



## Annual AGM Chairs Report 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022

Well, here we are again at another AGM! Where has this last year gone? Once again, we have had another challenging, eventful but rewarding year with Preschool. There have been many changes again this year but Preschool has continued to offer an amazing service for our families and children and this has been down to the hard work and dedication of the staff and committee members.

This year has been the first full year without a lockdown since the Pandemic began and we are so grateful that Preschool has been able to run as normal since the last AGM. However, it has not been without its challenges. The overhanging impact of COVID took a hit on our finances and unfortunately, we saw preschool record a loss at the end of the financial year. The committee, along with support from Debbie and Michelle, made the decision to raise fees in January to stabilise the accounts. To also support with this, the committee has been dedicated to organising and arranging fundraising opportunities.

In July, the committee organised a successful Picnic in the park. This was an opportunity for families to meet and get together and for the committee to raise the profile for what we do. It was a much needed social event after such a long time and was gratefully received by the families. The Halloween trail went ahead again this year and was once again a huge success. (I think we can safely say this is now an established annual event!) In December, the Christmas raffle and the Santa Round the Village events also raised some much needed funds. Other fundraising opportunities came about during the Easter bonnet parade, the chocolate tombola at the Well Dressing afternoon tea, and the teddy tombola at the Richmond Easter Fayre.

Recently, the committee arranged a family Disco at the Memorial Hall. This was a hugely successful event, which was very well attended, and the feedback was very positive. Further fundraising events planned for this year include the annual Well Dressing event, which has been sorely missed for the last 2 years, and which Preschool are one of 2 charity beneficiaries.

The funds raised have been used to purchase much needed resources and give the children some wonderful experiences. These have included having visitors come in to Preschool, performances by Jeffrey Jumper, opportunities to visit local amenities and new toys and games for indoors and outdoors. It has also been used to fund an upcoming day trip to Twycross Zoo, which I know the children will love very much. I hope that next year the committee can continue their work and are able to run even more fundraising events.

The relaxation of COVID restrictions also meant that Preschool was able to put on their nativity performance to a well-attended audience and it was wonderful to see the children performing so well. I think we can all agree that it was amazing to finally have the opportunity to see our little ones make us so proud up on the stage! The Easter Bonnet parade was also well

received and a wonderful event. We look forward to more of these opportunities in the coming weeks with the upcoming sports day and leavers concerts that are planned.

I have to say that these events would not have occurred without the hard work of the Preschool staff. I think we can all agree that Preschool would not be as special as it is without the dedication, commitment and enthusiasm of all of them. This year we have had a new member of staff join the team. Kim was successfully appointed this year and has fitted into the preschool team extremely well. She is a welcome addition and someone who also has added new ideas to the already skilled and experienced staff. Unfortunately, we also had to say goodbye to Jasmine as she took on a job, which I understand she is thoroughly enjoying.

At this point, I would like to say a massive thank you to all the staff for providing the most amazing experience to the young people who attend both Preschool and Breakfast Club. You all do such a wonderful job in looking after the children, keeping them safe, making them happy and giving them so many brilliant experiences, which contribute to their development. A particular mention for Jane, who manages Preschool with such professionalism and her love for Preschool and the children shines through each day. Also to Vanessa for her dedication and enthusiasm and for all the extra effort that she puts into making Preschool special. To Michelle and Debbie for their continued hard work and support to the children, parents, staff and of course to the committee and myself. Also to Emma, Bev, Kim and Louise for showing such positivity and love for the children and giving them the best start in their developmental journey possible.

I also need to mention, with great sadness, that we will lose a very much loved and appreciated staff member at the end of this academic year. Louise has handed in her notice as she intends to take on new challenges. Her passion and experience will be greatly missed within Preschool but I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for everything she has done for Preschool over the years and wish her every success in the future.

I would also like to thank all of the committee for their support and commitment throughout the past 12 months. It has been another eventful year with many challenges but has also been another successful one for many reasons. I would like to pay particular mentions to our Secretary, Sarah Butler and Treasurer, Lydia Grayston who have both been amazing in supporting me and being dedicated in their role. To everyone on the committee, you have all been amazing and have put in so much effort and support and it is very much appreciated.

For me personally this year has once again been a big challenge as chair, with some big decisions to be made but also some exciting new ideas that have introduced too. I have been part of the committee now for 4 years and chair for three of these. I have enjoyed every minute of this experience (even in those busier times!) and I have been so grateful to work with such supportive people whom I can call 'friends'. With my youngest son leaving Preschool this year, I feel it is the right time for me to step down from the committee and allow a new team to take over. I will always be grateful for the experience and the support of everyone involved at Preschool.

Finally, I would like to wish the new committee every success for the upcoming year. There are already many new exciting plans, including the introduction of an after school club. I am confident that this will be a huge success and will be an asset to Preschool and the community. I know that you are going to do a great job and Preschool is in safe hands!

Aston-on-Trent Preschool is and will always be a true asset to our village!

*Natasha Thompson*

Chair of Aston-On-Trent Preschool

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## **ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**

**Fiscal Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

## **CERTIFICATES**

The attached statements have been prepared from the accounting records of Aston on Trent Pre-school, and, to the best of our knowledge and belief, are in accordance therewith.

Prepared by Lydia R Grayston, Treasurer of Aston on Trent Pre-school

Signed

Date

Examined and approved by Andrew Easter, CGMA

Signed



Date

26/1/2023

## Aston on Trent Preschool 2022 Accounts Report

Income and Expenditure Account  
For the year ending 31st March 2022

	2022	2021
<b>INCOME</b>		
Government Funding	£61,051.72	£74,305.00
Fees	£53,463.57	£25,653.00
Fundraising	£2,699.74	£3,386.00
Donations	£184.50	£423.00
Interest	£1.77	£18.00
Furlough	£0.00	£15,233.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>£117,401.30</b>	<b>£119,018.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Salaries & HMRC	£105,864.51	£99,135.00
Permanent Educational	£1,725.57	£1,296.00
Hall Rent	£7,260.00	£6,770.00
Sundries	£1,199.98	£1,793.00
Refreshments	£796.35	£805.00
Insurance	£1,132.06	£960.00
Fundraising	£570.59	£357.00
Craft One Time Educational	£944.68	£740.00
Employers Pension Contribution	£3,736.19	£3,363.00
Administration	£607.02	£617.00
Subscriptions	£2,579.73	£1,089.00
Maintenance and Repairs		£460.00
COVID 19 Expenses	£207.52	£432.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£126,624.20</b>	<b>£117,817.00</b>
<b>NET INCOME (EXPENDITURE)</b>	<b>-£9,222.90</b>	<b>£1,201.00</b>
<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>		
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Bank	£8,784.07	£17,828.00
COIF	£15,618.41	£15,618.00
Cash	£229.41	£56.00
Fundraising	£3,064.99	£3,419.00
	<b>£27,696.88</b>	<b>£36,921.00</b>
<b>RETAINED EARNINGS</b>		
Opening Balance	£36,921.00	£35,720.00
Net Income (Expenditure) for the year	-£9,222.90	£1,201.00
	<b>£27,698.10</b>	<b>£36,921.00</b>