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atmosphere where  
children play and learn

## Annual General Meeting - 2022/2023

### Manager's report

This report covers the period from September 2022 to July 2023. We started the new year with 20 (28\*) on roll and finished the year with 28 (29\*), this included 10 children using the 30-hour funding and 2 entitled to 2-year-old funding at the end of the year.

We currently have 18 children on roll with a further 2 starting before Christmas, 1 in Feb and another to start after Easter. 5 children receive 30-hour funding (although only one uses the full 30 hours), 6 receive universal 15 hour and 0 receive 15 hour (2-year-old funding) meaning we have 7 children who are fee paying and 2 of those will be funded from January.

\*Number in brackets from 2021/2022

### Comments on last year:

- We started and ended the year with four members of staff - Rebecca, Mandy, Stevie and Jane. We were very fortunate to have Ruby complete her Early Years Level 2 qualification with us as we gained a very young, capable, quiet member of the team.
- Obviously, the highlight of the year was our **OUTSTANDING** Ofsted rating after our inspection in November 2022. It was so lovely to receive acknowledgement for the hard work that we all put into making Pebbles what it is. Being described at a stimulating setting where teaching is sublime and staff create an environment superbly rich in language made us so proud of ourselves, the children and appreciative of the lovely parents that wrote a piece to share with the inspector or spoke to her, without those positive comments we wouldn't have been awarded outstanding.
- We introduced the Talk Boost Programme which assesses and supports Communication and Language skills. All the children chosen for the programmes made progress in this area, some a really marked amount that would not have occurred without the programme.
- We have had a good increase in hot school dinner orders this year, which is a lovely way for us to support the school and provide a hot meal for the children. 2-year-old children that are eligible for funding and those children that are in receipt of Early Years Pupil Premium have their school dinners paid for by Pebbles.
- We have made some progress in our challenge of improving the physical setting by

agreeing a veggie patch area with the school up outside the Forest School site. The school have completed a funding application to NFU mutual and I have completed an application to the National Community fund. Rough costing for the building work have been established and quotes for the demolition, ground works and new building have been received.

### The future:

#### Practical

- To create a veggie patch (working party this term)
- Fundraising - through events and activities run by us and the school, as well as approaching local businesses and other funding streams.

#### Developmental

- We always strive to improve so our action plan this year focuses on increasing our use of the outdoor environment with specific days for different outdoor activities (no matter what the weather - almost) and planning for these activities that link to the birth to 5 curriculum as well as our weekly themes
- We are currently running a Talk Boost session and plan to run it again with different children in the Spring or Summer term.
- Staff will be observing each other to ensure we are extending the children's learning when they are in the outdoor environment and making sure the 2-year-olds are fully engaged at their level.

I couldn't be prouder of the ladies. I did say to the Ofsted inspector 'I knew we were good, but I didn't think we were that good'. But the more a look at what we do and how the staff relate to the children and naturally bring areas of the curriculum and rich language into their conversations with the children. I realised we do, do all the things in the report. I think we would now all like to provide the children and staff with a better place to work and learn. I am also really pleased to have Ruby with us so that we can pass on our years of experience to the much younger generation of Preschool practitioners.

A massive thank you to Verity for being a brilliant Chair. Mandy actually named you as the best we have had. You were a real support to me when I had to make a very difficult decision and your knowledge of law has helped us no end. We are so glad we still have you (and of course Kit) until July next year, we may need your expertise again!!

**PEBBLES PRE SCHOOL**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1st August 2022 to 31st July 2023**  
**Fund Receipts and Payments Account**

RECEIPTS	01/08/22- 31/07/23	01/08/21-31/07/22
Grant	£ 66,557.78	£ 54,824.49
Fees	£ 12,008.65	£ 23,210.65
Hot Meals	£ 1,806.60	£ 1,935.00
Fundraising	£ 265.85	£ 144.00
Interest Received (Savings Account)	£ 109.71	£ 2.52
Misc	£ -	£ 16.99
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b><u>£ 80,748.59</u></b>	<b><u>£ 80,133.65</u></b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
Staff Salaries Including Pension Contributor	£ 57,425.06	£ 56,329.69
Tax & NI	£ 3,193.93	£ 3,259.83
Staff Costs - inc Training, DBS, Uniform	£ 603.69	£ 386.23
Employer liability / Professional Insurance	£ 535.85	£ 520.65
Telephone	£ 107.49	£ 30.00
Equipment & Materials	£ 1,590.91	£ 1,584.23
Cleaning/Sanitary	£ 417.48	£ 74.76
Photo's	£ 91.30	£ 127.48
Advertising	£ 125.00	£ 103.88
Rent	£ 4,749.96	£ 4,354.13
Hot Meals	£ 1,235.50	£ 1,347.60
Postage	£ 6.90	£ 4.18
Membership	£ 403.19	£ 375.14
IT & Equipment	£ 1,176.81	£ 827.77
Snacks & Cooking	£ 593.08	£ 600.73
Electrical PAT Testing	£ 109.19	£ 83.99
Christmas Party	£ 67.58	
Maintenance & Improvements	£ 178.50	£ 589.35
Didi Dance	£ 315.00	£ 380.00
Misc	£ 192.75	£ 32.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b><u>£ 73,119.17</u></b>	<b><u>£ 71,011.64</u></b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b><u>£ 7,629.42</u></b>	

**PEBBLES PRE SCHOOL**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES as at 31st July 2023**

MONETARY ASSETS	01/08/22-31/07/23	01/08/21-31/07/22
LLOYDS TREASURY ACCOUNT	£ 42,614.10	£ 40,094.39
LLOYDS SAVINGS ACCOUNT	£ 30,112.83	£ 25,003.12
CASH IN HAND/PETTY CASH	£ 2.49	£ 2.49
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b><u>£ 72,729.42</u></b>	<b><u>£ 65,100.00</u></b>

**RECONCILIATIONS OF FUNDS**

	Receipts	Payments	Surplus/(Deficit)
PEBBLES PRE SCHOOL	£ 80,748.59	£ 73,119.17	<b><u>£ 7,629.42</u></b>
FUNDS AS AT 31/07/2022		£ 65,100.00	
FUNDS AS AT 31/07/2023		£ 72,729.42	
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>		<b><u>£ 7,629.42</u></b>	





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

#### Report to the trustees

Charity Name  
Pebbles Pre School

#### On accounts for the year ended

31<sup>st</sup> July 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1090726

#### Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023.

#### 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 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:

Date:

24th April 2024

Name:

GABRIELLE HAMMOND

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