

**NETHERFIELD PRE SCHOOL
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER : 1101482
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2021**

**JC Accounting & Taxation Services
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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
OF NETHERFIELD PRE SCHOOL**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st August 2021, which are set out on pages 2 to 3.

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 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 report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 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 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:

(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; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and 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.

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Jennifer Collins FCCA
Chartered Certified Accountant

5th May 2022

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
RECEIPTS		
Fees & Grants	54,077.64	47,938.89
Other Grant	-	8,000.00
JRS Grant	464.83	3,582.86
Fundraising	5.00	528.25
Uniform Sales	64.63	-
Interest on Savings	3.85	57.17
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	54,615.95	60,107.17
LESS PAYMENTS		
Wages	36,787.88	45,601.42
Staff Pension	888.81	1,297.65
Refreshments, consumables and cleaning	1,088.41	2,229.80
Advertising	-	151.20
Rent	3,860.00	3,900.00
Insurance	713.07	625.50
Subscriptions & Registration Fees	193.00	312.20
Staff training	30.00	927.20
Parking	-	4.00
Accountancy	170.00	170.00
Stationery, Telephone and Postage	771.63	938.64
Uniform Purchased	-	-
Staff Christmas Bonus	-	80.00
Repairs and Renewals	231.39	448.99
Sundries	-	-
Bank Charges	84.00	60.00
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TOTAL PAYMENTS	44,818.19	56,746.60
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Net Surplus for the Year	9,797.76	3,360.57
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NETHERFIELD PRE SCHOOL
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES
AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2021

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
Current Assets				
CAF Current Account	21,874.99		15,798.30	
CAF Savings Account	38,913.82		38,049.86	
Cash in Hand	21.27		21.27	
	<u>60,810.08</u>		<u>53,869.43</u>	
Less: Fees in advance	-		(2,857.11)	
	<u>60,810.08</u>		<u>51,012.32</u>	
	<u><u>60,810.08</u></u>		<u><u>51,012.32</u></u>	
Represented by:				
General Fund Balance brought Forward	51,012.32		47,651.75	
Surplus for the Year	9,797.76		3,360.57	
	<u>60,810.08</u>		<u>51,012.32</u>	
	<u><u>60,810.08</u></u>		<u><u>51,012.32</u></u>	

APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We hereby approve the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st August 2021 and are authorised to sign on behalf of the Trustees.

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Date:.....

Supervisor report AGM 29th June 2022

Year September 2020 to August 2021 – present day (June 2022)

Children on role

We started the academic year in September 2020 with 12 children on role, increasing to 18 by January and ending in July 2021 with 22 children on role. September 2021 started with 15 children and at present, June 2022 we have 23 on role and 3 more due to start in September 2022.

COVID 19 Pandemic

We have continued to be affected by the COVID 19 pandemic and hope that now things are returning to a safer normal. With this in mind, we would like to thank everyone for their patience and following the government guidance. We appreciate that it has not been easy with the disruptions and restrictions that we have had in the pre-school. We continue to review these regularly and will continue with some of the restrictions we feel are necessary to keep everyone as safe as possible. At present we are trying to prevent any outbreaks of COVID in the setting and continue ask that anyone with symptoms stays away until a test shows negative.

Trips and Outings

Yet again, sadly due to the COVID restrictions, we were unable to hold our usual end of year trip for July 2021.

Staff training and qualifications

Lee completed an online Autism awareness diploma and an online group seminar on safeguarding. Yve completed a diploma course online for, Behaviour that challenges, inclusion support group meetings, online Manager's meetings and several online courses including, the importance of early mark making. Donna has completed an online diploma on Mental health awareness and an online group seminar on safeguarding.

Transition and links to school

Again, during the summer term last year, the children had allotted times to visit the school with their families. This was successfully the previous year and seemed effective for last year's leavers too. A couple of the reception teachers also popped into pre-school to meet the children. In fact, this year we have been very fortunate to meet with a few new people. The children love to welcome visitors and show off their skills to them.

Inside area

We still followed some COVID restrictions (and continue to do so) and are washing hands regularly, keeping doors and windows open and the air conditioning off. Again, this made it particularly difficult to keep cool on the really hot days, so we made good use of our new canopies to provide shade and offered the children ice poles. (This will continue as we appear to be reaching high temperatures again soon).

After reviewing several observations, it became apparent that we needed a safe area for the children to roll about and throw things. Fortunately for us, a kind person, anonymously left us a box of Quadro. This is colourful, plastic tubing used for constructing various climbing and enclosed play structures. We used additional funding to purchase extra Quadro pieces and Donna built the children a ball pit. Balls were generously donated by several sources. The children use the ball pit

every day, and it has proven valuable in enabling individual children to express themselves more physically when needed. To keep everyone safe, we created some rules with the children, which they very quickly took on board.

In addition to the ball pit, we removed the outside sandpit and renovated it, placing it indoors. Remarkably, the sandpit fits into the room without feeling overcrowded. The children are now able to move around in the sand with a freedom that has been difficult to facilitate indoors before.

We then built a new bigger, outside sandpit, using sleepers as walls to contain the sand. The existing plum tree there, provides a beautiful and natural shade to keep the children safe from the sun.

Facebook

We continue to use our Facebook page to advertise events and available spaces. We occasionally post interesting links, related to early years and children, to keep the page active.

Pre-School/ Home links

COVID restrictions have continued to make it difficult to meet face to face with parents. Again, we have had to rely on technology to share ideas and communicate with our families. Whats App and Wix continue to be the most efficient and effective way to successfully keep communication going. As before, Tapestry is only successful if accessed regularly. Therefore, we encourage you all to log in to avoid your accounts becoming inactive. Tapestry is where we share photographs and videos of your child for you to see what they have done during their time with us. We also like you to add your own photographs so that the children can share them with us. Thank you to those of you that already do this, it is much appreciated, especially when supporting the children to settle.

Looking forwards

We will continue to listen to the government guidance and review how we keep everyone safe and avoid closing due to any further COVID outbreak.

As always, we would like to thank all the parents, past and present, for their continued support in raising funds and helping out in the setting.

We would also like to thank the Trustees for volunteering to oversee the running of the setting, offering advice and counsel when necessary.

Many thanks and best wishes

Yve Puxty

Manager/Early Years Teacher

Chair of Trustees Report AGM 2022

Introduction

Firstly although we are onto our third AGM since I took over as chair I am really happy to be hosting my first one face to face! I cannot thank Yve and the team enough for the work they put in over the Covid-19 pandemic and all the measure put in place to ensure the safety of our children. I am really happy with how it was all managed and glad we are out the end of it and can run as normal again.

Staff

We have a good set up of staff with our numbers and pleased that we will be moving into the new school year next time with Yve, Lee, Donna, Sophie, as well as Megan during the week and support from Jackie.

Accounts

We have come out of the pandemic with a healthy balance sheet due to careful management by Yve and I am convinced we can continue to operate successfully whilst making sure it is not at the detriment to the financial strength Yve has built up here.

Trustees

We have a good set of trustees here but we are very open to anyone who wishes to join us in helping run this lovely pre school. If you are interested please come and talk to myself and/or Yve.

Communications

If anyone would like to talk about any day to day running then I would like to direct them to Yve, however if someone has any questions/comments about other aspects including fundraising, then please contact myself on netherfieldtrustees@hotmail.com.

And Finally

I would like to thank Yve and the team for all their hard work and I look forward to another successful year at the pre school.

Present:

Trustees: Sam Phyll, Keren Keeler-Moore, Yve Puxty, Lee Shaylor

Parents/Others: H.Hodd, P.Bryant, L.Moon, H.Colledge, M.Cameron, K.Brown, C.Pearce

Start: 09.05

Item 1: Welcome and Introductions

Item 2: Chairs Report – Attached as a separate document

Item 3: Setting Managers Report – Attached as a separate document

Item 4: Accounts – Attached as a separate document

Item 5: AOB:

The following details in response to questions are recorded:

- Due to complexities with the school it was decided to not hold a sports day this year, but we are looking to re-introduce it next year.
- The End of Term Tea and Leaving Ceremony will be held on the last Tuesday of this term.
- We will continue to use Facebook to only upload details of events and general information, any photos of the children doing activities will continue to be shared via Tapestry.
- We hope to have Lucy starting in September who will be volunteering alongside her plans to gain her childcare qualifications.
- We have obtained a couple of storage sheds that should free up some space in the smaller room for more focus time with the children.
- During Covid we restricted the number of toys that are out and ready and we noticed an increased deep play with those toys that are out, therefore we are going to continue this practise as the children are a lot more engaged with the activities. The available toys will be switched around when the interest wanes, or if a child shows an interest in playing with a toy that is not currently out.
- We are planning to set up a painting station so the children can be more self sufficient if they want to paint.
- We are considering restarting some forest walks during the day if the ratios and requirements of the children allow us to do so. This will be two staff taking up to four children at a time down into the forest for 30min to an hour.
- We are looking at improving the security measures at the gate with an electronic opening system. We are investigating whether we can apply for National Lottery money to pay for the works or if not then we will source alternative funding (potentially out of capital reserves).
- We have built up our cash reserves over the last few years and we are setting a higher base level of reserves to enable us to respond to any future pandemics or alternative crisis.

End: 09.50

