

Fittleworth Chairpersons Report 2019/2020

Time of writing September 2020

Wow! What a year it has been! Here is some of what has been going on:

Covid-19

We closed on the 20th March following government guidelines and re-opened for key children on the 20th May. We then re-opened on the 8th June bringing our school leaver children back, to help with their transition into the school. During our closure Karen, Playgroup Manager, continued contact with all of the children with zoom connections to the weekly music session, book readings from the staff, video recordings of the staff, role playing, activity packs, seeds through the post and many other inventive ideas to keep the children busy and connected to the playgroup during lockdown.

In the Playroom

We have created a new separate, quiet area for the children to retreat to for book reading or quiet play with a bubble tube, bean bags, soft lighting with a natural/nature theme.

The children are continuing to enjoy the outside area with an added gazebo which has helped in the really hot weather and when it is raining, the children can still continue with their outside activities under the gazebo. We have altered the sand area to a stone play area which is helping the children with their sensory skills. We are now looking to develop the outside area with further outside cover, which gives us more flexibility enabling the children to be outside more often in all weathers. In light of covid-19 we feel it has never been more important for the children to be outside.

Staff

Our amazing manager Karen had her beautiful baby Iris and returned from maternity leave after February half term.

We said goodbye and good luck to Ebony in February, our young apprentice, we are thankful for her support through her time here and lending us her skills and natural ability to work with the children. We are continuing to support our other apprentice, Michelle, who has now completed her first year of study and continuing to complete her course, whilst working in the playroom.

We have continued to support the staff through covid-19 and have a strong team still in place with all staff back to working in the playroom, with a healthy number of children attending in September.

I will be stepping down as Chair of the playgroup after today's AGM so we are looking for someone to fill the role. If there is no chair then playgroup can not open. It is a rewarding job where you get to be a part of working with a wonderful team and also benefiting yours and other children's lives at playgroup. I would encourage anyone to take it up.

I would like to finish by saying a huge thank you to all the staff, parents and children of Fittleworth Playgroup. Without you our playgroup wouldn't be the place it is. I wish you all the luck in the future and look forward to continuing to share yoga with some of your children in the future.

Lydia Styles
Chair

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts.

Report to the Trustees of Fittleworth & District Playgroup (Charity No 1057649) on the Accrual Accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 and set out on pages one and two attached.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; You consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (The Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of The Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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 requirements

to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of The Act and

to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of The Act

have not been met or

2) to which in my opinion attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Dated:

6/12/2020