

Chair Report 2020-2021 King's Stanley Playgroup AGM

Wednesday 08th July 2021 7:00pm

Committee Members

Laura Jones-Chair
Kelly Earl-Secretary
Ema Pullin- Treasurer
Harriette Pegler
Hannah Day
Aimee Batt
Emely Magettes
Hannah Dixon

Introduction

I wanted to start my report by looking at where the PG is today. Despite the global Pandemic, the PG is operating at nearly full capacity with a VERY qualified and dedicated staffing team, the reputation of the PG is better than it has ever been, we have a healthy bank balance with full reserves, the average level of progress which the children make whilst at PG is higher than it's ever been and most importantly, on our last parent survey, every single family said their child felt happy at PG. I am so proud to have seen the PG continually improve to reach this point, its testament to the amazing management, staff and committee. Thank you everyone!

Overview of the Previous Year

The ongoing global pandemic has meant another unprecedented year for the Playgroup but the staff, children, parents and committee have all worked incredibly hard to adapt processes and system to ensure another successful year. I think an extra special mention and thanks has to be given to the PG staff who continued to work throughout the last lockdown when it seemed like Early Years settings had been completely over-looked by the government. Your continued hard work and dedication during this time meant that so many children could continue to have some sort of normality and stability in a very challenging time. Thank you for being our front-line workers.

Staffing

This year we have welcomed Caroline to our team at Level 3 Practitioner and key person to purple group. Caroline has made a fantastic impact; the staff and children love her and her experience and positive attitude really shows.

We have also recently welcomed Hannah to our team as a part time play assistant. Hannah's employment has been a massive success, so much so that we have asked her to stay on next year whilst completing her Early Years Teacher Training.

We hope to welcome back Malissa from her maternity year at the start of next year.

We are also very sad to say goodbye to Ellie at the end of this year. Ellie has had two very successful years at the Playgroup and has unarguably turned the PG around from where it was two years ago. Ellie has molded a happy, thriving team; massively increased child numbers and has unarguably improved the average level of progress made by the children whilst at PG. We wish Ellie all the luck in her future career choices and we hope to welcome you back soon as supply cover.

I would also just like to make a mention to Bryony's and Ellie's joint efforts at securing an EHCP for one of our children. Securing an EHCP in the Early Years is unheard of so this is a testament to the hard work and commitment they have both shown to this child and also to what a great SENCO Bryony is going to continue to be.

Setting

Due to COVID we have seen considerable restrictions on the layout of the setting and drop off/pick up routines. We are hopeful that this can return to normal next year following a risk assessment by the new manager.

We have a number of improvement ideas in place that sadly couldn't happen this year due to financial restrictions as well as physical restrictions caused by the pandemic. These include improving the garden, sorting the garage, painting the outside of the cabins, ongoing improvement to outside resources, installing CCTV and possibly an electronic gate system. Hopefully these could be improvements the new committee looks into.

Admissions

We have record numbers of admission for September which is testament to the success of the current staffing team, we hope to see the numbers continue to rise so that we can be full on all days of the week. The employment of Hannah next year has partly been done with the expectation that numbers will continue to rise.

Fundraising

Fundraising has yet again been hit by COVID this year. We have still had some success with a Halloween trail and Christmas Trail. We were also awarded a COVID grant by PATA.

With the possibility of a separate fundraising committee being set up next year, I think we can look ahead to some great events.

Going forward

Next year will see a new committee appointed, it will be great to have fresh energy and vision of the PG and to see what the new committee achieves.

There have been some projects that the current committee did not get completed due to COVID which may be advantageous to look at next year:

- Ongoing use of the action plan to ensure tasks are completed
- Sale of uniform-enquiries were made to Trutux but with no response.
- The improvements listed above (improving the garden, sorting the garage, painting the outside of the cabins, ongoing improvement to outside resources, installing CCTV and possibly an electronic gate system)

- Build a relationship with the school PTFA and look at joint fundraising
- Members of staff given key focus from EYFS to become champion of. These areas are:
 - communication and language
 - physical development
 - personal, social and emotional development
- Arrange for staff to visit other settings for observations
- Hold an open evening for parents

Conclusion

Wow! What an incredible year it has been at Playgroup. The trials and tribulations which the setting have overcome this academic year are nothing less than incredible and a testament to how strong and successful the current staffing team and committee have been. I have been proud to be the chair of such a resilient and successful committee.

I will be resigning as committee chair at the end of the year, I strongly believe that the PG works better when the committee represent the current cohort and having had my children leave the PG some time ago I feel like this no longer includes me. I have learnt so much from my time as chair and despite some incredibly stressful, emotional and challenging times, (and I'm not just talking about trying to get the Christmas marquee up in gale force winds and torrential rains at 8am on a Sunday morning). I will be truly sad to say goodbye to the PG. I can honestly say that I have given my all to the PG and I hope that the new committee can appoint a new chair who will do the same, as it's only what the PG and staff deserve.

I will be eternally grateful to the PG for the life experiences and best friends it has given me, I can't wait to see the PG thrive for another 50 years!

Thankyou's

There are so many huge thankyou's to be made to everyone who has supported the PG this year but here are just a few:

- The entire staffing team: Ellie, Malissa, Vicky, Bryony, Danielle, Caroline and Hannah.
- PATA for their ongoing support and advice
- All the parents for their continued support
- And of course, our incredible committee! Kelly, Harriette, Hannah, Aimee, Emely and Hannah Without these people there actually wouldn't be a PG.

Laura Jones 08/07/21

**KINGS STANEY PLAYGROUP
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY 2021**

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS 2021	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS 2020
RECEIPTS		
Grants	73,887	53,619
Fees	<u>20,457</u>	<u>9,005</u>
	94,344	62,624
Activities for Generating Funds		
Fund Raising	5,023	5,544
Other Receipts	<u>498</u>	<u>1,768</u>
	5,521	7,312
TOTAL RECEIPTS	99,865	69,936
EXPENDITURE		
Direct Expenditure:		
Staff Wages & Pension	75,228	56,231
Social Security	2,997	5,809
Rent	8,198	7,836
Training	238	792
Petty Cash / Equipment	<u>4,020</u>	<u>4,425</u>
	90,681	75,093
Other Expenditure:		
Insurance & Registration Fees	258	259
Admin / Cleaning Services	4,513	1,679
Art Equipment	284	0
Other Equipment	22	31
Fund Raising / Other Expenses	<u>1,771</u>	<u>2,225</u>
	6,848	4,194
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	97,529	79,287
Net Increase/(decrease) in cash for the Year	2,336	-9,351
Bank Accounts 1 st August 2020	36,056	45,407
Bank Accounts 31 st July 2021	38,392	36,056

**KINGS STANEY PLAYGROUP
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31st JULY 2021**

	2021 £	2020 £
MONETARY ASSETS		
Bank Current Account	17,783	15,450
Bank Deposit Account	20,609	20,607
Total for General Purpose Funds	38,392	36,056

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Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirement to keep proper accounting records has not been met.
- 2 To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Signed:



Date:

13-3-2022