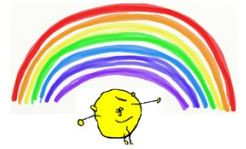


NORTHWAY PRE-SCHOOL PLAYSCHOOL



Celebrating 50 years ☺ 1973-2023

Virginia road
Northway
Tewkesbury
Glos
GL20 8PT

Telephone: 01684 276040
1003986

Reg. Charity No:

101573

Website: www.northwayplaygroup.co.uk

Ofsted Reg. No:

E mail: northwaypreschoolplaygroup@googlemail.com

28 November 2024

Allison Booth Chair's Report, Northway Preschool Playgroup: Academic Year 23/24

Welcome to our Annual General Meeting.

It is such a privilege to be part of our Playgroup community, particularly as we mark our 50th anniversary year. In preparation for the AGM, I thought about just how many hundreds of children and parents that have been helped and supported across those 50 years and it is both staggering and truly awesome. I can't even attempt to work out how many staff and trustees there have been, but without us all there wouldn't be a Playgroup – ladies take a moment to be proud of yourselves for all those children past, present and future you help shape, positively influence and prepare for future schooling and wider society. I am pleased to say that the children had a party to mark the anniversary and that money from our fundraising activities this year was used to purchase much needed new bikes.

On behalf of the trustees, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff for an amazing year. We know that, each year, you all have overcome the inevitable and often very different challenges that early year's provision throws at you and that, once again, you have successfully delivered high-quality services that are valued by the community we serve. I continue to be deeply impressed by the results you achieve through your professionalism, enthusiasm and commitment to making the Playgroup a supportive, nurturing and fun environment. Whilst the on-going success of Playgroup is due to a whole team effort, without Joyce's effective leadership, drive and determination the playgroup would not be in such a strong position. As always, she is skilfully supported by Dawn and Leslie and, as a team, they plan the delivery of our services and a creative and appealing curriculum to meet the EYFS requirement. They also ensure that they provide additional and tailored support, as required to meet the needs of the children (and their parents) throughout the entire year, including preparing the relevant documentation to support those children in the next stages of their education. As part of our role to ensure the effectiveness of the Playgroup, the Trustees receive a report from the session managers on the theme of each term and we regularly review anonymised data to ensure progress in line with our expectations. I

am delighted to report that overall, the children continue to make good progress but where necessary, the staff can explain where progress is not as expected and detail what interventions are in place to support those children.

This academic year has seen the introduction of the 15 hours for working parents and has gone some way to ensuring that both rooms have been busy across the year. In addition, Kidz club continues to thrive and is pretty much full all of the time, including during the school holidays where we attract children from other settings within Tewkesbury. Feedback from the children and parents continue to be excellent and demonstrates that it is a much-valued service. With this endorsement, Joyce successfully applied for a grant for the provision of additional wrap around care which will benefit our families.

Joyce continues to champion the needs of our SEND children and this year following a letter from the Director of Education she wrote to challenge their lack of funding for SEND, citing that it was in effect discriminating against these children and at odds with their drive for inclusivity. Whilst this unfortunately didn't result in any additional funding, it spurred her on to look creatively how we could provide the opportunity for learning. As a result, the planning for the little cubs group in September started. Her dedication to providing the support to all of our children and parents is truly inspiring, thank you Joyce, I know you will never give up fighting for what you believe is right.

There have been big changes this year within our schools, with Carrant Brook joining the GLA in May and then Northway Infants joining in September. As always, Joyce puts the needs of the community as the overriding priority and has been working to develop a good working relationship with the leadership of the GLA. It is obvious that they are keen to work with us and all indications suggest this will be a very collaborative partnership.

Technology is an essential part of our daily lives and the vast majority of business rely on it to support the delivery of their services. Therefore, when we had technical issues at the end of the summer term it was particularly alarming for Joyce as she was preparing for the new academic year. We would like to say a massive thank you to Dawn and her partner Selwyn, who went way above and beyond to sort out the issue. We deeply appreciate all your time and effort and are immensely grateful for your support.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow trustees for giving their time and their continued support to the Playgroup. Without you, we would not be able to continue to run as a charity and be able to continually reinvest in the services we provide to, and are needed by, our community.

I look forward to another great year for Playgroup.

Allison

Financial report
Academic year 2023/2024

Presented to the AGM of Northway pre-school playgroup and kidz club

Charity number 1003986

Charity Trustees for financial year 2023/2024

Chairperson – Mrs Allison Booth

Treasurer Mrs Sam Morgan

Secretary - Mrs Carly Cooke

Ms Juliet Sherwood

Mrs Kirsty Pritchard

Mrs Joanne Chew

.....

Details of fees

Pre school £4.50

Nursery £4.50

Springboard £4.50

Kidz club £4.50

We are a registered charity with the Charities commission for England and Wales. It is a requirement of all charities with an income over £10k per annum that their accounts are subjected to an independent audit once a year. The appointed examiner for this financial period was Mr Gary Crump and company and his signed examination statement is enclosed with this report. The report is copied to the Charity commission and Gloucestershire PATA.

.....

General overview of the year

We set a deficit budget at the beginning of the year in the knowledge that the Government would be delivering 2 year old funding for working parents. Our forecast is based on actual numbers at the beginning of the year but we know these numbers will rise throughout the year. This is monitored very closely and at the midway point we gauge an updated forecast which this year reduced the deficit significantly. This deficit was further impacted by additional children after Easter and a payment from yet another underspend in Early years by GCC.

By the end of the year we had made a profit of **£17,246.00** which was amazing.

This is our first profit in 3 years.

On the basis of the above information I am happy to submit this report to the AGM

Name.....

Official position.....

Signature.....



Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of

Charity Name

NORTHWAY PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

On accounts for the year ended

310724

Charity no (if any)

N/A

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below):

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed

G Crump

Date

27-11-2024

Name

GRAY CRUMP

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any)

FCCA

Address

Holberton & Co Ltd

Nortonbury House

37 High Street

Tewkesbury

Glos GL20 5BB

Tel: 01684 296875

Email: lee@holbertonandco.co.uk

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems

Give here brief details of any items that the
examiner wishes to disclose

TO BE RETAINED BY THE SETTING

Charity name:

Charity number:

NORTHWAY PRE-SCHOOL PLAYERS

N/A

Receipts and payments accounts for the period

Period start date.....

Period end date.....

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RECEIPTS	Previous year		Current year	
	£	p	£	p
Nursery Education Funding (Free for 3&4)	134	421	203	156
Nursery Education Funding (New for 2)				
Children's fees	81	266	59	530
Milk refund				
Grants (specify) <u>GCC</u>	17	757		
Grant <u>Apprenticeship</u>				
Grant				
Fundraising	5	353	3	351
Donations				
Interest	84		3	16
Other receipts	8	99	10	936
Sub total	239	780	277	289
Income from the sale of equipment				
TOTAL RECEIPTS	(A)	239780	277289	

PAYMENTS	Previous year		Current year	
	£	p	£	p
Employment costs (gross pay + employer's NIC)	216	529	222	151
Training costs	2	344	6	50
Premises (rent, heat etc)				
Subscriptions				
Insurance	4	406	2	464
Administration	4	072	4	220
Refreshments	6	38	6	50
Consumables (paint, paper etc)	10	262	14	381
Fundraising costs	2	933	2	064
Other	13	809	5	350
Sub total	254	993	251	930
Purchases of of equipment and other assets			8	113
TOTAL PAYMENTS	(B)	254993	260043	

NET OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS	(A-B=C)	-15213		+17246
Cash funds* incl. deposit a/c last year end	(D)	127212		162004
Cash funds* incl. deposit a/c this year end	(C+D)	162004		179250

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

*Note: cash funds include reserve/contingency/deposit accounts.

	Current value	
	£	p
Cash funds (agree with the balance of the receipts and payments a/c)	(E)	179250
Debtors (money owed to the charity on the period end date)	(F)	NIL
Value of buildings and equipment (current or depreciated value)	(G)	NIL
Liabilities (loans and any other money owed on the period end date)	(H)	NIL
Net assets	(E-F+G-H)	179250

Signed on behalf of the trustees (committee):

Signed.....Name.....Role.....

Date.....

