

St Mary's Nursery & Preschool - Charlton Kings

England & Wales · Charity number 1055267

Details

Other names ST MARYS PLAYGROUP CHARLTON KINGS

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1996-05-13

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

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Activities

Objects: THE AIM OF THE GROUP IS TO EMBODY THE VISION OF PATA THROUGH THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE DEVELOPMENT, CARE AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN PRIMARILY UNDER STATUTORY SCHOOL AGE AND ALSO OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OF SCHOOL AGE BY ENCOURAGING PARENTS TO UNDERSTAND AND PROVIDE FOR THE NEEDS OF THEIR CHILDREN THROUGH COMMUNITY (VOLUNTARY MANAGED) GROUPS AND BY: (A) OFFERING APPROPRIATE PLAY FACILITIES AND TRAINING COURSES, TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT OF PARENTS TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THE ACTIVITIES OF SUCH GROUPS, ENSURING THAT SUCH GROUPS OFFER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE, WHATEVER THEIR RACE, CULTURE, RELIGION, MEANS OR ABILITY (B) ENCOURAGING THE STUDY OF THE NEEDS OF SUCH CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES AND PROMOTING PUBLIC INTEREST IN AND RECOGNITION OF SUCH NEEDS IN THE LOCAL AREA

Activities: St Mary's Nursery and Pre School provides a preschool environment for children aged 2yr to 5yr olds. It follows Ofsted guidelines and is inspected by Ofsted and supported by PATA.

Classification

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

Geography

- Gloucestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£73,812	£92,800	-	-
2023-05-31	£67,099	£65,807	-	-
2022-05-31	£65,891	£66,918	-	-
2021-05-31	£76,525	£62,878	-	-
2020-05-31	£54,014	£61,964	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Raymond Dowling	Chair	2020-12-15
Charlotte Fisher		2024-09-01
PAULA Dinwoodie		2025-03-24
Richard Barnes		2024-09-01
Stefanie Roscoe		2024-10-10

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**ST MARY'S PLAYGROUP, Brotherhood Hall, Lyefield Road East, Charlton
Kings GL53 8AU - Charity No: 1055267**

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – June 1st 2023 – August 31st 2024

Chairperson: Ray Dowling

Trustees: Steffi Roscoe

Treasurer: Richard Barnes

Paula Dinwoodie

Secretary: Charlotte Fisher

The academic year started off with low numbers of children again, however as the year progressed we became busier. Taking on two year olds from September 2023 has made a big change in numbers and proven to be successful.

In the summer term we had our school leavers taking part in various sports activities at Charlton Kings Infant School (CKIS), helping them get to know the establishment's surroundings. Mrs Pergusey, a reception year teacher from CKIS, also visited us to read to our preschoolers and to support an easier transition in September.

As the academic year comes to an end it is bringing some changes to St. Mary's. In July 2024 Sally Hayman, the Manager of playgroup for almost 30 years, will retire bringing on a change of leadership to Playgroup. We say a big thank you to Sally for all the years of hard work and wish her all the best for her retirement.

We will embark on a new school year with some changes in our committee, with Richard Barnes taking on the role of the treasurer and Charlotte Marston as secretary. The Leadership Team will be split between Paula Dinwoodie as Business Lead and Early Years Deputy and Steffi Roscoe as Early Years Lead and SenCo. Working together closely with the new appointed committee of parents we hope for a bright future.

A final thank you to Sally and her team for all the hard work over the past year.

Treasurer's Report - June 1st 2023 - August 31st 2024

As with each academic year we always face challenges with increasing running costs, but we had a strong start having finished the previous year with a slight profit of £1291.53. In the summer we replaced the small picket fence by the vegetable patch long with the steps as there were rotten patches developing on both. We changed the florescence lighting in the main hall to pendant lights, helping to reduce the cost. One strip light had broken so we decided it was a good time to use some more ecofriendly alternatives.

Child numbers for September were good. 15 children on roll. We were now taking the younger ones and opening at 8.45am. This proved to be a good move because as the year progressed we had more and more 2yr enquiries and starters. We received more than £7,000.00 in child fees and funding compared to last year. Fund raising bought in just over £700. This was from our annual wreath making, cake sales and a new event for us, a dance-a-thon. The dance-a-thon was very popular and raised over £300.

National minimum wage was increased in the spring to £11.44, up from £10.42. We increased our hourly charge to £6.00 to help bridge the gap. Our funded 2yr olds were also contributing to this with the higher rate that they bought in from the government.

We also made the decision to change our financial year dates to bring them into line with the academic school year. So, this year's figures go right through to 31st August 2024. That is 16 months of incoming and outgoing expenses. This will distort the overall picture of Playgroup's financial situation but going forward 2024/2025 will be back to 12mths. With this in mind we finished the year (31st August 2024) with £13,149.98 in our current account but making a significant loss due to the extra 4 months and mainly staff wages contributing to this.

As we go into the new academic year under new management and with the 2yr enquiries strong, we will be able to claw back our costs. Keeping the staff to child ratio nearer to the legal requirements will be key. With the opening of our after school club from September 2025, we hope that this will contribute to a more positive financial finish in August 2026.

ST MARYS PLAYGROUP CHARLTON KINGS

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St Marys Playgroup Charlton Kings

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above Charity ("the Trust") for the period ended 31 August 2024.

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.

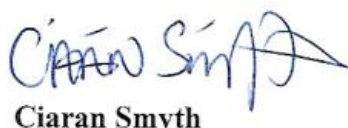
Independent Examiner's Statement

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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.

Signed:


Ciaran Smyth

Date: 26-6-25

ST MARYS PLAYGROUP CHARLTON KINGS

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Statement of Financial Activities

Income & Expenditure Account

For the year ended 31st August 2024

Income	2024	2023
Fees	39,794.49	21,710.25
Grant Funding	32,598.63	44,716.77
Hall Hire	00.00	210.00
Fund Raising & Commission	875.39	453.50
Donations	100.00	-
Deposit from Savings A/C and Interest	40.08	8.36
Refunds	403.18	00.00
Total Income	<u>£73,811.77</u>	£67,098.88
Out Goings		
Staff Costs	76,765.52	52,585.04
Accommodation Costs	9,192.63	5,858.58
Activities	2,590.00	2,669.25
Equipment & Stationery	2,093.50	2,914.75
Consumables	1,677.84	1,519.72
Subscriptions	430.76	210.01
Book keeping	50.00	50.00
Total Out Goings	<u>£ 92,800.25</u>	£65,807.35
Bank account balances at start of year (less Petty Cash)	32,084.80	30,900.99
Total income less out goings	-18,988.48	1,291.53
Bank account balances at end of year	<u>£13,096.32</u>	£32,192.52
Made up of		
Bank Current account	10,339.09	29,367.65
Bank Deposit account	2,757.23	2,717.15
Petty Cash	53.66	107.72
	<u>£13,149.98</u>	£32,192.52

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**ST MARY’S PLAYGROUPO, Brotherhood Hall, Lyefield Road East, Charlton
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CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT – 2022 – 2023

Chairperson: Ray Dowling

Trustees: Jackson Hargreaves

Treasurer: Paula Dinwoodie

Rachel Hargreaves

Secretary: Ann Roberts

A steady year for St Mary’s, we sent a nice little group of very well-prepared children off to their New infant schools in September.

Our numbers starting back in September 2022 were reasonable but seem to be slowly declining year on year. The autumn term was a very quiet term with small groups on most sessions. We decided to reduce all the staff’s working hours to combat this financially. All were happy to do so. As the year progressed each of the team members hours have now returned to their usual working hours.

In October we received a visit from the Ofsted Inspector. This was a particularly challenging time for the other team members due to Sally being away at the time. But Steffi Roscoe (Deputy) and Paula managed admirably, and we once again received an award of Good from Ofsted.

In December we held our annual wreath making fundraiser which was well attended and made a significant contribution to our fundraising pot for the year. With the money raised we decided to purchase new equipment for our book corner to make it a more homely and cosy space for the children to relax.

We had a healthy number of new children joining us in the Spring of ’23, all settling and thriving very well. In their new environment.

In April our hourly fees were increased to £5.50 to cover our rising costs.

Our waiting list is decreasing year on year and with that in mind we have a plan to start accepting children from 2 years in the Autumn term, a letter was sent out to all existing parents and all parents currently on our waiting list. This was advertised also on our new website,

A big thank you to Sally and the team for all the hard work and commitment during the past year.

ST MARY'S PLAYGROUP TREASURER'S REPORT - 2022 – 2023

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We finished the school term with healthy numbers and a lost of £1,027.32. This was including the move of £2,000.00 over to our savings. We are still trying to build up our savings account to have approximately 1 months' worth of running costs in case of emergency. (£5,000.00).

September bought us no new children, so numbers remained low. Staff hours were adjusted to take this into account. Come January we had an influx of children join, due to the closure of a nursery in the village. At this time we talked about opening earlier and taking children from 2yrs old. It was decided amongst the staff, and some parent feedback, we would open from 8.45am as of the start of the summer term, take children from 2yrs old in September 2023 onwards. With the minimum wage increased to £10.42 per hour (April 2023), we increased our hourly rate to £5.50 per hour in September 2022.

Fund raising brought in £401.21. This was a mix of wreath making, teddy bear's picnic, and end of year photo's.

We added some foliage/shading to our pergola and another wooden picnic bench to enhance the playground for the children. Some lovely wicker furniture was bought too for inside play.

The year ahead (2023-2024) will see some challenges in the form of an increase in the electricity cost, due to renewal of our contract and the minimum wage being increased from £10.42-£11.44. We also need to take into consideration the extra funding that the government has confirm for parents of 2yr olds that will come into place from April 2024 (15hrs).

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J. Hayman

Jack Hayman ACA

March 2024

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**Income & Expenditure Account
For the year ended 31st May 2023**

Income	2023	2022
Fees	21,710.25	20,676.09
Grant Funding	44,716.77	44,014.16
Hall Hire	210.00	210
Fund Raising & Commission	453.50	990.07
Donations	-	0
Deposit from Savings A/C and Interest	8.36	0.2
Total Income	<u>£67,098.88</u>	<u>£65,890.52</u>
Out Goings		
Staff Costs	52,585.04	53,129.70
Accommodation Costs	5,858.58	7,635.21
Activities	2,669.25	2,431.79
Equipment & Stationery	2,914.75	1,936.37
Consumables	1,519.72	1309.89
Subscriptions	210.01	159.88
Bookkeeping	50.00	315
Total Out Goings	<u>£65,807.35</u>	<u>£66,917.84</u>
Bank account balances at start of year	30,900.99	31,928.31
Total income less out goings	1,291.53	-1,027.32
Bank account balance at end of year	<u>£32,192.52</u>	<u>£30,900.99</u>
Made up of		
Bank Current account	29,367.65	28,182.70
Bank Deposit account	2,717.15	2,708.79
Petty Cash	107.72	9.5
	<u>£32,192.52</u>	<u>£30,900.99</u>

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**ST MARY'S PLAYGROUP, Brotherhood Hall, Lyefield Road East, Charlton
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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – 2021 – 2022

Chairperson: Raymond Dowling
Treasurer: Jenny Bicknell
Secretary: Ann Roberts

A lovely year, getting back to normal after Covid. We still maintained our cleaning routines and thought it was best to still get parents to drop their child at the gates to keep everyone as safe as possible. Come the end of year are school leavers mainly fed into Charlton Kings Infants School with a couple of visits to help them get to know their new surroundings in September. Being very boy heavy it was a busy end to the school year.

In the summer holidays we had a pergola put up in the playgroup, making use of the sail posts. This was going to be a great asset to our outdoor area – for shade in the summer. We also had a small picket fence put up to contain the grass area. This area would be used for more quiet activities which we could monitor more easily. A very big thank you to Rich (parent) for doing this for us.

Our numbers starting back in September 2021 were reasonable for such a notoriously quiet term. Everyone settled in including the new starters. We had Ofsted looming this coming year. It had been 5 years since our last inspection, so Sally and the team made use of the time making sure everything was absolutely spot on.

In January 2022 Lorraine Cleevely left the setting, moving out of the area to start a new chapter in her life. Georgina England came to join the team, later that month, and has settled in nicely.

We embarked on fully redesigning our website. In previous months we thought that a quick makeover may do the trick, but we soon realised that everything was pretty much out of date. We had a lovely offer from a parent to sort everything out, completely 'starting' again. We now have a wonderful new website. Sally had noticed that the enquiries had increased since the holding page had been removed and the website went live.

In May Paula finally qualified as a Level 3 practitioner, making the total staff members with this qualification 3 out of the 5 people employed.

Thank you to Sally and her team for all the hard work they have done over the past year.

ST MARY'S PLAYGROUP TREASURER'S REPORT - 2021 – 2022

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We were very aware that this financial year would be challenging, as ever.

Fund raising was in our minds. Steffi and Paula raised just over £600 by running the Oxford Half Marathon. Sponsorship came from parents, friends and family. Our wreath making evening was a great success before Covid, so we decided to make 5 or 6 wreaths in a garage and then put them on sale at Playgroup. This raised £150. All the money was spent on the Pergola, picnic bench, new playhouse and outside mud kitchen.

Our biggest cost is wages. The government upping the NMW to £8.91 per hour (minimum for over 23yr) puts pressure on charity run settings. We knew we were looking at a big increase in April 2022 of £9.50 per hour. Put £8.91 up against the funding amount that we get from the government of £4.07, it is easy to see it is a big gap to fill – just over 2 children to each member of staff per hour to cover the staff cost alone (most children are funded). With 3 other settings providing childcare within ¼ mile of each other, competition is strong. We constant monitor the hourly rate of the other settings and are very mindful of any savings we can make.

We managed to put £2,000 into our deposit account. Having had to use our contingency during lockdown, we were keen to replenish this as soon as possible. This account currently stands at £2708.79.

We are thankful that The Brotherhood has kept our rent the same - £1950.00 p.a. The utilities are currently locked into 3yr and 5yr contracts. This gives some stability while everything else is going up.

Going forward we hope that the funding rate is given a significant boost to help with running costs, because most of our children use the funding route from January each year.

Independent Examiner’s Report to the Trustees of St Marys Playgroup Charlton Kings

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Jack Hayman ACA

13 March 2023

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**Income & Expenditure Account
For the year ended 31st May 2022**

Income	2022	2021
Fees	20,676.09	34,325.42
Grant Funding	44,014.16	41,851.91
CJRS Grant	-	126.34
Hall Hire	210.00	-
Fund Raising & Commission	990.07	171
Donations	-	50
Deposit from Savings A/C and Interest	0.20	0.17
Total Income	<u>£65,890.52</u>	<u>£76,524.84</u>
Out Goings		
Staff Costs	53,129.70	52,708.26
Accommodation Costs	7,635.21	4,488.21
Activities	2,431.79	803.18
Equipment & Stationery	1,936.37	2,347.02
Consumables	1,309.89	1529.37
Subscriptions	159.88	252.44
Bookkeeping	40.00	50.00
Training	275.00	300.00
Entertainment/Gifts	-	400
Total Out Goings	<u>£66,917.84</u>	<u>£62,878.48</u>
Bank account balances at start of year	31,928.31	18,281.95
Total income less out goings	-1,027.32	13,646.36
Bank account balance at end of year	<u>£30,900.99</u>	<u>£31,928.31</u>
Made up of		
Bank Current account	28,182.70	31,189.20
Bank Deposit account	2,708.79	708.59
Petty Cash	9.50	30.52
	<u>£30,900.99</u>	<u>£31,928.31</u>

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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – 2020 – 2021

Chairperson: Sophie Constantine
Treasurer: Jenny Bicknell
Secretary: Hannah Jones

The following Trustees were appointed after the year end:

Chairperson: Raymond Dowling (15 December 2020)

The Trust is governed by a constitution adopted on 24 November 1995. New Trustees are appointed by the Trustees who currently hold office.

The main aim of this playgroup is to provide a childcare provision where children can learn and be nurtured in a safe environment. All monies fundraised are reinvested into the playgroup for the children's benefit.

Coming through the first lockdown playgroup opened on the 8th of June. Numbers were low with several children deciding to stay at home while we specified that a child could only attend one setting during this time.

Anna did not come back after her maternity leave so Paula took up the extra hours on an adhoc basis. Employing someone in the middle of a pandemic was something that we thought was best left for now.

We were looking at an hourly rate increase after Easter but decided to postpone this until September 2020. The raise was going to be a big jump as we had realised that our competitors around the village were way ahead of us. We currently were charging £4.30 per hour while the rest of the early years settings were £5.00 per hour.

From June through to July, the end of term, we concentrated on keeping the hall as clean as possible, constantly changing our routines to make sure hand washing and wiping down was at a premium. All our normal routines were put aside to deal with keeping everyone safe from Covid.

At the end of the summer term, Chay left and joined a bigger nursery that opened all year round and had children from babies through to pre-school.

We headed back in September 2020 with healthy numbers but Covid still with us. Clare Roadknight came back to join us after a break away with her family and slotted back into playgroup nicely. January 2021 was another lockdown, but Early Years were to remain open. Again playgroup kept up the strict cleaning routine and we managed to keep everyone safe.

The staff all took part in their mandatory first aid training in the new year, Paula decided that she would embark on her Level 3 training to be officially qualified to work with the children and is due to finish this course in May 2022

Sally invested in some new toys. Enriching the 'home corner' with wooden tea sets, coffee shop items as well as a lovely new wicker sofa and two chairs for the 'book corner'. There are plans to add to the outside over the summer holidays with a pergola and a mud sink to go in our kitchen area.

Overall a generally quiet year due to Covid.

ST MARY'S PLAYGROUP TREASURER'S REPORT - 2020 – 2021

Charity No: 1055267

Opening balance: £17,461.91 (1/6/20)
Closing balance: £31,189.20 (31/5/21)

We received funds for the following:

£10,000.00 CBC Grant (Covid)
£2,015.90 GCC Extra Payment for funding

The bonus funding has helped us through the pandemic. Numbers may have been lower due to parents choosing not to send their children to settings, but playgroup has coped well. By not employing another staff member, it has enabled us to keep our staff costs low along with pension payments and PAYE. We have learnt over the past couple of years that keeping the right number of staff in relation to children helps the bank balance. However, our biggest outlay are still salaries.

We upgraded the broadband to fibre and took out a new telephone deal which was cheaper than our original. This saving was about £3.00 per month. The utility contracts were renewed. Gas was renewed for 5yrs, and electricity was renewed for 3yrs. As ever we try and monitor our out goings, keeping them to a minimum.

The annual insurance renewal was quoted at £906.52 from Morton Michel. We have been with this insurer for many years but through the pandemic they had quite a bit of bad reviews from other settings. This renewal quote was over £300.00 more than the previous year, so I contacted Towergate Insurance as they had been mentioned quite a few times in a positive way. Their quote of £749.39 was taken up, same cover but with a good saving.

Not employing another member staff to cover Anna's position had paid off financially along with the credit that we had acquired on our HMRC account from paying maternity pay. This all helped keep costs down through this uncertain time. Without the grant from Cheltenham Borough Council and the extra payment from Gloucestershire County Council we would of struggled.

David Percy our retired accountant that signed off our year end accounts decided to fully retire so we were incredibly lucky to have the offer of Steph and Jack Hayman's help. Both fully qualified accountants, Jack signed off last year's figures and is happy to do the same again this year. Paula to submit all the information to The Charity Commission once this is done.

Independent Examiner’s Report to the Trustees of St Marys Playgroup Charlton Kings

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- 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.



Jack Hayman ACA

Date

ST MARYS PLAYGROUP CHARLTON KINGS
Charity Number – 1055267

Statement of Financial Activities

**Income & Expenditure Account
For the year ended 31st May 2020**

Income	2021	2020
Fees	34,325.42	12,301.04
Grant Funding	41,851.91	36,157.13
CJRS Grant	126.34	4,537.99
Hall Hire	-	140.00
Fund Raising & Commission	171.00	756.56
Donations	50.00	120.00
Deposit from Savings A/C and Interest	0.17	2.85
Total Income	<u>£76,524.84</u>	<u>£54,013.72</u>
Out Goings		
Staff Costs	52,708.26	48,732.36
Accommodation Costs	4,488.21	7,038.61
Activities	803.18	1,444.51
Equipment & Stationery	2,347.02	2,393.05
Consumables	1,529.37	691.46
Subscriptions	252.44	267.96
Bookkeeping	50.00	50.00
Training	300.00	1,182.66
Entertainment/Gifts	400.00	163.10
Total Out Goings	<u>£62,878.48</u>	<u>£61,963.71</u>
Bank account balances at start of year	18,281.95	26,231.94
Total income less out goings	<u>13,646.36</u>	<u>- 7,949.99</u>
Bank account balance at end of year	<u>£31,928.31</u>	<u>£18,281.95</u>
Made up of		
Bank Current account	31,189.20	17,461.91
Bank Deposit account	708.59	708.42
Petty Cash	<u>30.52</u>	<u>111.62</u>
	<u>£31,928.31</u>	<u>£18,281.95</u>

All of the funds of the Charity are unrestricted and are raised with the express intention of providing the playgroup with funding for the benefit of the children.

St Mary's Nursery & Preschool - Charlton Kings

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ST MARYS PLAYGROUP CHARLTON KINGS

Charity Number – 1055267

CHARITY TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MAY 2020

**ST MARY'S PLAYGROUP, Brotherhood Hall, Lyefield Road East, Charlton
Kings GL53 8AU - Charity No: 1055267**

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – 2019 – 2020

Chairperson: Sophie Constantine
Treasurer: Jenny Bicknell
Secretary: Hannah Jones

The following Trustees were appointed after the year end:

Chairperson: Raymond Dowling (15 December 2020)

The Trust is governed by a constitution adopted on 24 November 1995. New Trustees are appointed by the Trustees who currently hold office.

The main aim of this playgroup is to provide a childcare provision where children can learn and be nurtured in a safe environment. All monies fundraised are reinvested into the playgroup for the children's benefit.

Here is a year with a difference.....

The Autumn term brought us some lovely new members to Playgroup and welcomed back our Caterpillars who had grown over the summer into beautiful Butterflies.

We said goodbye to Miss Tombs at the end of the school term in July. She was spreading her wings to a bigger nursery in Cheltenham. Luckily for us 'Nan' still came to visit for her gardening spot once a week. Miss Tombs will be missed, but as ever the rest of the team has adjusted and carried on with great professionalism. Due to the child numbers being low we decided to keep staff numbers as is for the time being.

We had a successful Summer BBQ which raised £383.00, followed by a great Xmas Wreath Making Evening and Raffle. This brought in £330.00 of much needed funds. A great night was had by all and a big thank you to Mrs Roscoe, Miss Tombs and Nan for all their help in organising it.

It was lovely to welcome Hoot Owls Forest School into Playgroup. The children have loved this activity being outside doing craft things and toasting marshmallows over a fire pit washed down with hot chocolate. The Music Man was still very much visiting us too which is always fun.

Come the New Year of 2020 we were hit with the Coronavirus. We were forced to shut down by the Government on March 20th, 2020 for a period of about 2 months. During this time, we furloughed most staff apart from Mrs Dinwoodie who was busy trying to save money where we could. Mrs Hayman started off being furloughed but it soon became clear that she needed to keep up to date with the ever-changing rules and regulations which seem to differ every day.

Mrs Rodrigues was due back from Maternity Leave in January 2020 but decided that she loved being a parent so much she was going to enjoy her little girl Savannah. This fitted in well with lockdown, meanwhile Sally had a past staff member waiting in the wings, Clare Roadknight, who was happy to come back and work for us when we opened again.

A quite different end to this year, and as ever not for the fainthearted!

ST MARYS PLAYGROUP CHARLTON KINGS

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As the current committee are ending their time at St Mary's, we will be advertising for a new set of parents to become involved. This may be a little trickier with COVID-19 around but with the use of technology we can work this out.

It just leaves me to say a huge thank you to Sally and her team for an amazing job that they have done this year and every year. 😊

ST MARY'S PLAYGROUP TREASURER'S REPORT - 2019 – 2020

Charity No: 1055267

Another mindful year for us with regards to money. Numbers for the children were at an acceptable level but no way near as good as what we have been used to. We requested the credit on our HMRC account to be refunded to us (£1,186.00) and we had to transfer £5,000 from our saving account to help the current account out heading into the new term, September 2019.

Fund raising was a big help. We raised over £700.00 which was put towards new toys for the children both inside and outside.

Maintenance was down to a minimum again this year. The Brotherhood very kindly paid for the front doors to be repaired and repainted in our signature red giving the hall a very grand look.

We closed our doors on 20th March 2020 due to the Pandemic and re-opened on the 8th of June 2020. During this time Mrs Dinwoodie assessed all out goings to see where we could save money, our landlord very kindly said that we could take a break from paying the rent on the hall we used. This was a big help. We furloughed staff where needed. The figures for this year do not reflect a 'normal' year due to the lockdown but by the time our financial year ended we had a made a loss of £7,949.99.

As ever, we are very aware of the business we are in with regards to children numbers fluctuating and now a pandemic. Going forward we know that it will be a challenging time with finance, but every decision made is made cautiously and for the good of St Mary's Playgroup.

ST MARYS PLAYGROUP CHARLTON KINGS

Charity Number – 1055267

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St Marys Playgroup Charlton Kings

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above Charity ("the Trust") for the period ended 31 May 2020.

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

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; 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.



Jack Hayman ACA

6 March 2021

Date

ST MARYS PLAYGROUP CHARLTON KINGS
Charity Number – 1055267

Statement of Financial Activities

**Income & Expenditure Account
For the year ended 31st May 2020**

Income	2020	2019
Fees	12,301.04	13,768.32
Grant Funding	36,157.13	52,339.67
CJRS Grant	4,537.99	-
Hall Hire	140.00	210.00
Fund Raising & Commission	756.56	620.02
Donations	120.00	77.57
Deposit from Savings A/C and Interest	1.00	2.85
Total Income	<u>£54,013.72</u>	<u>£67,018.43</u>
Out Goings		
Staff Costs	48,732.36	58,924.99
Accommodation Costs	7,038.61	5,704.22
Activities	1,444.51	2,182.78
Equipment & Stationery	2,393.05	2,182.11
Consumables	691.46	1,050.52
Subscriptions	267.96	516.67
Bookkeeping	50.00	50.00
Training	1,182.66	2,493.23
Entertainment/Gifts	163.10	100.00
Total Out Goings	<u>£61,963.71</u>	<u>£73,204.52</u>
Bank account balances at start of year	26,231.94	32,418.03
Total income less out goings	- 7,949.99	- 6,186.09
Bank account balance at end of year	<u>£18,281.95</u>	<u>£26,231.94</u>
Made up of		
Bank Current account	17,461.91	20,445.01
Bank Deposit account	708.42	5,707.42
Petty Cash	111.62	79.51
	<u>£18,281.95</u>	<u>£26,231.94</u>

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