

## **Chairpersons Annual Report – Jenny Crawford**

Welcome to our Annual General Meeting for the year 2020-2021. Thank you for attending and supporting our preschool.

Once again this has been a challenging year for us all, but we have survived despite everything that has happened. The pandemic was something we had not expected to cause so much disruption and demands on all staff and committee members. However, due to the commitment of our managers and staff we were able to meet all the necessary governmental requirements to ensure we provided a safe environment for all our children on their return in September 2020. Their hard work was more than rewarded by the children when they came into the setting with big smiles on their faces and quickly settled into the regime without any difficulty.

It became increasingly clear that our numbers attending preschool and before and after school club were much reduced from a normal year. Therefore, some difficult decisions had to be made. After seeking advice from Worcester Children First it became clear that we had to concentrate on the survival of our core business, preschool. There was no way we could continue as we were without becoming financially unviable despite furlough, financial help from Worcester County Council, much reduced rent – our thanks to the Parish Hall Trust and some very careful budgeting.

Informal discussions had already taken place with the headmistress of Crowle school re the provision of a before and after school service for school children. After much discussion as to alternatives and practicalities it was agreed we had no alternative but to close BASC immediately. Thankfully the school agreed to provide a service on a temporary basis in November – which became permanent in early 2021 and continues to date. This was a great relief to concerned parents. Unfortunately, one member of our BASC staff had to be made redundant and thankfully the two remaining staff were successfully assimilated into preschool.

### **Staff Changes**

Helen Key left us in November to become an Early Years Practitioner in a Worcester nursery.

Jane Hart left due to redundancy.

Ruth Marlow left us in April 2021

Best wishes to them all.

Becky Greenhill was appointed as Deputy Manager in January 2021

Katherine Burd appointed as Early Years Practitioner in May 2021

Welcome to Becky and Katherine who are already valued members of our team.

Our Team.

Tor, Becky and Louise comprise our Senior Management Team. I can't thank them enough for their support and dedication to providing a first class setting for all our children. There are many aspects of running a successful preschool including continual demands from Ofsted in the provision of Early Years Foundation Stages which they have to ensure we are meeting at all times.

The Team include Sam, Hannah, Katherine, Cathy and Sue. I would like to thank them all for their commitment and professionalism in providing an excellent service throughout this difficult year alongside managing to integrate all the necessary cleaning etc into the working day.

The future looks exciting concentrating on the 'curiosity approach', use of more natural resources and increased outdoor activities. Everyone making an input to the exciting daily programme for our children.

## **Finances**

Nikki and Sally will be presenting details of our current financial situation shortly. It just needs me to say our position is far better than it has been for several years.

My thanks to them both for all their hard work and presenting budget/balance sheets in a way even I can understand.

We have not been able to undertake any fundraising over the past months but, hopefully, we shall now be able to look forward to organising some exciting activities. Sam and Sue already have some ideas!

## **Management Committee**

I must express my thanks to the committee for volunteering to become a trustee and thus ensuring Crowle preschool can continue to function and grow.

Particular thanks to Caroline for taking on the role of Safeguarding lead – also offering to undertake the role of chair along with Kate.

Thanks to Sally for becoming treasurer.

Special thanks to Nikki who has agreed to continue for a further year - without whom we probably would not have survived.

Gem is resigning tonight – good luck in your new home.

We are now lucky to have Amy as part of the team.

I shall be stepping down as chair tonight after almost four challenging years. It has been quite a learning curve, but we have made it and I feel confident that Crowle Preschool will now go from strength to strength. So good luck and I shall miss you all.

Jenny Crawford

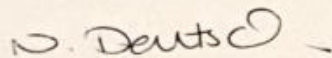
**CROWLE PRESCHOOL****RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 6TH APRIL 2021**

	<b>YEAR ENDED 06/04/21</b>	<b>YEAR ENDED 06/04/20</b>
<b>OPERATING RECEIPTS</b>		
FEES	25,956	71,538
NURSERY GRANT RECEIVED	62,862	62,065
<b>TOTAL OPERATING RECEIPTS</b>	<b>88,818</b>	<b>133,604</b>
<b>OTHER RECEIPTS</b>		
FUNDRAISING INCOME	21	1,884
INTEREST	31	46
JOB RETENTION SCHEME INCOME	20,417	-
<b>TOTAL OTHER RECEIPTS</b>	<b>20,469</b>	<b>1,930</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>109,287</b>	<b>135,534</b>
<b>OPERATING PAYMENTS</b>		
RENT	7,032	14,601
CONSUMABLES/NEW EQUIPMENT	1,643	1,948
REFRESHMENTS	664	2,470
SALARY COSTS	81,515	113,238
STAFF TRAINING	760	270
INSURANCE	-	1,618
OFSTED	50	50
EDUCATIONAL SUBSCRIPTIONS	196	358
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES	42	1,614
UNIFORMS	-	52
GIFTS & FLOWERS	261	266
FOREST SCHOOL COSTS	-	2,182
RECRUITMENT, OFFICE & ADMIN	2,666	2,272
CONSULTANCY	1,176	-
BANK CHARGES	138	123
OTHER	20	261
<b>TOTAL OPERATING PAYMENTS</b>	<b>96,164</b>	<b>141,323</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>13,123</b>	<b>(5,789)</b>

**CROWLE PRESCHOOL  
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 6 APRIL 2021**

<b>RESERVES</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
OPENING BALANCE	51,645	57,433
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	13,123	(5,789)
<b>CLOSING BALANCE</b>	<b><u>64,768</u></b>	<b><u>51,645</u></b>
<b>REPRESENTED BY</b>		
BANK - GENERAL	8,782	11,977
BANK - FUNDRAISING	1,537	1,686
SHORT TERM DEPOSITS	53,519	37,487
CASH	930	495
	<b><u>64,768</u></b>	<b><u>51,645</u></b>

The receipts and payments accounts for the Year Ended 6th April 2021 and the Balance Sheet as at the 6th April 2021 were approved by the committee of Crowle Pre-School on 29th September 2021.



N Deutsch  
Treasurer



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

C FAME P&G-SCHOOL

On accounts for the year  
ended

6 APRIL 2021

Charity no  
(if any)

1036599

Set out on pages

(Remember to include the page numbers of associated statements)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 06 APRIL 2021.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below~~\*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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:

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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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