

BELTON PRE-SCHOOL CIO

Annual Report and Accounts

For the year ended 31st August
2024

Registered Charity No. 1187877

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Independent Examiners Report to the trustees of Belton Pre School

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st August 2024, which are set out on pages 2 to 4.

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 report

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

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 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.

Name: Deborah Hill

Relevant professional qualification or body: FCCA

Address: Woodbine Cottage, Main Street, Allexton, Leicestershire,
LE15 9AB

Signed:

Date:

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Income and Expenditure Account

For the year ended 31st August 2024

Belton Pre School Playgroup Registered Charity No. 1187877

Annual Statement of Receipts and Payments

	Notes	<u>01-Sep-23</u> <u>31-Aug-24</u> <u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>01-Sep-23</u> <u>31-Aug-24</u> <u>Restricted</u>	<u>01-Sep-23</u> <u>31-Aug-24</u> <u>Total</u>	<u>01-Sep-22</u> <u>31-Aug-23</u> <u>Total</u>
Receipts					
Fees	1	88,649		88,649	107,077
Surplus on Fund Raising	2	2,701		2,701	1,135
Bank Interest		264		264	91
Other		500		500	285
Total Receipts		92,113	-	92,113	108,588
Payments					
Wages		80,337		80,337	90,455
Rent		3,250		3,250	3,250
Rates and Water		316		316	586
Electricity and Oil		1,760		1,760	2,050
PLA Insurance		1,279		1,279	1,158
Equipment, Materials, Stationery	3	1,385		1,385	2,191
Repairs and Maintenance	4	3,889		3,889	2,674
Telephone & Broadband		1,117		1,117	1,065
External Suppliers		6,384		6,384	4,997
Sundries		423		423	1,922
Training		162		162	3,646
Legal / Payroll Expenses/ DBS		411		411	1,074
Total Payments		100,711	-	100,711	115,069
Net Payments over Receipts					
	-	8,598	-	-	8,598
					-
					6,480

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

	<u>01-Sep-23</u>	<u>01-Sep-23</u>	<u>01-Sep-23</u>	<u>01-Sep-22</u>
	<u>31-Aug-24</u>	<u>31-Aug-24</u>	<u>31-Aug-24</u>	<u>31-Aug-23</u>
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cash Funds				
Barclays Current Account	16		16	374
Barclays Deposit Account	14,328		14,328	21,895
Fundraising Account	112		112	784
Petty Cash	-		-	1
Total	14,456	-	14,456	23,053

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Notes to the Accounts

BASIS OF PREPARATION

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011, which allows this form of preparation for smaller charities.

1 FEES

Fees include £48,516 (2023: £70,761) in respect of Early Years Funding received from the Department of Education for two-, three- and four-year olds.

2 FUNDRAISING

	2024	2023
	£	£
Quiz Night & Supper	1,266	-
Open Gardens	811	-
Easy Fundraising	-	20
Donations	-	20
Halloween Party	-	198
Christmas Fundraiser	-	247
Movie Nights	67	60
Disco	-	260
Bonfire	201	-
Raffle	-	280
Lamb Lotto	235	-
Coffee Morning	100	-
Other	21	50
	<u>2,701</u>	<u>1,135</u>

3 EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS, AND STATIONERY

Art and craft materials, toys, and books	£1,385	£2,191
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4 REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cleaning	120	493
Boiler maintenance/service	267	1,678
Toilet Roof Replacement	1,850	-
Repairs to gates/painting/shelves	800	-
Grounds Maintenance	510	210
Fire Extinguisher Service	186	73
Electrician (including PAT)	70	70
Sundries	86	150
	<u>3,889</u>	<u>2,674</u>

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Annual Report

Belton Pre-School is constituted by the Pre-School Learning Alliance Pre-School Constitution dated January 1999 and is a registered charity number 1187877. The address is 21 Church Street, Belton-in-Rutland, Oakham, Rutland, Le15 9JU. The person acting as the Charity's correspondent is Mrs. Kathryn Pullan – Pre-school Business Manager

The charity is administered by the committee of Parent Trustees as follows: - Mrs. Kyria Wright - Chair, Other current members - Mrs. Kathryn Pullan & Cannon Rachel Watts.

AIMS OF THE ORGANISATION

The object of the organisation is to enhance the development and education of children under statutory school age by encouraging parents to understand and provide for the needs of their children through community 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, regardless of race, culture, religion or means.
- 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 areas.
- c) Instigating and adhering to and furthering the aim of the Pre-School Playgroups Association.

This has been achieved by offering 10 sessions plus lunch per week in line with the flexible funding requirements set out by Rutland County Council, all of which are run by experienced, qualified, and committed staff. All staff have undertaken pediatric first aid, health and safety and safeguarding training as a mandatory requirement. Staff are also given provision and encouraged to undertake further external training to enhance their knowledge and skills. Termly staff team meetings are held to discuss planning and events for the following term in which the latest resource materials are used to research and implement new and innovative activities. Funds raised by the committee are spent on continually improving the facilities and equipment available to the children, to ensure that the best quality care is provided. Famly has continued to be used as our online learning journal, which allows parents to view and interact with their child's progress and learning at pre-school.

The commission's public benefit guidance has been considered when making decisions.

The Charity employs a Pre-school Manager and Deputy Leader plus A SEN Inclusion Officer, three Practitioners.

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REVIEW OF PROGRESS AND FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Expenditure has exceeded income for the year to 31st August 2024 by £8,598. The main area of expense remains wages.

THE FUTURE

As a new manager, my team and I have worked together to ensure a consistent service achieved from the previous manager. We have a relatively new team consisting of a manger, deputy, and 4 members of staff, one of whom was on maternity leave. We have worked through the increasing challenges of changes to funding requirements as well as ongoing maintenance to our standalone building which is set in a rural village.

Our focus this year has continued outdoor learning and giving the children opportunities to learn and develop through holistic play, investigation and exploration in our spacious garden and the village around us. We have extended their learning opportunities inside as well giving them lots of opportunities to develop language and early skills needed to begin and embed their mark making.

We continue to have children on our waiting list and those waiting to turn 2 and majority of our places are obtained through word of mouth, especially at school gates & younger siblings. Some have joined after attending our Stay and Play sessions which run weekly during term time.

We have aligned with the village to increase our fundraising efforts, which have proved to be very successful with more support from outside help. We have supported the village Bonfire Night, a Coffee Morning and Quiz Night all of which was split between various fundraisers in the village but visited by all, including our families.

Our long-anticipated Ofsted inspection was successful with a Good Rating across the board. The team and I worked hard to deliver a personalized curriculum to our unique cohort, focusing on their holistic well-being, fostering independence and giving them opportunities to be challenged.

The preschool has faced some challenges mainly within the actual structure and maintenance of the old building. Another area of challenge is the gap in funding paid, including the new 2-year funding places as well as ensuring my qualified staff are paid appropriately.

I look forward to continuing to be the manager at Belton Preschool and moving it forward following the needs of our families in our beautiful location!

Julie Hopkins
Belton Preschool Manager

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We approve the accounts and annual report for the year ended 31st August 2024
Signed for and on behalf of the trustees.

K Wright
Kyria Wright

K. Pullan
Kathryn Pullan

19th December 2024

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