

BREAM EARLY LEARNERS

England & Wales · Charity number 1062902

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1997-06-17

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: Bream Early Learners is a community playgroup, run by a committee of volunteer parents. Our aim is to prepare each child for school by providing activities which develop independence, self-confidence and competence in basic skills. We provide these facilities and activities for children aged from two years to school entry.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Gloucestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£149,900	£179,112	-	-
2024-08-31	£141,107	£130,128	-	-
2023-08-31	£136,897	£134,589	-	-
2022-08-31	£116,613	£114,886	-	-
2021-08-31	£128,456	£188,516	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Jill Davies	Chair	2019-10-10
Alannah Molly Anne Neale		2026-02-03
Claire Slocombe		2024-01-15
Derek Michael Broom FCCA		2022-07-24
Felicity Rodway-Hall		2024-01-15
India Jade Lambert		2026-02-03
Joanna Clark		2021-10-11
Laura May Young		2026-02-03
Layla Jade Jones		2022-09-29

BREAM EARLY LEARNERS

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Accounts

Charity name:

Charity number:

Bream Early Learners**1062902**Receipts and payments accounts for the period
Period start date 1st September 2024

Period end date 31st August 2025

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS	Previous year	Current year
	£	£
Nursery Education Funding (Free for 3&4)	120,461.03	136,402.88
Nursery Education Funding - EYPP	2,389.80	3,153.60
Children's fees	10,041.65	4,967.42
Club Income	5,318.00	3,465.50
Uniform and Gym bag Sales	38.00	0.00
Fundraising	1,736.65	873.00
Donations and Grants	0.00	400.00
Interest	766.73	542.56
Other receipts	355.00	95.00
SUB TOTAL	141,106.86	149,899.96
Income from the sale of equipment		
TOTAL RECEIPTS	(A) 141,106.86	149,899.96

PAYMENTS	Previous year	Current year
	£	£
Employment costs (wages plus HMRC)	108,876.51	123,941.66
Training costs	1,377.20	362.40
Premises (rent, heat etc)	8,237.81	12,650.66
Subscriptions	498.88	827.20
Insurance	3,266.55	131.19
Administration	955.44	1,638.04
Refreshments	639.34	1,257.60
Consumables (paint, paper etc)	1,400.25	2,458.78
Uniform and Gym bags	0.00	166.80
Fundraising costs	30.00	113.08
Other	792.70	3,230.80
SUB TOTAL	126,074.68	146,778.21
Purchases of of equipment and other assets	4,053.43	32,333.42
TOTAL PAYMENTS	(B) 130,128.11	179,111.63

NET OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS	(A-B=C)	10,978.75	-29,211.67
Cash funds last year end	(D)	53,122.18	64,100.93
Cash funds this year end	(C+D)	64,100.93	34,889.26

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES


	Current Value
	£
Current A/cs	4,403.50
Deposit A/cs	30,385.76
Petty Cash	100.00
	34,889.26

Signed for the trustees (Committee) J. Davies Role ChairpersonDate 13/02/2026

DETAILS OF EQUIPMENT/ASSET EXPENDITURE AND OTHER INCOME AND EXPENDITURE		DETAILS OF FUNDRAISING			
Grant income	£	Event	Receipts	Expenditure	Profit
			£	£	£
R Ellis - Bells Golf Day	350.00	Forest Lottery	232.00	0.00	232.00
Mid Counties CO-OP	50.00	Raffles	455.00	113.08	341.92
		Xmas Fayre	186.00	0.00	186.00
TOTAL	<u>400.00</u>				
Other expenditure	£				
Legal Fees	2,042.40				
DBS Checks	132.01				
Perrygrove Trip	540.00				
Thank You Presents	164.50				
Coach Hire	210.00				
Xmas Presents	60.00				
Tots Megabounce	81.89				
TOTAL	<u>3,230.80</u>	TOTAL	<u>873.00</u>	<u>113.08</u>	<u>759.92</u>
Expenditure on Equipment/Assets	£				
Sofas, Chairs & Units	1,121.58				
New Cabin	28,395.60				
Printer, projector & Shredder	429.51				
Cabin Equipment	525.52				
Washing Machine	440.00				
Sand & Water Table	267.31				
Easel & Reading Arch	572.95				
Vax Cleaner	199.00				
Gazebo	159.99				
Tots Equipment	111.97				
TOTAL	<u>32,223.43</u>				

These certified figures were submitted to the members at the Annual General Meeting of:

Bream Early Learners on 3rd February 2026

Signed  (Treasurer) Name (in block letters) DEREK BROOM FCCA

Address: Fairways, Lansdown Walk, Bream, Gloucestershire GL156NE



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Bream Early Learners.

On accounts for the year ended

31st August 2025

Charity no (if any)

1062902

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and basis of report

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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~ *) 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

C.P. Peabery

Date:

26/1/26.

Name:

Christopher Philip Peabery

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

FMAAT

Address:

Mant View, Lansdown Walk, Bream, Lydney, Glos GL15 6NE

Bream Early Learners
Annual General Meeting - Tuesday 3rd February 2026
Chairperson / Leader's Report

Last year was another good year for Bream Early Learners and our registers. We ended the year with 19 pre-school children in Oak and 24 starters in Acorn giving an overall occupancy of 76.5%. This year looks to be even better with 40 children on the register and 4 due to start after Easter

Our Breakfast club operates every morning, and provides a service for younger children that are not included in the free school offer. The club largely covers its cost and helps many of our working parents.

Our Thursday toddler group continues to be popular and it acts as a great feeder to the main setting whilst providing an opportunity for parents to meet in a relaxed atmosphere.

The biggest disappointment this year was the resignation of our Manager, Bonnie Ellis. Bonnie left to pursue an opportunity to work directly with families in the Forest. A heart felt thank you to Bonnie for making BEL the vibrant and popular setting it is today. When Bonnie left we were expecting to merge with the school during the autumn term Kelly and Katy agreed to provide the management role until transfer.

Hannah Partridge resigned as treasurer from the committee in September 2025 but Derek has kindly agreed to cover this post. I would like to thank Hannah for all of her hard work.

One of Bonnie's last projects was the organisation of a new cabin that gave us secure, dry storage and a small welfare area for staff. Using the old lawn at the front of the building means we could demolish the old wooden sheds and add additional all weather play area. Good use of our fundraising monies!

In May 2024 parents agreed to a merger of BEL and the academy that runs Bream School. In December 2025 the academy decided that the proposed merger could not go ahead as planned due the County Council requiring a market rent for the BEL building. We have always been run by a committee of volunteers and the transfer would have meant that this was no longer necessary. We are currently working with the County Council to see if there are any other options than a parent committee to run BEL. This needs to be resolved quickly as we have no formal manager and staff agreed to act up believing it was for a short interim period. We will be in contact with all parents when we have any further news.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the committee for their continued support but especially the staff team at BEL that have worked so hard these last few months to keep the setting running and continuing to be a fantastic pre-school.

Bream Early Learners Annual General Meeting 3rd February 2026

Treasurer's Report

SUMMARY The accounts show a deficit of £29,212. This is the result of buying a new container cabin to replace the old wooden sheds. We also had to buy replacement electrical equipment and furniture for the new cabin (see page 2 for details). Our attendance numbers have remained buoyant so we felt this was the time to buy the new unit, we closed the year at 80% occupancy in Oak and 73% occupancy in Acorn.

RECEIPTS Overall income from fees was £144,524, up nearly 9% up on last year's £132,891. Most of this was Nursery Education Funding which is money from the Government for 15 or 30 hours free childcare a week for over 3's and eligible 2 year olds. We received £4,967 in children's' fees for sessions where free provision isn't available. Lower than last year but this is due to increased nursery funding for working parents of 2 year olds.

We offer a breakfast club for pre-school children and last year raised an income of £3,465. This is just enough to cover the running costs and provides a useful service for working parents.

Fundraising is detailed on page 2, the key sources being Layla's Facebook raffles and the Christmas Fayre. There were fewer events this year as we expected to merge with the school by the end of the year. The money that was raised was used to help pay for the new cabin.

PAYMENTS This year's total expenditure was £179,111. Our main cost is staff wages - £123,941 representing 84% of running costs. The cost of running the site (premises) was £4,413 higher than last year but we paid for some tree surgery work and wiring to the new cabin costing £3,506 in total. The insurance payment for this year is low as two payments were made last year.

LOOKING FORWARD In May 2024 parents voted for Bream Early Learners to become part of the Academy running Bream School. The Academy advised us in December 2025 that this will not now go ahead. This leaves us planning the future shape of Bream Early Learners; we have no known financial obligations so we can be confident that our reserves are adequate to meet any future changes.

RESERVES We hold £34,889 in reserves. Our Reserves Policy is to start the year with at least £20,000 in the current account. This leaves £14,889 in the redundancy reserve that will require a £3,500 top up in the current year.

BREAM EARLY LEARNERS

England & Wales - Charity number 1062902

Accounts



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Bream Early Learners

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st August 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1062902

Set out on pages

1 to 2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2024.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (~~other than that disclosed below*~~) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do 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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

C. P. Pembury

Date:

15/10/24

Name:

CHRISTOPHER PHILIP PEMBERTY

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

FMAAT

Address:

MOUNT VIEW, LANSDOWN WALK,
BREAM LYDNEY, GLOS
GL15 6NE.

Charity name:

Charity number:

Bream Early Learners

1062902

Receipts and payments accounts for the period

Period start date 1st September 2023

Period end date 31st August 2024

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS	Previous year £	Current year £	
Nursery Education Funding (Free for 3&4)	104,372.08	120,461.03	
Nursery Education Funding - EYPP	1,224.00	2,389.80	
Children's fees	6,824.95	10,041.65	
Club Income	9,798.12	5,318.00	
Uniform and Gym bag Sales	154.00	38.00	
Fundraising	1,833.54	1,736.65	B
Donations and Grants	12,457.00	0.00	B
Interest	233.67	766.73	
Other receipts	0.00	355.00	
SUB TOTAL	136,897.36	141,106.86	
Income from the sale of equipment			
TOTAL RECEIPTS	(A) <u>136,897.36</u>	<u>141,106.86</u>	
PAYMENTS	Previous year £	Current year £	
Employment costs (wages plus HMRC)	105,322.40	108,876.51	
Training costs	614.40	1,377.20	
Premises (rent, heat etc)	9,382.59	8,237.81	
Subscriptions	670.66	498.88	
Insurance	2,007.76	3,266.55	
Administration	1,673.95	955.44	
Refreshments	858.30	639.34	
Consumables (paint, paper etc)	1,808.49	1,400.25	
Uniform and Gym bags	696.80	0.00	
Fundraising costs	264.06	30.00	
Other	565.40	792.70	
SUB TOTAL	123,864.81	126,074.68	
Purchases of of equipment and other assets	10,724.54	4,053.43	B
TOTAL PAYMENTS	(B) <u>134,589.35</u>	<u>130,128.11</u>	
NET OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS	(A-B=C) <u>2,308.01</u>	<u>10,978.75</u>	A
Cash funds last year end	(D) <u>50,814.17</u>	<u>53,122.18</u>	
Cash funds this year end	(C+D) <u>53,122.18</u>	<u>64,100.93</u>	

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Current Value £	
Current A/cs	40,483.37	C
Deposit A/cs	23,517.56	C
Petty Cash	100.00	
	<u>64,100.93</u>	

Signed for the trustees (Committee)

Daries

Role

Chairperson


Date

25/11/2024

DETAILS OF EQUIPMENT/ASSET EXPENDITURE AND OTHER INCOME AND EXPENDITURE		DETAILS OF FUNDRAISING			
Other expenditure	£	Event	Receipts	Expenditure	Profit
			£	£	£
Reptile Visit	180.00	Discs	6.00	0.00	6.00
DBS Checks	34.20	Forest Lottery	231.50	0.00	231.50
Thank You Presents	298.50	Raffles	313.35	30.00	283.35
Coach Hire	195.00	Xmas	453.80	0.00	453.80
Xmas Presents	85.00	Easter Walk	732.00	0.00	732.00
TOTAL	<u><u>792.70</u></u>	TOTAL	<u><u>1,736.65</u></u>	<u><u>30.00</u></u>	<u><u>1,706.65</u></u>
Other Income	£				
Rental income - summer club 23	175.00				
GCC First aid training grant	180.00				
	<u><u>355.00</u></u>				
Expenditure on Equipment/Assets	£				
Benches	100.00				
Tablets & cases	555.27				
Overalls	291.64				
Sensory Snug	716.72				
TOTAL	<u><u>1,663.63</u></u>				

These certified figures were submitted to the members at the Annual General Meeting of:

Bream Early Learners on ^{25th} ~~xx~~th November 2024

Signed..........(Treasurer) Name (in block letters) Hannah Partridge

Address: 2 Bakery Mews, Bream, Gloucestershire GL156FG

Bream Early Learners

Annual General Meeting - Monday 25th November 2024

Manager's Report

Another positive year for BEL, it's families and the staff here!

Ofsted:

One of our greatest achievements this year is our Ofsted inspection and subsequent report that followed. With this being my first managerial role of a whole setting (and my first ever experience of an Ofsted inspection!), I must admit to being nervous after receiving the initial phone call in January. We're very pleased to say that our hard work had paid off; our amendments to various documents relating to the enrolment of the committee members and the improvements made to record keeping, ensured we had a great basis for a successful outcome. Ofsted stated that "children make good progress with their communication and language....staff quickly identify those who need additional support...a strong focus on children's emotional wellbeing and readiness to learn is at the forefront"

With the previous changes to the setting during 2022, a Good outcome is a great achievement.

Merge with School:

Further to various meetings and correspondence with the school, we are pleased to finally be merging with Bream School, planned for early 2025. With our current registers almost completely full, it is great to know that the management structure of Bream Early Learners is progressing as necessary too. The merge will benefit the Bream community massively; not only to ensure the longevity of the setting but it will also provide vast benefits for the families and the staff here. I'm glad that links made with the school since late 2022 have led to these next steps

Enrolments:

Our current registers are 'healthy' and we are looking to be full again, for the staff members that we have, from January. Even with the recruitment of two new staff members, numbers are looking particularly high for Acorn class, meaning that there are already children booked into registers for 2026.

New staff:

With recruitment being so difficult for early years settings, losing Layla to maternity leave was going to be difficult. However, further to advertising a staff vacancy, we were lucky enough to appoint two new members of staff. Both new members of staff have now started their roles and have settled into the team. They are both level 3 qualified and come with a vast experience of childcare.

Enhancements to BEL and the curriculum:

Earlier this year, Acorn room gained a sensory snug. This has been an essential space for those children who need a quiet and safe space to relax in. Resources for the snug were

purchased using DAF money, whilst the labour, and contractors who provided their time, were voluntary contributions. A huge thank you to both Derek and Richard for their service!

Since the last AGM, Oak class children completed their participation in the Songscape scheme, funded by Gloucestershire Youth Music. This allowed staff at BEL to look at enhancing their music provision, ensuring that we are using a range of songs and music suitable for the tones and pitches of our children's vocals. The scheme proved successful with Vanessa, our music champion, continuing to use aspects of the scheme during her practice.

We are in the process of adding an extra indoor space to the front lawned-area of BEL. The building will be a multi-purpose storage and wellbeing space, suitable for staff to rest in, small group time learning and a family space for parents and staff to meet in. This will be vital to the development of BEL and will ensure that staff are properly catered for. I am hoping to create a new 'practical skills' area where the existing shed/cabin is so that the children can access wood work and engineering activities all year round.

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I'm pleased with the progress that BEL has made over the past 12 months; changes to staff always brings feelings of anxiety but I'm glad we were able to recruit new staff who brought with them more expertise and knowledge.

The exciting changes ahead with the merging of Bream Primary School will ensure that BEL families and staff are well cared for.

A message of thanks:

Most importantly, I'd like to give the biggest of thank yous to our committee members who have endured a mountain of paperwork and changes over the past two years. Without such willing volunteers, our setting would have collapsed years ago. It may not feel like much has been done, but a strong, reliable and approachable committee have been CRUCIAL to my role here and the growth of BEL. The final hurdles are now insight so you can all enjoy your time, without the messages of "Hi all....."

Bonnie Ellis
Manager
20th November 2024

BREAM EARLY LEARNERS

England & Wales - Charity number 1062902

Accounts

Charity name:

Charity number:

Bream Early Learners**1062902**

Receipts and payments accounts for the period

Period start date 1st September 2022

Period end date 31st August 2023

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

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	£	£
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Nursery Education Funding - EYPP	1,395.30	1,224.00
Children's fees	9,703.42	6,824.95
Club Income	19,910.50	9,798.12
Uniform and Gym bag Sales	126.00	154.00
Fundraising	4,816.81	1,833.54
Donations and Grants	750.00	12,457.00
Interest	1.96	233.67
Other receipts	0.00	0.00
SUB TOTAL	116,612.76	136,897.36
Income from the sale of equipment		
TOTAL RECEIPTS	(A) <u>116,612.76</u>	<u>136,897.36</u>

PAYMENTS	Previous year	Current year
	£	£
Employment costs (wages plus HMRC)	98,907.82	105,322.40
Training costs	120.00	614.40
Premises (rent, heat etc)	5,863.07	9,382.59
Subscriptions	416.87	670.66
Insurance	142.29	2,007.76
Administration	1,604.85	1,673.95
Refreshments	1,379.98	858.30
Consumables (paint, paper etc)	1,849.01	1,808.49
Uniform and Gym bags	330.79	696.80
Fundraising costs	522.52	264.06
Other	229.31	565.40
SUB TOTAL	111,366.51	123,864.81
Purchases of of equipment and other assets	3,519.29	10,724.54
TOTAL PAYMENTS	(B) <u>114,885.80</u>	<u>134,589.35</u>

NET OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS	(A-B=C)	1,726.96	2,308.01
Cash funds last year end	(D)	49,087.21	50,814.17
Cash funds this year end	(C+D)	<u>50,814.17</u>	<u>53,122.18</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Current Value £
Current A/cs	38,377.98
Deposit A/cs	14,672.99
Petty Cash	71.21
	<u>53,122.18</u>

Signed for the trustees (Committee) I Clark Role SecretaryDate 26/10/23

DETAILS OF EQUIPMENT/ASSET EXPENDITURE AND OTHER INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Grant income	£
Forest PATA	175.00
West Dean P.C.	4,090.00
Private Donations	485.00
Groundwork UK	250.00
John Lewis	500.00
GCC sustainability grant	6,957.00
TOTAL	<u><u>12,457.00</u></u>

Other expenditure	£
Adverts	142.80
DBS Checks	8.10
Land Registry	40.00
Thank You Presents	112.00
Coach Hire and Day Trip Exps	262.50
TOTAL	<u><u>565.40</u></u>

Expenditure on Equipment/Assets	£
Play Cooker	119.99
Bikes	503.94
Garden Work	9,931.20
Garden Equipment	169.41
TOTAL	<u><u>10,724.54</u></u>

DETAILS OF FUNDRAISING

Event	Receipts £	Expenditure £	Profit £
Discs	9.00	0.00	9.00
Sponsored Walk	310.00	0.00	310.00
Xmas	250.64	0.00	250.64
Amazon	26.93	0.00	26.93
Raffles	599.92	264.06	335.86
General Donation	2.50	0.00	2.50
Paypal Giving	5.95	0.00	5.95
Bunny Bounce	393.00	0.00	393.00
Summer Trip	64.60		64.60
Summer Fayre	171.00		171.00
TOTAL	<u><u>1,833.54</u></u>	<u><u>264.06</u></u>	<u><u>1,569.48</u></u>

These certified figures were submitted to the members at the Annual General Meeting of:

Bream Early Learners on 26th October 2023

Signed.....*HP*.....(Treasurer) Name (in block letters) HANNAH PARTRIDGE

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of

Charity Name

BREAM EARLY LEARNERS

On accounts for the year ended

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Charity no (if any)

1 0 6 2 9 0 2

Set out on pages

1-42 *cpd.*

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~):

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

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Signed

C. P. Pembley

Date

20/10/23

Name

CHRISTOPHER PHILIP PEMBLEY

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Bream Early Learners Annual General Meeting 26th October 2022

Treasurer's Report

SUMMARY: This year's accounts show a surplus of £2,308. This includes a grant of £6,957 from the County Council to help us manage the projected deficit of £15,000. This grant meant that we were able to pay for essential tree surgery and holiday back pay resulting from a change in the law without taking money from the garden fund. Fundraising and a grant from West Dean Parish Council allowed us to refurbish the garden area at Easter. All fundraising money and grants are kept separate to pay for equipment and upgrades.

RECEIPTS: We started the year with low numbers but through positive promotion attendance rose significantly during the year. Overall income from fees was £112,421 (last year £91,007). Most of this was Nursery Education Funding which is money from the Government for 15 or 30 hours free childcare a week for over 3's and eligible 2 year olds. We received £6,824 in children's' fees for sessions where free provision isn't available.

The lease for the new building requires us to explore the feasibility of running holiday clubs. Last August we ran a summer club that covered its cost but did not add any surplus to the accounts. Income from these and our breakfast/after school clubs raised £9,978 (last year £19,910). Provision of our clubs has to be carefully managed and we can only provide them where we have sufficient numbers to cover our costs.

Fundraising went well this year and details are given on page 2 of the accounts. The sponsored walk and bunny bounce raised good sums as did our Facebook raffles. Some of this money was used to pay for garden refurbishment.

PAYMENTS: Last year total expenditure was £134,886. Our main cost is staff wages - £105,322. Children have to be maintained for children so more children equals higher costs although we had a 10% increase in the living wage to manage. The building running costs were £9,382 although this included £1,500 for tree surgery. The cost of refreshments is lower thanks to fantastic support from the Forest Food bank.

LOOKING FORWARD: Things are looking positive with the enrolment numbers for sessions higher than this time last year. Breakfast club numbers are still good but after school club numbers are very low. In April 2024 the new government childcare initiative for two year olds starts. The biggest challenge will be the staffing capacity to meet an expected increase in demand. At the moment we are projecting that we can break even this year. This will be reviewed at the next Committee meeting in November.

RESERVES: We hold £53,122 in reserves. We hold a redundancy reserve of £13,000 and £38,377 in the current account to meet any in year deficit this year and any unexpected costs. Our Reserves Policy is to start the year with at least £20,000 in the current account. We also have £1,672.00 in our fundraising Reserve

FUNDRAISING: Fundraising is important and any ideas for new fundraising events or volunteers to help are always appreciated. Why not join us? We're a great team and at the end of day all funds we raise benefit the children directly.

Bream Early Learners
Annual General Meeting - Thursday 26th October 2023
Manager's Report

What a year it has been!

12 months ago, we had lost the chairperson and manager and in the face of a large deficit we were being supported by the Early Years' Service business support team. Our enrolment figures seemed low and after acquiring our new building and developing our classrooms, the finances and future of BEL seemed a little bleak.

It pleases me to say that, despite the circumstances this time last year, BEL is now growing evermore popular within the community and with the support and fundraising from 2022-23 we have grown to become a hub for our local families.

We have received fantastic support from our neighbours, The Foodbank, The Forest of Dean Baby Bank, St. James' Church and other businesses and volunteers including Waitrose and a list of contractors. This means that in addition to maintaining our high-quality provision for the children here we have also supported families as a whole by delivering food hampers, providing snacks and vouchers and taking our children on a coach trip to Perrygrove.

Links with the school continue to grow. Not only does this benefit the families choosing Bream School as their primary school provision, it also means that as a team, we can ensure we are safeguarding the local families to the very best of our abilities. We can share the vast amount of knowledge and resources that Bream School has to offer and I'm grateful to Nicky Brice, the headteacher there, for her support and correspondence this past year.

We are currently looking at closing our enrolments until September 2024 - partially due to the huge increase of numbers we have had and partially because of the funding changes due to take place in Spring 2024. Our community presence, experienced team of staff and advertising through social media have all attributed to this improvement. Many local settings are continuing to advertise that they have spaces available yet we seem to be struggling to find the spaces to fill!

As always Breakfast Club numbers are high and consistent. It also allows staff that extra time in the morning to prepare activities and complete checks essential for the running of our core hours.

After school club is no longer viable. Numbers are consistently low and we continue to run at a loss. We have utilised the club staff as best we can by reducing the cleaner's hours and with me helping to run ASC whilst completing office duties within the classroom. I do not think this is something to be disappointed about. We should not forget that we are a community-led preschool group and cannot use our nursery funding to subsidise other services. I am pleased that it is something that we have tried to promote but it is now time to use the valuable staff elsewhere and no longer invest in something that has no financial gain for BEL.

Tots and Toddlers numbers seem to be increasing. Advertising through our social media platform and our growth at the setting seems to have 'spread the word'. The West Dean PC are very kindly supporting us financially, with the cost of the building currently free due to the group being such an asset to the local families.

Within the year 22-23, BEL has extended it's offering by renovating the gardens to the rear of the property, planted fruit and vegetables within the Nature Play area, held popular events such as the Christmas Disco and Bounce like a Bunny and is now looking to provide a Sensory Den within one of our classrooms. An exciting opportunity from Gloucestershire Music is on the horizon and I have now started to look at ways that we can install our own AED on the premises and provide cloakrooms for both classrooms.

It's been a whirlwind of a year, but with a great team of staff and the ongoing support from our committee, I feel very lucky to be a part of it.

Long may it continue!!

Bonnie Ellis

Manager

19th October 2023

BREAM EARLY LEARNERS

England & Wales - Charity number 1062902

Accounts

Charity name:

Charity number:

Bream Early Learners**1062902**

Receipts and payments accounts for the period

Period start date 1st September 2021

Period end date 31st August 2022

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS	Previous year	Current year
	£	£
Nursery Education Funding (Free for 3&4)	93,685.74	79,908.77
Nursery Education Funding - EYPP	1,298.73	1,395.30
Children's fees	7,072.56	9,703.42
Club Income	9,873.92	19,910.50
Uniform and Gym bag Sales	209.50	126.00
Fundraising	2,264.95	4,816.81
Donations	2,166.00	750.00
Interest	1.33	1.96
Other receipts	11,883.57	0.00
SUB TOTAL	128,456.30	116,612.76
Income from the sale of equipment		
TOTAL RECEIPTS	(A) 128,456.30	116,612.76

PAYMENTS	Previous year	Current year
	£	£
Employment costs (wages plus HMRC)	103,565.85	98,907.82
Training costs	890.60	120.00
Premises (rent, heat etc)	9,778.70	5,863.07
Subscriptions	927.86	416.87
Insurance	2,882.37	142.29
Administration	2,481.71	1,604.85
Refreshments	1,260.42	1,379.98
Consumables (paint, paper etc)	1,770.90	1,849.01
Uniform and Gym bags	462.95	330.79
Fundraising costs	811.69	522.52
Other	586.72	229.31
SUB TOTAL	125,419.77	111,366.51
Purchases of of equipment and other assets	63,095.97	3,519.29
TOTAL PAYMENTS	(B) 188,515.74	114,885.80

NET OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS	(A-B=C)	-60,059.44	1,726.96
Cash funds last year end	(D)	109,146.65	49,087.21
Cash funds this year end	(C+D)	49,087.21	50,814.17

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Current Value
	£
Current A/cs	32,659.33
Deposit A/cs	18,104.84
Petty Cash	50.00
	50,814.17

Signed for the trustees (Committee)..... ..... Role **TRUSTEE**Date **29th September 2022**

DETAILS OF EQUIPMENT/ASSET EXPENDITURE AND OTHER INCOME AND EXPENDITURE		DETAILS OF FUNDRAISING			
Grant income	£	Event	Receipts	Expenditure	Profit
Groundworks (Tesco)	750.00		£	£	£
		Open Day	482.80	130.47	352.33
		Go Fund Me	67.46	0.00	67.46
		Xmas Cards	192.00	144.00	48.00
		Facebook Raffles	596.00	248.05	347.95
		Amazon	19.97	0.00	19.97
		Christmas Raffle	99.32	0.00	99.32
		Holly's Walk	3,347.26	0.00	3,347.26
		Tapestry Discs	12.00	0.00	12.00
TOTAL	<u>750.00</u>				
Other expenditure	£				
Adverts	142.80				
Thank You Presents	56.50				
Get Well Gift	30.01				
TOTAL	<u>229.31</u>				
Expenditure on Equipment/Assets	£				
Laptop	579.99				
Printer	76.90				
New Fence	2,762.40				
Outdoor Teepee	100.00				
TOTAL	<u>3,519.29</u>				
		TOTAL	<u>4,816.81</u>	<u>522.52</u>	<u>4,294.29</u>

These certified figures were submitted to the members at the Annual General Meeting of:

Bream Early Learners on 29th September 2022

Signed L. Griffin (Treasurer) Name (in block letters) Leanne Griffin

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Bream Early Learners

On accounts for the year ended

31st August 2022

Charity no (if any)

1062902

Set out on pages

1 to 2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do 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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

C. P. Pembery

Date:

26/9/22

Name:

CHRISTOPHER PHILIP PEMBERY

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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Bream Early Learners
Annual General Meeting - Thursday 29th September 2022
Chairperson / Leader's Report

There has been a slight decline in the number of children over the past few years at Bream Early Learners, with a pre-school group of 15 children starting school last year compared to a figure of 19 in September 2020.

We currently have 15 pre-school and 7 starter group children on register which is slightly lower than this time last year. We currently have 3 children starting before Christmas and another 3 children due to start in January so numbers are increasing.

Breakfast club is busy and operates every morning, and the after school club is operating Tuesday - Friday now and Carey's 'theme nights' are proving popular on a Friday.

There was not as much interest in the Summer holiday club so we only opened two days a week over three weeks. There has been no interest in the October half term at the moment.

Our toddler group continues to be busy some weeks and we obtain new children who move across to BEL, usually when parents receive the 3 year funding.

The 'Forest Tots' sessions we trialled last year started off quite well but tailed off as there was insufficient interest to keep it running. Maybe this is something to try again in the future.

We are still trying to raise some more money for the garden so we can tidy it up and lay the astroturf. Derek will be applying for some funding so hopefully we will soon have a wonderful garden to match our new building.

There have been a few changes to staffing over the past year. Stacey went on maternity at Christmas but joins us again in October. Bonnie and Fran both left in May to pursue a job with more hours and Kim left in June to realise her dream of living near the beach in Wales. Unfortunately, it is my last day tomorrow but Kelly and Vanessa will be 'acting manager and deputy' until we secure another Manager.

Bridget resigned as Chair in July 2022 but Jill has kindly stepped into her shoes. I would like to thank Bridget for all of her support getting us into our new building.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the committee, staff and parents for supporting me during my 15 years. I will be very sad to leave and will miss the children but I am looking forward to pursuing a different challenge at Heart of the Forest Community Special School.

Estelle

Bream Early Learners Annual General Meeting 29th September 2022

Treasurer's Report

SUMMARY: This year's accounts show a surplus of £1,726. This includes fundraising money and grants that we keep separate to pay for equipment. Taking out these items we made a loss of £548. Some outstanding bills to the HMRC and to pay for insurance and business rates means that we actually lost £5,456.

RECEIPTS: We started the year with lower numbers and our overall income for fees was £91,007 (last year £102,057). Most of this was Nursery Education Funding which is money from the Government for 15 or 30 hours free childcare a week for over 3's and eligible 2 year olds. We received £9,703 in children's' fees for sessions where free provision isn't available.

The lease for the new building requires us to explore the feasibility of running holiday clubs. These have been run at Christmas, Easter and summer. Income from these and our breakfast/after school clubs raised £19,910 (last year £9,874). Provision of our clubs has to be carefully managed and we can only provide them where we have sufficient numbers to cover our costs.

Covid has limited our fundraising opportunities but Holly Merrett raised a fantastic £3,347 with her sponsored walk in April. Our opening event and facebook raffles both raised £350 each. Part of this money was used to pay for new fencing around the children's main playing area.

PAYMENTS: Last year total expenditure was £114,886. Our main cost is staff wages - £98,908. The building running costs were £5,863 although no business or water rates were paid.

LOOKING FORWARD: Enrolment numbers for pre-school and clubs are both lower than last year. In addition we are anticipating a large increase in electricity costs although some support should be coming from the government. At the moment we are projecting a deficit for the coming year of £15,000. This will be reviewed at the next Committee meeting in November.

RESERVES : We hold £50,814 in reserves. We hold a redundancy reserve of £13,000 and £32,659 in the current account to meet the anticipated deficit this year and any unexpected costs. Our Reserves Policy is to start the year with at least £20,000 in the current account. We also have £5,104.00 in our fundraising Reserve

FUNDRAISING: Fundraising is important and any ideas for new fundraising events or volunteers to help are always appreciated. We would like to replace the tired tarmac area outside the building with artificial grass. The cheapest quote we have had for site preparation alone is £3,900 so further fundraising is essential if we are to achieve this. We would also like to improve the Forest school area with the addition of a shelter.

BREAM EARLY LEARNERS

England & Wales - Charity number 1062902

Accounts

Charity name:

Charity number:

Bream Early Learners

1062902

Receipts and payments accounts for the period

Period start date 1st September 2020

Period end date 31st August 2021

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS	Previous year £	Current year £
Nursery Education Funding (Free for 3&4)	99,648.63	93,685.74
Nursery Education Funding - EYPP	620.1	1,298.73
Children's fees	6,252.35	7,072.56
Club Income	4,238.54	9,873.92
Uniform and Gym bag Sales	208.50	209.50
Fundraising	1,458.56	2,264.95
Donations	12,164.05	2,166.00
Interest	26.19	1.33
Other receipts	100,085.00	11,883.57
SUB TOTAL	224,701.92	128,456.30
Income from the sale of equipment		
TOTAL RECEIPTS (A)	224,701.92	128,456.30

PAYMENTS	Previous year £	Current year £
Employment costs (wages plus HMRC)	84,504.17	103,565.85
Training costs	1,308.00	890.60
Premises (rent, heat etc)	4,596.43	9,778.70
Subscriptions	607.52	927.86
Insurance	1,934.32	2,882.37
Administration	1,618.13	2,481.71
Refreshments	1,029.49	1,260.42
Consumables (paint, paper etc)	1,743.31	1,770.90
Uniform and Gym bags	486.20	462.95
Fundraising costs	7.79	811.69
Other	412.80	586.72
SUB TOTAL	98,248.16	125,419.77
Purchases of of equipment and other assets	102,396.99	63,095.97
TOTAL PAYMENTS (B)	200,645.15	188,515.74

NET OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS (A-B=C)	24,056.77	-60,059.44
Cash funds last year end (D)	85,089.88	109,146.65
Cash funds this year end (C+D)	<u>109,146.65</u>	<u>49,087.21</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Current Value £
Current A/cs	33,908.44
Deposit A/cs	15,128.77
Petty Cash	50.00
	<u>49,087.21</u>

Signed for the trustees (Committee) *Bj Wilkes* Role *Chair*Date *11/10/21*

DETAILS OF EQUIPMENT/ASSET EXPENDITURE AND OTHER INCOME AND EXPENDITURE		DETAILS OF FUNDRAISING			
Other income	£	Event	Receipts	Expenditure	Profit
Sale of Equipment	535.00		£	£	£
HMRC SSP Covid	1,188.54	Sports Relief	12.90		12.90
HMRC Furlough - Covid	1,314.03	Christmas Cards	296.09	222.60	73.49
PATA - Covid grant scheme	196.00	Raffles	1,602.06	589.09	1,012.97
Glos C.C. Business support	5,900.00	DVDs	95.00		95.00
CO-OP Gentian grant	2,000.00	Smarties	31.20		31.20
ESFA - Apprentice grant	750.00	Amazon	5.40		5.40
TOTAL	<u>11,883.57</u>	Chair Sponsor	205.80		205.80
		Reindeer Food	16.50		16.50
Other expenditure	£				
Adverts	132.00				
DBS Checks	64.72				
Refund Training	85.00				
Thank You Presents	35.00				
New Shed	270.00				
TOTAL	<u>586.72</u>				
Expenditure on Equipment/Assets	£				
New Building	56,057.79				
Waterproofs	360.08				
Chestnut Fencing	1,918.35				
Small equipment and toys	4,759.75				
TOTAL	<u>63,095.97</u>	TOTAL	<u>2,264.95</u>	<u>811.69</u>	<u>1,453.26</u>

These certified figures were submitted to the members at the Annual General Meeting of:

Bream Early Learners on ~~22nd October 2020~~ ^{11th} October 2021

Signed M. Heaton (Treasurer) Name (in block letters) MIKEALA JANE HEATON

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Bream Early Learners

On accounts for the year ended

31st August 2021

Charity no (if any)

1062902

Set out on pages

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Signed:

C. P. Pembley

Date:

10/10/21

Name:

CHRISTOPHER PHILIP PEMBLEY

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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Chair Report to AGM 2021

Welcome

May I commence by welcoming you all today. I would like to start with a huge thank you for all the time, effort and support the committee and staff have put in this past year. The year has held many challenges due to the continuation of Covid19 pandemic and outstanding and on-going niggles with the new building. We hope these will be rectified soon.

Last month we held the official opening of the new building. Richard Boyles, who had been instrumental in securing much of the funding from GCC for the new building, cut the ribbon held by present, past and future children of BEL.

It was a fun day and was enjoyed by all who attended. The weather was warm and sunny, and it was lovely to be able to have time to chat with parents, children, grandparents, past volunteers and staff.

Thank you to all who donated raffle prizes, and their time.

Parents and staff

Can I say a big thank you to all parents who have trusted your children into our care and worked with us to enable the safe return to the new 'normal' in these very difficult and uncertain times.

The staff, under Estelle's leadership, have pulled together to ensure safety, security and a happy environment. Despite the many challenges of the pandemic they have continued to provide activities that have promoted opportunities for the children to develop their confidence, and to learn through play and exploration.

May I take this opportunity to thank Derek for the accounts, his work with the finances, and many other administrative duties he performs.

Also a special thanks to Holly Merrett for the new Bream Early Learners website.

Committee

Due to the pandemic, fundraising opportunities have been greatly reduced. We are presently raising money to develop the outside space and garden area through GoFundMe. If you would like to contribute you can find this on our website.

We were extremely grateful for the grant funding of £2,000 from Gentian. We used the money towards the first stage of developing our outside space. Willow panels were attached to the perimeter fence, providing the setting with more privacy.

Mikaela Heaton, who has been treasurer for over 6 years, is sadly stepping down. She has done an excellent job and 'thank you' seems inadequate for all the hard work and time she has put in. A special thanks for all the extra time and effort she put in to bring about the new building. She has served BEL faithfully. A huge thank you Mikaela!

Thank you (again this seems inadequate for all his hard work) to Mark Riley our H&S officer. He has done an excellent job for the past 9 years ensuring the continued safety of staff, children, grounds and building.

The committee are trustees of BEL and have to follow the legal requirements of the constitution and charity commission. This means we need a minimum of 5 committee members of which 3 are officers. A chair, a secretary and a treasurer. Today we must appoint these officers and any new members. I urge you to get involved for the benefit of your children and the future of BEL.

Holiday club

This summer we ran a holiday club for 3 weeks; the children that attended loved it.

If needed, and only if financial viable, we will continue to introduce and phase in full-time all year round Early Years and out of school provision up to age 11 years.

During the past 53 years child care in our village and surrounding area has evolved; further developing BEL is part of this. We offer all children a fabulous opportunity for good quality early years education.

We have plans to develop our outside classroom and space. Please join us in the journey forward. We are passionate about children's learning, and enjoy watching their exploration and being part of their growth.

Thank you all for coming and if any one of you are interesting in joining the committee please ask.

Bridget

Bream Early Learners Annual General Meeting - Monday 11th October 2021 Leader's Report

Despite another strange and difficult year for everyone with the Coronavirus Pandemic we finally held our Open Day on 4th September where Cllr Boyles officially opened our new building! ☺ Having two classrooms for the differing age groups has been very beneficial for the children.

There has been a slight decline in the number of children over the past year at Bream Early Learners, with a pre-school group of 19 children starting school last year compared to a figure of 26 in September 2019.

We currently have 11 pre-school and 11 starter group children on register which is considerably lower than this time last year. We currently have another 2 children due to start in January.

Breakfast club is busy and operates every morning, and the after school club is operating Monday - Thursday now and we have gained a couple of new children. Carey's 'movie night' has proved popular on a Friday and she has plans for further activities.

We managed to obtain some HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) Programme funding for the summer holiday club which helped a wide range of children to access our summer club. There has been very little interest in the October half term and the week before Christmas. I am currently working with GCC to promote the Christmas week because children claiming Free School Meals may be eligible for funding at Christmas.

We have re-introduced Forest School sessions to both Acorn and Oak classrooms now that the grass has had chance to grow.

Our toddler group continues to be busy. However, to reduce our costs, Kelly is running the group on her own at the moment. To support Kelly, parents have been asked to bring a snack for their child and help themselves to tea and coffee.

In addition to our toddler group, Katy will be running a 'Forest Tots' session on a Friday morning at BEL in the forest school area. There has been a lot of interest in this group and sessions will start after the October half term.

There have been very few changes to staffing over the past year. Sarah joined us in January 2021 and Fran joined us in March to help Carey with the After School Club. Stacey is going on maternity at Christmas to have her baby.

All our staff are qualified to a high standard and many have undertaken additional online learning throughout the year to enhance their professional development. I would like to thank all the staff for their continued hard work over the past year. They are a great team and have given their utmost dedication to improve and develop our provision which benefits all the children.

I would also like to thank the committee for all their support and hard work to arrange a wonderful Open Day and continue to develop our outdoor area.

Estelle

Bream Early Learners Annual General Meeting 11th October 2021

Treasurer's Report

SUMMARY: Covid continued to have an impact on the setting whilst the final bills for the new building were paid in this year's accounts. The accounts show a deficit of £60,059, this is largely because of paying the remaining bills of £56,058 for the new building. We received a covid business support grant from Gloucestershire County council (£,5,900) and help from the government's coronavirus support scheme (£2,502) but still made a trading deficit of £4,000.

RECEIPTS: We started the year with good numbers and our overall income for fees was £102,057 (last year £106,521). Most of this was Nursery Education Funding which is money from the Government for 15 or 30 hours free childcare a week for over 3's and eligible 2 year olds. We received £7,073 in children's' fees for sessions where free provision isn't available.

The County Council grant towards the new building requires us to explore the feasibility of extended opening weeks. A three week summer club was trialled in August, this was popular and we will continue to see if these can be extended. Income from this and our breakfast/after school clubs raised £9,874.

Covid has limited our fundraising opportunities but our Facebook raffles raised £1,013. We were fortunate to receive a Co-op Gentian grant of £2,000 that was used to provide the chestnut screening around the edge of the setting.

PAYMENTS: Last year total expenditure was £188,516. The running costs for the setting were £125,419. Our main cost is staff wages - £103,565. During the second lockdown we continued to receive nursery funding support that meant we did not need to furlough staff or make redundancies. The building running cost of £9,779 is higher than normal as we have paid the final running costs on the old building.

Invoices of £56,058 were paid on the new building making a total of £157,440. A legal bill of £3,000 remains outstanding.

LOOKING FORWARD: Enrolment numbers for pre-school and clubs are both lower than last year, possibly caused by the ongoing Covid pandemic. At the moment we are projecting a deficit for the coming year of £20,000. This will be reviewed at the next Committee meeting in November.

RESERVES: We hold £49,087 in reserves. We hold a redundancy reserve of £13,000 and £33,908 in the current account to meet the anticipated deficit this year and any additional costs with the new building. Our Reserves Policy is to start the year with at least £20,000 in the current account.

FUNDRAISING: Fundraising is important and any ideas for new fundraising events or volunteers to help are always appreciated.