

Ewyas Harold Preschool

Chair Annual Report Year End 21/22

Preschool started the new financial year in a strong position with a profit of £9674.12 and £16,872.82 in the bank account. At this time the new committee took their roles, with Ally Evans remaining as Secretary, Gill Brown joining as Treasurer and Cheryl Hall joining as Chair.

With the comfortable financial position, some more significant purchases have been made this year, including the new fencing, carpet, wendy house and a large shed to provide storage now that school require their room in the portacabin.

This year has seen some staff changes with hours now paid for all staff from 8.45am to 3.15pm which covers the set up and tidy up time. Staff had always worked these hours, but it was felt to be fair to pay them for it too. Preschool also took on Hilary for 16 hours per week, this is largely covered by a government scheme (£4000 per year). Hilary is undertaking Early Years Practitioner Level 2 as part of her employment, we feel this is an excellent investment for preschool and Hilary has already proved to be a real asset, popular with families and children alike.

Both Rita and Hilary have done their First Aid training in February 2022 and Gemma Pinches completed her SEND Diploma in Early Years in January 2022. A huge well done to Gemma, this was a significant undertaking and an excellent achievement.

A £500 bonus was paid to all staff in May 2021 as a thank you for all the hard work and dedication.

Numbers at Preschool have remained consistently high all year and this continues to be the case. 15 are leaving for school in September and there are good numbers already for the next academic year with more expected. While the current hourly rate for all children is £4.60 per hour, a proposed increase will be discussed at the next committee meeting (March 2022) which will also include a more significant rise for the 2-year-old hourly rate to fall more in line with what other providers charge for this age group.

Fundraising has been successful despite still being unable to do very much in the wake of Covid. The Christmas Eve bags were incredibly popular and raised over £250, with the raffle that was held at the same time raising £100. The Mother's Day flowers also had a good uptake, and overall this financial year we have managed to raise £521.50 which includes some Easter 21 fundraising too. As Covid restrictions are now fully lifted and people are generally feeling more confident returning to 'normal', we hope to have more fundraising opportunities in the last part of the academic year and going into the next one. With this in mind we are hoping to organise some more trips, especially the end of year trip for the whole preschool which was always very much looked forward to.

Gemma P has set up regular meetings with the Head and Reception Class teacher at the Primary school to encourage a more positive relationship, this has been going well. There will be transition sessions for the children going up to

Reception in September which have always been important but have been unable to take place in the usual way due to Covid restrictions in more recent years. This relationship with school is further reinforced with myself (Cheryl) acting as the Preschool Link Governor as part of my role on the Governing body of Ewyas Harold Primary School.

Overall, despite the tail end of a pandemic, this year has been an excellent one for Preschool and I am incredibly proud of the amazing staff and all that has been achieved. Gemma D, Rita, Gemma C, Alison and Hilary are dedicated, loyal, passionate and hardworking and we as a committee couldn't ask for a better team to be working with.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to the committee who give up their time so readily to support this lovely Preschool. It is very much appreciated and I think we do a good job that though largely unseen, is essential.

We look forward to a happy and successful 22/23!

EWYAS HAROLD PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

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

Receipts	2021		2020	
	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>General</u>
Fees		11,488.66		5,588.23
Early Years Grants		33,148.72		44,274.78
Kids Club		-		-
Breakfast and Craft Club		-		3,223.93
Tots Group		-		-
Donations		0.20		19.46
Job Retention Scheme Grants		1,138.69		2,679.67
Farm Park Trips		-		-
Fund Raising Income		-		99.73
Scavenger Hunt		-		-
Easter Fundraiser		198.50		-
Christmas Fayre		323.00		81.21
Mothers Day Flowers		-		-
Milk		-		-
Sweatshirts		-		102.00
Grant		-		-
Savings Accounts Interest		7.82		7.84
	-	46,305.59	-	56,076.85
<u>Payments</u>				
Wages		35,550.61		37,600.14
Pensions		406.77		359.24
Toys, Games and Equipment		2,143.24		343.99
Breakfast and Craft Club		-		492.04
Rent		3,416.83		3,026.53
Insurance		676.91		680.97
Repairs and Maintenance		41.90		286.75
Fund Raising Costs		-		-
Easter Fundraiser		-		-
Bingo Nights		-		-
Fashion Show		-		-
Advertising		25.00		97.00
Excursions		-		-
Bouncy Castle		55.00		-
Refreshments		389.25		470.89
Craft Expenses and Cleaning		1,026.37		1,037.21
Postage, Stationery and Computer Costs		400.44		434.04
Accountants Fees		666.00		1,092.00
Uniforms		-		60.00
Sweatshirts		-		83.50
Subscriptions and Registration Fees		131.36		203.43
Training		413.45		85.00
Bank Charges		5.00		-
Incidental Expenses		86.00		50.00
	-	45,434.13	-	46,402.73
<u>Surplus (Deficit) for the Year</u>	-	871.46	-	9,674.12
<u>Bank and Cash Balance at beginning of Year</u>		22,532.78		12,858.66
		23,404.24		22,532.78
<u>Petty Cash</u>	(2.69)		75.06	
<u>Bank Balance at end of Year</u>	15,574.61		14,633.22	
<u>Savings Accounts Balance at end of Year</u>	7,832.32	23,404.24	7,824.50	22,532.78

We have prepared the above Receipts and Payments Account from the books, vouchers and information made available to us and certify that it is accordance therewith. We have not carried out an audit.

1 St. Mary's Street
Ross-on-Wye

Thorne & Co.
5th March 2022



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Ewyas Harold Pre-School

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 August 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1153965

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/ 08 / 2021.

**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 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.

Signed: *Edward Richards*

Date: 14 March 2022

Name: Edward Charles Richards

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

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.