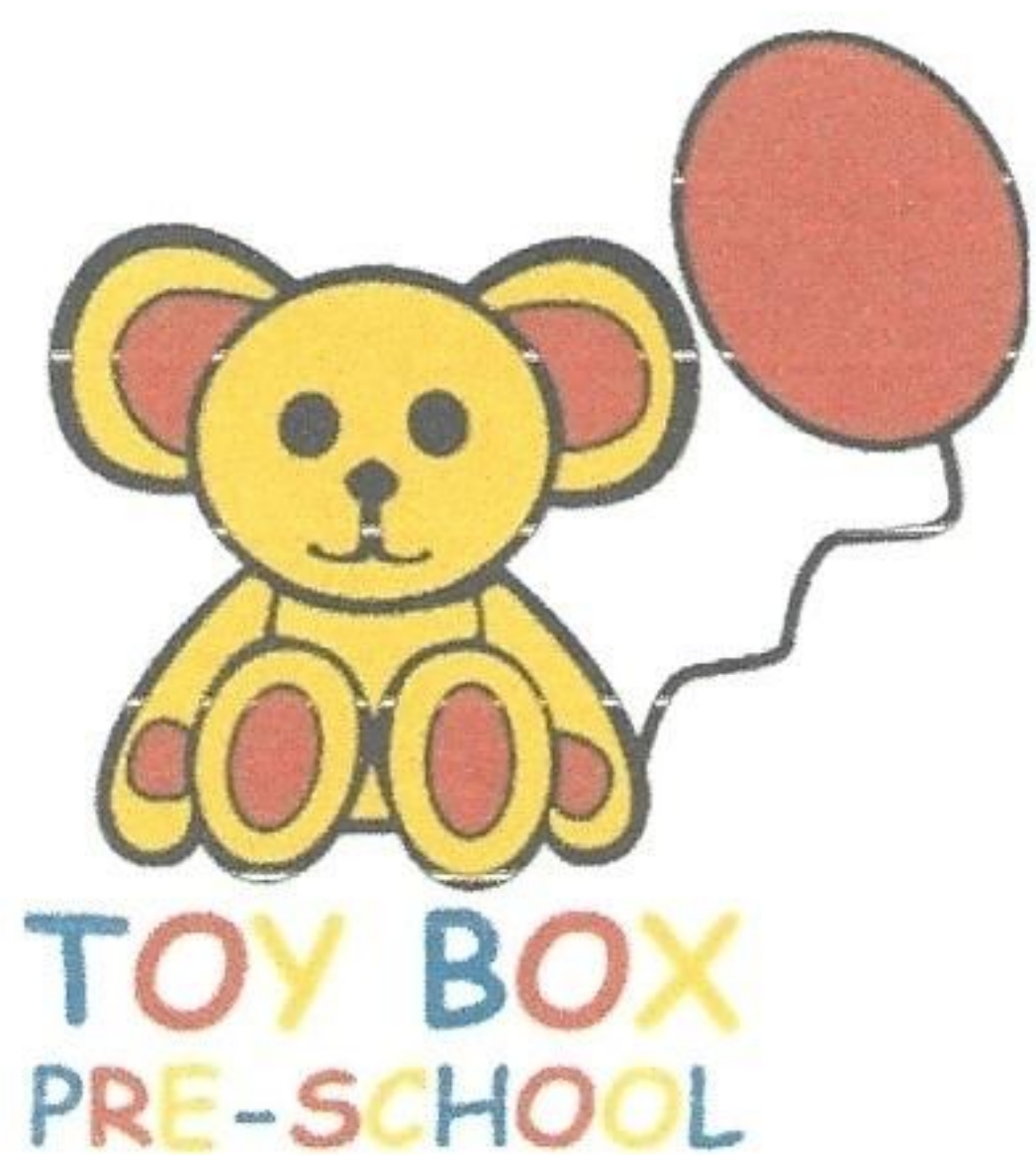


THE TOYBOX PRESCHOOL
Charity No. 1038181

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Higher Needs Fund (Restricted) £	Development Fund (Designated) £	Reserve Fund (Designated) £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
RECEIPTS						
Fees and grants for childcare						
Fees received	12,462.75	-	-	-	12,462.75	7,680.56
Grants	80,842.98	2,681.81	-	-	83,524.79	75,162.74
Total fees and grants	93,305.73	2,681.81	-	-	95,987.54	82,843.30
Paid for by parents						
Snacks	1,920.44	-	-	-	1,920.44	2,436.03
Uniform	169.93	-	-	-	169.93	169.00
Consumables	191.89	-	-	-	191.89	114.35
Welcome packs	354.00	-	-	-	354.00	270.00
Total items paid for by parents	2,636.26	-	-	-	2,636.26	2,989.38
Miscellaneous income						
Bank interest	309.18	-	-	-	309.18	71.36
Other	50.00	-	-	-	50.00	100.00
Total miscellaneous	359.18	-	-	-	359.18	171.36
Grants and fundraising						
Fundraising	-	-	8,938.33	-	8,938.33	5,667.33
Donations	119.25	-	-	-	119.25	1,343.31
Total grants and fundraising	119.25	-	8,938.33	-	9,057.58	7,010.64
TOTAL RECEIPTS	96,420.42	2,681.81	8,938.33	-	108,040.56	93,014.68
PAYMENTS						
Staffing costs						
Wages and salaries	74,780.61	-	-	-	74,780.61	63,587.13
Pension contributions	3,045.95	-	-	-	3,045.95	2,154.03
Staff welfare	301.99	-	-	-	301.99	-
Staff training	-	-	-	-	-	1,190.00
Total staffing costs	78,128.55	-	-	-	78,128.55	66,931.16
Toys, equipment and entertainment						
Entertainers and events for children	140.00	-	-	-	140.00	-
Equipment	529.78	382.42	-	-	912.20	1,148.79
Gifts and gratuities	201.94	-	-	-	201.94	204.85
Educational resources	437.00	1,907.07	-	-	2,344.07	-
Total toys, equipment and entertainment	1,308.72	2,289.49	-	-	3,598.21	1,353.64
Welfare and uniform						
Child welfare - First aid	1.00	-	-	-	1.00	15.99
Uniform purchases	2,147.10	-	-	-	2,147.10	-
Total welfare and uniform	2,148.10	-	-	-	2,148.10	15.99
Snacks						
Snacks purchased	1,297.21	-	-	-	1,297.21	1,540.70
Total snacks	1,297.21	-	-	-	1,297.21	1,540.70
Building costs						
Rent	6,303.60	-	-	-	6,303.60	1,133.00
Repairs and maintenance	611.26	-	-	-	611.26	614.82
Cleaning	114.59	-	-	-	114.59	654.76
Total building costs	7,029.45	-	-	-	7,029.45	2,402.58
Administrative costs						
Advertising and marketing	-	-	-	-	-	531.05
Bad debts written off	1.50	-	-	-	1.50	92.00
Bank charges	32.00	-	-	-	32.00	69.07
Insurance	790.02	-	-	-	790.02	754.11
IT, software, and computer consumables	150.00	-	-	-	150.00	259.23
Printing, stationery and postage	334.33	-	-	-	334.33	430.98
Subscriptions	288.70	-	-	-	288.70	276.82
Telephone and internet	812.10	-	-	-	812.10	1,030.94
Total administrative costs	2,408.65	-	-	-	2,408.65	3,444.20
Professional fees						
Legal fees	-	-	-	1,750.00	1,750.00	50.00
Payroll services	540.00	-	-	-	540.00	516.00
Professional fees	-	-	-	-	-	599.00
Independent examination fees	-	-	-	-	-	300.00
Total professional fees	540.00	-	-	1,750.00	2,290.00	1,465.00
Fundraising costs						
Fundraising expenses	-	-	4,587.90	-	4,587.90	2,138.26
Total fundraising costs	-	-	4,587.90	-	4,587.90	2,138.26
TOTAL PAYMENTS	92,860.68	2,289.49	4,587.90	1,750.00	101,488.07	79,291.53
NET RECEIPTS	3,559.74	392.32	4,350.43	(1,750.00)	6,552.49	13,723.15
CASH FUNDS AT 31 JULY 2023	45,509.08	-	-	5,000.00	50,509.08	36,785.93
Transfers in reserves						
Increase in provision for eventual closure	(15,000.00)	-	-	15,000.00	-	-
Provision for legal costs on lease	(3,500.00)	-	-	3,500.00	-	-
Reallocation of opening funds	(6,731.25)	497.25	6,234.00	-	-	-
CASH FUNDS AT 31 JULY 2024	23,837.57	889.57	10,584.43	21,750.00	57,061.57	50,509.08
CASH FUNDS HELD						
Barclays Community account	23,770.85	889.57	8,952.87	-	33,613.29	27,363.17
Savings account	-	-	1,631.56	21,750.00	23,381.56	23,072.38
Petty cash	66.72	-	-	-	66.72	73.53
Total cash funds	23,837.57	889.57	10,584.43	21,750.00	57,061.57	50,509.08

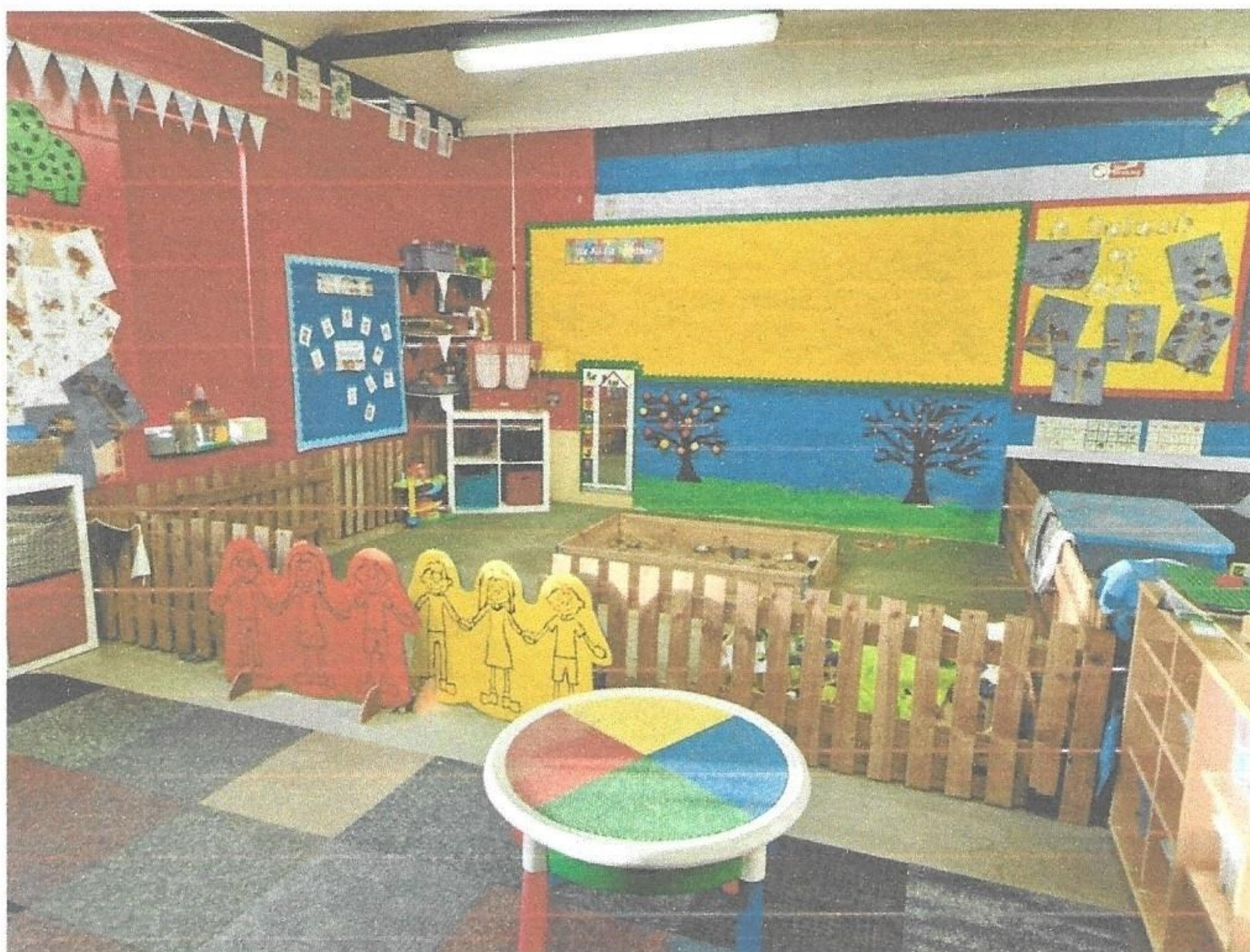


Toybox Pre-school

Registered Charity No. 1038181

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for Year ended 31st July 2024



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Chair's Report

I would like to thank everyone for attending this AGM. I also wish to thank all the Staff and trustees for their contributions to the smooth running of this charity. It is important to understand that without the parents acting as Trustees this Pre-School would not exist. We have had a good year with the numbers of children holding up and we need to maintain the numbers on our roll to keep viable.

I would like to thank all the participants who have raised money for the charity this year. On top of this we are requesting 106 money from the Council to support us. We are in the process of taking over the lease of the building from Somerset Council which will enable us to start planning the outdoor play area. This facility will go a long way towards an even better Ofsted report than last time. Many thanks to Laura Tilling and Penny Smillie for their efforts in working with the Council to negotiate the lease.

We look forward to another good year.

Manager's Report

As always the staff have come back to start the new year with enthusiasm and full of energy. Two members of our staff have recently undertaken the Senco training and one staff member finished her level 3 Early Years Educator qualification in July. We have taken on two apprentices for this year one working towards Level 3 and one who is working towards Level 2. I would just like to say how proud I am to have such a fantastic team.

We have hosted some year 9 students from Ansford Academy to do observations on some of the children for their GCSE course work and we have a young man coming from King Arthur's School in June for a week to do his work experience. We feel placements of this kind benefit the children and the students.

We made some changes to the layout of the building last year – the main one being the sensory room. It is nearly finished and with just a few more tweaks it will provide important support to the children who need some quiet time. The other alteration was new office space for me. This is a huge asset which gives the setting its own space for parents and visitors to have any confidential meetings without being disturbed. The staff are making good use of my old office!



We are fortunate to have a hard working committee of Trustees who support all the work we do with the children. We are currently finalising taking over the Lease from Somerset Council which will give us even more control over how we use the building. I would like to thank The Trustees for the hard work behind the scenes to get us this far and for all the fundraising they organise to help buy the extras we need.

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Finally – we were very proud to receive First Prize in the Castle Cary Children's Carnival for our entry of Peter Rabbit and his Super Bunnies. Thank you to Jess Thompson who planned and organised everything and to everyone who helped make costumes and took part.

Lin Norman November 14 2024

Treasurer's Report

I have re-organised the way in which our annual accounts are presented to make our financial situation clearer. Do please refer to the accounts page while reading this.

Looking at the first column which shows our core income and running costs, you can see that the income from both Government grant funding and direct from parents has increased enormously, in total by about 15%. But in parallel with this the total staffing costs have increased by 16%. However the Higher Needs funding to support children with special educational needs which is separated out into the second column is significant, and the Trustees' agreement to use some of this to boost the staffing budget saves the day. £2,000 has been moved for 2023/4 and a further £2,000 will be moved in 2024/5 now a late payment of £2,628 for one of the HN children has arrived in the budget. This means we can keep the staff:child ratio high so that staff can provide the extra care these children need. New children with special needs for whom we hope to be able to draw down this extra funding may join the pre-school at any time and we will continue to allocate £1,000 per child per year to the staffing budget, the remainder of the money being used for facilities and activities of particular help to these children, and for special staff training.

The third column is our Development Fund where income from grants and fundraising can go. Potential funders will look at applications more favourably if they see that we have made efforts to raise funds ourselves. You can see from the totals near the end of the accounts that we raised £4,350 this year through Fun on the Field, a Grand Draw, a Quiz night and a coffee morning. These events also serve to raise our profile in the community, but is lots of hard work for Trustees, parents and staff. We now have over £10,000 in the kitty to allocate to our first project: to create an outdoor play area at the front of the building.

The fourth column is our reserve. We are obliged by the Charity Commission to maintain a reserve to cover redundancy payments and other costs in case of close down. We have set this at a safe £20,000. Remaining reserves cover legal fees concerning our new lease.

Our "receipts and payments" accounts can mislead. We were not invoiced for the rent of the Swainson Building for the whole of 2022/3, then it all came out of the 23/24 accounts, pushing down our General Fund net takings for the year by a massive £3,749.

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The layout of the accounts makes it easy to see the overall financial position at the end of year (31 July 2024). We are carrying forward £23,840 in our General Fund which will help us cope with the rising National Living Wage – we do not know what the Government Grant per child will be. We will have enough in the Higher Needs fund to continue to provide quality care, and our Development Fund is building up nicely. We are carrying forward a total of £57,061 compared with last year's figure of £50,509, an increase of £6,555.

I would like to thank Helen Higgins, who as well as her "paid job" as wages clerk continues to give us support in many ways, and also Sian of Max Foote and Associates for her help in the presentation of the accounts.

Laura Tilling 11 November 2024

Fundraising and Activities 2023/24

We have been fundraising as usual this year and have added a substantial amount to the Pre-School funds.

Quiz –

Our Trusty Trustee, Hannah, organised another quiz which was as popular as the first. We are now hoping to make this an annual event.

Coffee mornings -

We hold two coffee mornings each year and they are always successful. This year we had a theme of Easter for the first one and Halloween for the second. Please look out for the dates for the two we are planning for 2025.

Easy Fundraising -

A great opportunity to raise money for Toybox, is for you to join Easy Fundraising. Every time you shop online (Ebay, Argos, John Lewis or 3200 other retailers) if you shop through Easy fundraiser then Toybox (your selected fund choice) receives 1% from your purchase.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk

The main aim of the fundraising efforts for 2025 and onward will be to provide an outdoor play area at the front of the building. Spending time outdoors has a positive impact on both mental and physical health so it's important that we encourage it from a young age. We are committed to providing a free flow outdoor play facility and hope you are able to support us in this very important aim.

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THE TOYBOX PRESCHOOL
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

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THE TOYBOX PRESCHOOL

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YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1038181

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES ON THE UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS OF THE TOYBOX PRESCHOOL

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Toybox Preschool (the Charity) for the year ended 31 July 2024, which are set out on page 3.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity'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 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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

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.

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Dated: 14 November 2024