

ST MARYS PLAYGROUP CHARLTON KINGS

Charity Number – 1055267

CHARITY TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MAY 2023

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

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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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 2023.

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.

J. Hayman

Jack Hayman ACA

March 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities

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	£67,098.88	£65,890.52
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	£65,807.35	£66,917.84
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	£32,192.52	£30,900.99
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
	£32,192.52	£30,900.99

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.