

ICKFORD PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP INCORPORATING AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

England & Wales · Charity number 1036452

Details

Other names ICKFORD PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1994-04-20

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO ENHANCE THE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN UNDER STATUTORY SCHOOL AGE BY ENCOURAGING PARENTS TO UNDERSTAND AND PROVIDE FOR THE NEEDS OF THEIR CHILDREN THROUGH COMMUNITY GROUPS

Activities: Childcare providers in term-time, 5 days a week from 7:45am to 6pm

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Buckinghamshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£231,508	£185,877	-	-
2024-08-31	£142,120	£152,091	-	-
2023-08-31	£153,383	£150,166	-	-
2022-08-31	£175,932	£175,472	-	-
2021-08-31	£171,674	£159,692	-	-
2020-08-31	£141,065	£133,632	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ALISON ROGERS		2025-01-16
Franziska Warren		2025-01-16
Suzanne Rogers		2024-01-10

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Trustees' Report (*Charity number 1036452*)

AGM September 24/25

Numbers started off well in September 2024 with 19 children on role, in April we had 37 children which was amazing. With 11 leaving in July, September 2025 looked good with 26 children returning.

Staff were working well as a team finally, it has been a busy, stressful year but the staff rallied and worked hard. We took on a temporary new member of staff to cover staff for breaks and key carer groups until July, sadly this did not work out and we had let them go.

The children are happy and enjoy coming into Preschool. We have been making use of the village and getting active outside more which they love. We use the parks in the village and have had many walks round the village as well.

The first Christmas Carol's/Fair was a great success, with big thanks to all staff for helping with that before and on the day.

Outside is looking much better, thanks to the staff for helping to get the garden a much nicer place to play.

We received a Grant from Bucks which was utilised in the garden to upgrade the surfacing and play equipment.

Thanks to Mr Rogers, Mr Davis and Mr Beavis for their free time putting grass down and building the equipment.

Also, thanks to the committee for their commitment to the Preschool especially Kath and Anne and to Samantha Mortimer for taking on the role of Chair from July 2025.

Heading into the new school year feels very positive with busier times ahead.

Suzanne Rogers

Manager



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Chair Report – 2024 to 2025

Katherine White - In 2024 - 25 the pre-school continued to have strong numbers and was able to support a lot of local families with childcare. The after-school club also continued to be a real strength.

In the after-school club we introduced a new programme of weekly activities so that children knew which activities would be available to them each evening.

Around Christmas-time there was some long-term staff absence but the rest of the team worked hard to cover this. We also employed a temporary member of staff to help provide additional support during the busy lunch and snack times and to help with tidying up.

The children enjoyed lots of regular activities as well as a trip to the charity Thomley, sports' day and end of term parties.

Towards the end of the year there were some significant changes to the committee. Kate Tinkler stepped down as a committee member, followed by myself, Kath White, stepping down as chair. A recruitment drive for new members was successful and several new members joined. This included Samantha Mortimer who became the new chair of the committee.

Samantha Mortimer – I took over as chair from Kath White in July 2025.

During July and August 2025 across the Summer holidays, extensive work took place inside and outside of the pre-school to allow children and staff a better environment and to utilise the £10,000 grant they received from Bucks. This included removal of all well-loved/broken outside equipment being replaced by climbing frames, separate play areas and the flooring for the outside space. Inside space was split into 2 different areas age relevant. I then continued my role as chair into the new school year.

Ickford Preschool Treasurer's Report 2024/25

This year was a really positive start to the year. Most years the first quarter is always a bit tight in terms on income but we came back in September with a high number of children on role and income was a lot better. We only had 10 children leave the setting to go to school so was quite a low year. Our afterschool club was in high demand with many days being at capacity. This was the start of the first full year with Suzanne and the Manager and Ellen as the deputy.

We maintained our staffing to accommodate the children who remained and new ones starting as well as the busy afterschool club.

The majority of the income was received from Bucks County Council funding which totalled £121,294 in part because of the introduction of the 2 year funding and our private fees which we invoiced £87,640 which is an increase of around £12,000 which is fantastic. Meals have become increasingly popular and we invoiced £7951.

We had an amazing grant from Bucks. We put forward our proposal which was to re-do our garden and ended up getting £10000. We had other donations from the parish council for a new laptop, and other additional grant/funding through PIP group. This totalled £13100 which was up massively from last year but had it not been for the garden grant would have been lower. Something to address in the next year.

Our expenditure totalled £185,877 which was an increase of just under £30,000 from last year; the majority of which was staff wages and associated employment costs at £143924. Minimum wage increase had to be taken into account and went up by just under a £1 per hour for all staff. This impacted finances and will continue to do so.

Training had increased from last year as many staff had training expire.

Having had a large deficit of £9971 last year we managed to have surplus at the end of this year of £45631 which is amazing despite most outgoing costs increasing. We also had to pay out for a new lease and increased rent.

The pre-school has two bank accounts, a current account and a savings account. As at the end of August 2024 the current account balance was £64105.50 and the savings account balance was £27232.20 a total of £91337.20 invested in total.

Forecasting into 2024/25 our income was higher than outgoings due to additional funding being provided and more 2 year olds in the setting with more starting through the year. Our private preschool fees were lower than we forecast but

again this was due to more funding being used. The afterschool club fees helped to cover this deficit.

This has been a very profitable year with lots of changes and pressure has been taken off financially, moving into the new school year for 2025/26 things remain positive.

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Ickford Pre-School Incorporating After School Club (Charity number 1036452)

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the period ended 31 August 2025, which are set out on page 3.

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 required.

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 Commissioners 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 report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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

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Andrew Wood ACA

30th April 2026
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Date

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
RECEIPTS		
Preschool fees & funding	152,020	96,731
Breakfast club	4,201	2,780
After school club	52,227	32,314
Dinners	7,951	4,893
Grants	13,100	4,000
Donations/fundraising	1,815	1,236
Interest received	68	60
Miscellaneous income	126	106
	<u>231,508</u>	<u>142,120</u>

PAYMENTS

Wages & salaries	138,35	118,837
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Pension contributions	5,568	4,539
Training	1,920	939
Professional fees & licences	4,006	3,432
Legal cost re lease	3,800	
Catering (children)	6,241	5,114
Materials (essentials)	834	617
Learning materials	2,361	1,207
Facilities and equipment funded by grant	4,908	2,035
Rent & rates	10,775	8,000
Light & heat	1,263	2,076
Phone & broadband	846	570
Equipment	1,082	768
Administration – stationery etc.	170	775
Uniforms	718	216
Repairs & maintenance	2,848	2,533
Bank charges	90	60
Miscellaneous expenses	91	373
	<u>185,877</u>	<u>152,091</u>
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	45,631	(9,971)
Funds brought forward	45,677	55,648
Funds carried forward	<u>91,308</u>	<u>45,677</u>

CASH FUNDS

Cash at bank -C.A.F.	64,105	20,845
Cash at bank – Lloyds current account	27,703	24,832
	<u>91,308</u>	<u>45,677</u>

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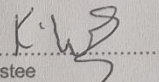
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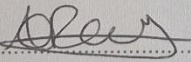
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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Preschool fees		136,718		149,351
Grants		4,000		2,154
Donations/fundraising		1,236		1,237
Recovery of costs from staff		-		478
Interest received		60		-
Miscellaneous income		106		163
		<u>142,120</u>		<u>153,383</u>
PAYMENTS				
Wages & salaries	118,83		116,896	
		7		
Pension contributions	4,539		3,791	
Training	939		296	
Professional fees & licences	3,432		3,309	
Catering (children)	5,114		5,837	
Materials (essentials)	617		896	
Learning materials	1,207		1,934	
Play equipment funded by grant	2,035		-	
Rent & rates	8,000		8,376	
Light & heat	2,076		3,196	
Phone & broadband	570		702	
Equipment	768		334	
Administration – stationery etc.	775		1,160	
Uniforms	216		396	
Repairs & maintenance	2,533		2,692	
Bank charges	60		-	
Miscellaneous expenses	373		351	
		<u>152,091</u>		<u>150,166</u>
(Deficit)/surplus for the year		(9,971)		3,217
Funds brought forward		<u>55,648</u>		<u>52,431</u>
Funds carried forward		<u>45,677</u>		<u>55,648</u>
CASH FUNDS				
Cash at bank -C.A.F.		20,845		33,216
Cash at bank – Lloyds current account		24,832		22,432
Birthday fund		-		-
		<u>45,677</u>		<u>55,648</u>

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 3/6/25
 Date

Ickford Preschool Treasurer's Report 2023/24

It was a slow start to the year again which is inevitable with 11 children leaving the setting to go to school and then a change of management which did lead to a temporary increase in staff wages. We maintained our staffing level despite having fewer children however spaces began to fill up due to the introduction of 2 year funding, which helped the income as well as reducing expenditure, however it didn't help clear all the deficit from the first quarter.

The majority of the income was received from Bucks County Council which totalled £63991.00 and our private fees which we invoiced approx. £75000, the total of which was approx. £20,000 less than the previous year 2022/23.

We had some grants and donations totalling £2154, on a par with previous year.

Our expenditure totalled £152,091; the majority of which was staff wages and associated employment costs at £123,376. Minimum wage increase had to be taken into account and went up by just over £1 per hour for all staff. This impacted finances and will continue to do so.

Training had increased from last year as we required multiple first aid courses and other courses required.

We ended up with a deficit of £9971 which given the lack of income we did quite well to crawl some funds back.

The pre-school has two bank accounts, a current account and a savings account. As at the end of August 2024 the current account balance was £20845 and the savings account balance was £24832 a total of £45677 invested in total.

Forecasting into 2024/25 our income was higher than outgoings due to additional funding being provided and more 2 year olds in the setting with more starting through the year. Spending will be kept to a minimum as usual and any savings that can be made on utilities will be done by the Finance Manager.

From starting back in September 2024 things are really positive for the rest of the school year with numbers rising and enquiries coming in regularly. After school club seems to have increased as well and we are at a point where we are full on Wednesday and other days are almost full.

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Andrew Wood

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Andrew Wood ACA

3 June 2025

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Date

Ickford Pre-School Chair's Report 2023/24

The year started with change of manager in the pre-school as Helen Harris who had worked at the pre-school for a number of years left the setting. She was replaced by the deputy manager Suzanne Rogers. Ellen Chapman was then appointed internally to the role of deputy manager.

The setting did make a small deficit in this year. This was mostly due to the high staff costs in the first quarter and the relatively low number of children using the setting. Although the financial situation did improve later in the year we were not able to recover entirely from this initial setback.

At the end of the year Sophie Herring stepped down as committee secretary, to be replaced by Anne Choi and Dave Borthwick left the role of treasurer to be replaced by Franziska Warren. Kath White remained as sole Chair of the committee. Kate Tinkler and Andrea Reeve remained as the other two members of the committee.

Manager Report September 23/24

What a year it has been, from change of management to needing more staff due to getting busy.

I took over from HH on October 23, with help from Ally, Kath and Anne. We got on board with each other and became a working team.

Lydia from Bucks CC came and helped me. With all the information and advice I needed to run the Pre- School well.

The staff took a little while to work as a team due to all the changes that had been made. We took Ellen as Dept Manager and started to work as a team.

We started to get really busy with new children coming in and advertised for a member of staff. We appointed Chloe to start after Easter.

We had 11 leavers in July. They were more than ready for the move up to Primary School.

Numbers for September 2024 are looking good at 24, they have just added 2yrs funding so are getting more children in.

Suzanne Rogers

Manager

AGM - Ickford Preschool & After School Club
Wednesday 23rd April 2025

Present - Kath White, Sue Rogers, Ally Rogers, Kate Tinkler, Franzi, Lily & Tommo's dad, Andrea, Ellen, Anne Choi

Vacant committee roles - to entice more members some strategies are:-
Sue to approach some parents she feels might like to contribute
Draft carefully worded email to send out calling for more volunteers.

Discussed fee increase in September - Ally looking at figures. Expected increase in running costs, explain this to parents when announcing fee increase. This will be finalised in coming weeks.

Would we incorporate a slight increase in fees to pay for snacks/nappies/wipes etc?
Something we are not doing at the moment.

Also, a suggestion for setting up a fund to pay for staff training.

Ickford is much cheaper than private nurseries but as a charity it provides more affordable child care, so not to raise fees too much.

Update from Ally - small loss overall for year ending Sept 2024 but things looking much brighter by now. ASC doing particularly well.

Sorting the lease was a large cost.

We have to pay for waste management, payment of which is manageable at the moment.

£10,000 grant secured for the setting, thanks to Ally. Hoping to get the playground markings done before summer. Suggestions for trying to get contractors in whilst on school trip or during sports day, if holiday time booked up.

Update from Sue - All okay. Struggling with motivation of Mia. Discussion centered around whether it's worthwhile keeping her on as her lack of engagement detrimental to general staff wellbeing.

- check on contract (zero hours to July)

We will have enough staff in September without her, as child numbers always decrease slightly at the beginning of the year.

Anne to write up letter and advertisement for sixth formers to send out to secondary schools.

Date for the summer fayre - Sat 28th June, in the park, Pavilion.

In future, discussion of alternating Summer trips as children often in Pre school for two years.

What would happen if there was no committee? Discussion on the possibility of Bucks taking on the preschool setting. Long process apparently, involving expense, Ofsted, change of bank details and name of setting. However, doable. Ally, Kath and Anne to look into it.

A huge thank you to Kath White for all her amazing hard work and dedication over the past few years as she steps down from the role of Chairperson in June.

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It was a slow start to the year with funding and fees down from last year due to a substantial amount of children leaving to go to school. Approx 20 children left the setting which had a huge impact on the income of the preschool. We maintained our staffing level despite having fewer children and so this also had a huge impact on the outgoings on the preschool.

A new finance administrator was appointed in October 2022. Expenditure was high despite the lower income and so committee decided to put a hold on all spending and all decisions to be made by the finance administrator in an attempt to re-coup some money and maintain the preschool.

The majority of the income was received from Bucks County Council and 2022/23 totalled £80,758.29, we had invoiced £68593 in private fees, the total of which was approx. £20,000 less than the previous year 2021/22.

We had some grants and donations totally £2154, on a par with previous year.

Our expenditure totalled £150,166; the majority of which was staff wages and associated employment costs at £116,896. Minimum wage increase had to be taken into account and went up by just under £1 per hour for all staff. This impacted finances and will continue to do so.

Electricity was a high expense; the preschool pays the school for the electric and readings were delayed so a large bill was produced for 2021/22 but wasn't paid until the current year 2022/23.

We managed to end the year with a small surplus of £3217.00 which was quite an achievement.

The pre-school has two bank accounts, a current account and a savings account. As at the end of August 2023 the current account balance was £33,215.69 and the savings account balance was £22,432.26 a total of £55,647.95 invested in total.

Forecasting into 2023/24 our income was lower than outgoings, once again due to starting the term with fewer children, funded and private. Marketing was to be increased; spending will be kept to a minimum again with all decisions being made by the finance administrator.

Now we are nearing the end of 2023/24 things have taken a really positive turn and children's numbers are up, only 10 children are heading to school and we already have 5 children due to start from Oct-24 to Apr-25. The new 2 year funding has increased revenue for us.

Ickford Preschool Chair's Report 2022/23

The committee members continued on from the previous year with the addition of Kate Tinkler and Heather Atkins who joined during this year.

Towards the end of the academic year all of the existing officers decided to step down and did so from the beginning of June 2023.

They were replaced by four new committee members; Anne Choi and Kath White as joint Chair, Dave Borthwick as treasurer and Sophie Herring as Secretary. During the handover process we were advised that there had been some overspending issues but that steps had been put into place to successfully rectify these and the end of the year ended well.

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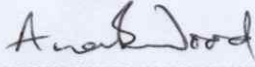
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Andrew Wood ACA

11 June 2024
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Date

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Preschool fees		149,351		172,260
Grants		2,154		2,500
Donations/fundraising		1,237		1,034
Recovery of costs from staff		478		-
Miscellaneous income		163		136
		<u>153,383</u>		<u>175,932</u>
PAYMENTS				
Wages & salaries	116,89		132,597	
		6		
Pension contributions	3,791		4,096	
Training	296		3,312	
Professional fees & licences	3,309		2,276	
Catering (children)	5,837		6,292	
Materials (essentials)	896		4,040	
Learning materials	1,934		9,500	
Rent & rates	8,376		7,377	
Light & heat	3,196		416	
Phone & broadband	702		571	
Equipment	334		1,667	
Administration – stationery etc.	1,160		423	
Uniforms	396		217	
Repairs & maintenance	2,692		1,348	
Miscellaneous expenses	351		1,519	
		<u>150,166</u>		<u>175,472</u>
Surplus for the year		3,217		460
Funds brought forward		<u>52,431</u>		<u>51,971</u>
Funds carried forward		<u>55,648</u>		<u>52,431</u>
CASH FUNDS				
Cash at bank -C.A.F.		33,216		32,637
Cash at bank – Lloyds current account		22,432		20,032
Birthday fund		-		-236
		<u>55,648</u>		<u>52,431</u>

Dave Borthey

11/06/2024

Trustee

Date

K. W. G.

11/06/2024

Trustee

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ICKFORD PRE-SCHOOL INCORPORATING AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2022

Registered Charity number 1036452

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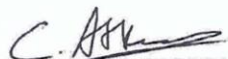

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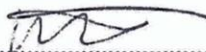
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	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Preschool Fees		172,260		163,346
Grants		2,500		7,168
Donations/Fundraising		1,034		1,048
Miscellaneous Income		138		113
		<u>175,932</u>		<u>171,674</u>
PAYMENTS				
Wages & Salaries	132,597		119,627	
Pension Contributions	4,096		3,704	
Training	3,132		2,984	
Professional Fees & Licences	2,276		3,139	
Catering (Children)	6,292		6,401	
Materials (essentials)	4,040		2,919	
Learning materials	9,500		5,849	
Rent & Rates	7,377		9,168	
Light and heat	416		1,530	
Phone & Broadband	571		505	
Equipment	1,667		1,747	
Administration - Stationery etc.	423		460	
Uniforms	217		409	
Repairs and maintenance	1,348		611	
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,519		641	
		<u>175,472</u>		<u>159,692</u>
Surplus for the year		<u>460</u>		<u>11,982</u>
Funds brought forward		<u>51,971</u>		<u>39,989</u>
Funds carried forward		<u>52,431</u>		<u>51,971</u>
Cash Funds				
Cash at bank - C A F		32,637		34,339
Cash at bank - Lloyds Current Account		20,032		17,632
Birthday Fund (incl. in C A F Account)		238		-
		<u>52,431</u>		<u>51,971</u>


 Trustee - CHRISTOPHER ATKINS

25th November 2022
 Date


 Trustee

1/12/22
 Date

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Ickford Pre-School Manager's Report - 2020-21

The academic year 2020-21 was as interesting and disrupted as the last 6 months of 2019-20 with continued covid-19 concerns and resulting restrictions. However, staff, children and parents/carers rose to the challenges again and we managed to finish the year with no confirmed covid cases in the setting and healthy, happy children. The leavers skipped off to school with confidence and enthusiasm, leaving staff bereft at their departing but looking forward to coming back to very busy sessions in September.

Our year was packed with fun experiences for the children including learning about ocean life and seaside activities (we role-played in an ice-cream parlour and a chippy!), exploring our revamped mud kitchen, celebrating different festivals including Diwali and Chinese New Year, our annual Autumn walk hunting for nature's treasures and of course, dressing up for World Book Day. Despite the restrictions, we were delighted to actually make our summer outing to Bekonscot model village, which was only possible due to the large number of parents keen to join us on a hot June day. The children were absolutely angelic and many fell asleep on the journey home - a sign of a great day out!

To remain within statutory ratio rules, we took on Angela and Sarah, as unqualified childcare assistants in pre-school and some after school clubs. Sarah has SEN experience and Angela has worked with a wide range of ages in her Irish dancing school, so both have brought extra skills to the team. We remain committed to ongoing professional development. Sharon embarked on her Level 3 qualification, funded mostly by the local authority; Every staff member has had paediatric first-aid and safeguarding training; We have three designated safeguarding officers and all staff have undertaken Prevent Duty FGM training. It remains tricky to access enrichment courses in person but online training has continued where possible and staff have networked virtually with other practitioners, sharing ideas with them. We pride ourselves on a staff team who are keen to further their knowledge.

Despite not being able to hold our normal fundraising events (Autumn party, Christmas fayre, Easter fayre and sports day) we managed to practise a nativity with the children, held a successful virtual raffle of different 'hampers' and took the children to the recreation ground to hold our scaled-down mini-Olympics.

We ended the academic year 2021 knowing that we were going to be very busy in September and going onwards through the year, with a good profit considering the enforced reduction/closure of sessions. Despite the cancellation of annual fundraising events we raised nearly £400 more than our target thanks to the generosity of families/local businesses who donated items for raffles and purchased Christmas cards and other items designed by their children.

It would be impossible to finish this report without thanking everyone for their support, hands-on help and ideas. Firstly, to the dedicated, and often exhausted, staff who make the setting an exciting, warm and friendly setting, as well as to the parents/carers for their ongoing feedback, words of thanks and for entrusting their children to our care. Secondly to the committee, new and older members, who volunteer their time to attend meetings and throw ideas around as well as ensuring we are compliant in all areas. Last but not least, to my wonderful deputy manager, Sue, who is never off-duty and always willing to muck in no matter what I throw at her, and Crystal, who copes so well with endless emails and photos of our 'sessions' book whilst working from home. I really couldn't function without such a fab team! Thank you x

Ickford Preschool Incorporating After School Club

Treasurers Report, November 2021

2020 was off to a good start in September, schools were fully opened again. We had a full team of staff back in Preschool.

It was lovely to see our preschool children return and we welcomed lots of new starters. Unfortunately, in January, schools were closed again due to the Covid pandemic. This luckily did not affect the children in preschool, as Early Years were allowed to continue as normal. Although, it had a huge impact on our After School Club as our Primary School aged children could not attend.

Ickford Preschool income comprises of two main contributors, fees from parents and funding from Buckinghamshire Country Council, this year totalling, £134,369.

ASC fees totalled £25,434 for the year. We offer a hot meal to the children attending After School Club, this totalled £2,518. From January to March, we saw over a 50% decrease in fees due to the closure of the Primary School.

Breakfast club wasn't as badly affected as the After School Club, but a slight decrease on the usual intake over this period of time, with takings of £6,085.

The amount of fundraising was also reduced over the pandemic, although we were faced with lots of restrictions, we still raised £615.

Zoe Roger's is one of our newest members of staff. Zoe was taken on as extra cover over the last few months of the previous academic year and at the start of September 2020, she came back as an apprentice. Zoe is now working towards her Levels 2 and 3 Qualifications for Early Years. We were able to apply for a fully funded grant for Zoe's further education.

We are also delighted that Sharon Fake has decided to develop her Early Years qualifications and study for her Level 3. We were able to apply for a £2000 grant towards this.

Our expenditure totalled £159,325; the majority of which was staff wages and associated employment costs at £121,724. We have seen an increase in the national living wage and increased living costs.

Our forecast indicates that our 2021/22 income should cover our increased annual costs and become a successful year ahead but we need to be cautious. We have lots of new children starting and already full in some sessions.

To continue to absorb the financial impact of these increases, we are planning to increase our fees in 2022 and review our wages, whilst budgeting to make sure we are financially viable.

Summary

The Preschool has two bank accounts, a current account and a savings account. We started the academic year with a credit balance across the two bank accounts of £39,848.98.

As at the end of 31st August 2021, the current account had £34,338.75 and the saving account balance £17,632.26; totalling £51,971.01.

The income, less costs resulted in a surplus at the end of the year of £11,982.

Elizabeth Beckett

Treasurer for the committee

Ickford Preschool, Incorporating After School Club



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	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
<i>Receipts and Payments Account</i>				
RECEIPTS				
Preschool Fees		163,346		123,194
Grants		7,168		3,579
Donations/Fundraising		1,048		421
Miscellaneous Income		113		13,872
		171,674		141,066
PAYMENTS				
Wages & Salaries	119,627		99,480	
Pension Contributions	3,704		4,203	
Training	2,984		378	
Professional Fees & Licences	3,139		2,757	
Catering (Children)	6,401		3,594	
Materials (essentials)	2,919		2,278	
Learning materials	5,849		5,293	
Rent & Rates	9,168		6,043	
Light and heat	1,530		1,532	
Phone & Broadband	505		695	
Equipment	1,747		4,388	
Administration - Stationery	460		767	
Uniforms	409		367	
Repairs and maintenance	611		850	
Miscellaneous Expenses	641		1,007	
		159,692		133,632
Surplus for the year		11,982		7,434
Funds brought forward		39,989		32,555
Funds carried forward		51,971		39,989

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Cash Funds

Cash at bank - C A F	34,339	24,617
Cash at bank - Lloyds Current Account	17,632	15,232
Cash Account	-	140
	51,971	39,989
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Andrew Pentecost –Chairperson
September Cottage
Shabbington

Ickford Preschool and After-School Club: Chair's Report Year Sep 19-Aug20

As resigning chairperson this forms part of my final report after three years overseeing the governance of the Ickford Pre-School charitable group.

The year which will be known as covid year for ever has presented a number of challenges and these have been met with great support from the committee and the staff to ensure no incidences of this pandemic has been recorded with personal or people through the operation or location.

One important role of any charitable committee is to ensure that good governance is applied and that Safety, Health and financial planning is in the forefront for individual and collective responsibility. This I can express personally I have been extremely lucky to have the support of those individuals within the committee and embarrassingly I am going to express some of those by name and thank them for their service not only through a challenging year but also for their past service to the committee.

Amy Wallace, her support and knowledge in response to best practise and specifically around risk management and mitigation has proved invaluable. Her recognition to staff engagement and the importance that their opinions are being heard is an area that I encouraged and realisation that more needed to be done.

Dr Jacqueline Collin, her compassion and care for other human beings but specifically to the welfare of staff.

Tania Kendal, Recognising the importance of good financial planning and strong leadership provided to Crystal within her appointed admin role

Big Shoes to fill.

To draw on some of the areas that these individuals were able to support me I take this opportunity to report on activities that were addressed but need to be governed for the future.

Staff morale was a point of issue and this was not just contributed to Covid. This exasperated the issues but only exposed the underlying concern. People engagement is fundamental to any successful organisation and I strongly encourage that improvements are challenged by future committee member's that management lead a program of improvement.

HR responsibilities relating to governance of individual contractual irregularities have now been resolved and also this provides some financial stability in auditing and control. I would like to reach out to applaud the strong leadership that Crystal demonstrates in financial management and the importance of governance under the charitable obligations that we hold. My 2018/2019 objectives were outlined as followed:- *our commitment is to manage the budgets in a far more representational way going forward in line with our charitable status and this will become a greater part of the management team focus for the coming year with staffing costs and expenses high on the control priorities. Also it is a desire that the organisation moves to an environment that reflects both a greater level of cleanliness and organisational excellence.*

Andrew Pentecost -Chairperson
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In signing off I am fulfilled that the organisation is on a sound financial footing and that greater scope can be achieved. Finally to all those that contribute to the organisation I wish you success.

Andrew



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	£	£	£	£
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Interest		-		8
Grants		3,579		-
Donations/Fundraising		421		546
Miscellaneous Income		13,872		-
		141,065		132,896
PAYMENTS				
Wages & Salaries	99,481		111,829	
Pension Contributions	4,204		2,036	
Training	379		1,290	
Professional Fees & Licences	2,757		3,207	
Catering (Children)	3,594		4,975	
Materials (essentials)	2,278		1,407	
Learning materials	5,293		4,760	
Rent & Rates	6,043		19,634	
Light and heat	1,532		492	
Phone & Broadband	695		758	
Equipment	4,388		4,368	
Administration - Stationery	767		1,701	
Uniforms	367		409	
Venue Hire	-		100	
Repairs and maintenance	850		3,799	
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,007		1,800	
		133,632		162,564
Surplus for the year		7,434		(29,668)
Funds brought forward		32,555		62,223
Funds carried forward		39,989		32,555

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Cash Funds			
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Cash Account		140	45
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