaining a good staff/children ratio; which allows the staff to offer good quality of care. Since September last year we have actually changed the ratio of children to staff to make their time spent with your children even more effective. We found during covid that children and staff were a lot happier on a small ratio and found there was more time to spend with each child. With this in mind, we reduced our numbers per session. We are still continuing with this coming into September, trying to keep number low so we can make sure all our children and staff are kept safe and well. We are lucky in that we have very good staff retention - lots of

these wonderful people have been here for a number of years, and we're very grateful for their hard work. We have been sad to say goodbye to one member of staff this year and we have made the decision not to replace her!

Caz took over as Preschool Manager last year and has taken to the role exceptionally. She along with all the staff has turned the preschool into such a wonderful setting with lovely play areas. We have designed a brand-new website, updated our logo and created a new clothing line! All of which we are so excited about!

Last year has been very different for us all but I think you will all agree that we have smashed it, the kids have done amazingly as have the staff and all parents! We hope things will get easier come September!

I'd like to thank all the staff for their continued support and hard work over the year! It really doesn't go unnoticed.

I'd like to thank the committee for all their hard work over this year. Collectively, the whole committee put in many hours to support the preschool with both fundraising and many other things. We are lucky that we have lots of support from the committee members, their partners and families and all the other parents who help out without being part of the committee. So, thank you to everyone.

As I mentioned previously, the preschool is a registered charity run by a voluntary committee of parents, and we have to abide by certain legal requirements. The way we run ourselves is governed by our Constitution. We have a committee of up to 12 parent's which include the named roles we legally must have; a Chairperson, Treasurer and a Secretary. We depend on the support of our parents, and other family members volunteering, as without a management committee the pre-school would have to close. New members are always welcome, especially as lots of our members are stepping down this year. If anyone is interested in joining, please do let me know, or if you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask!

One of the other criteria we have to meet is to hold this AGM to elect a new committee. Each year the current committee stands down and a new committee are re-elected. You as parents decide who is on your committee and you are all entitled to vote. The first thing we do is to dissolve the current committee. I would

then read out who is willing to stand on the committee and ask for hands in the air from you to vote them in.

We will then arrange a committee meeting within the next few weeks.

Our current committee as of July 2021 is as follows;

Election of Committee:

Current committee stand:

Vanessa (Committee Chair)

Hannah

Carly Kelly

Chloe Porter

Jessica

Rebecca

Vicki

This is our current new committee. If you are interested in joining our current committee, please message me on 07730684177 for more information!

Thank you again for taking your time to read over this!

We hope to have a successful year ahead!

Vanessa

Chairperson