

We had a great year at Preschool, from September 2023 to August 2024! It was Leanne's first year as Preschool Manager. This was a huge change for Preschool, in particular for the staff, as Tina had led the team and setting with confidence and experience for many years. We give our huge thanks to the staff team who love and care for the children so well, and who have been committed to seeing Preschool through this time of transition, supporting Leanne as she "learnt the ropes", and settling into life with Leanne at the helm, ably assisted by Trudi continuing as assistant manager. We have really appreciated Leanne's commitment to learning all she needs to know to do the Preschool Manager role well, and for persevering through all the unknowns of the first year in post.

We welcomed Dawn, who has been a great addition to the team, working alongside Catherine, Helen, Mandy and Raj continuing in their roles. We so appreciate all the staff, and particularly how they go out of their way to provide cover for each other in times of illness or other absences, to enable Preschool to continue to function.

The committee organised a Christmas event to showcase the children's singing performance, and a summer event which was very well attended and enabled us to use the newly refurbished outdoor space. We have long-awaited the new sandpit and improvements to the outside space, and are grateful to the Scouts (who own the building) for their efforts to get the work completed.

In the 2023/24 academic year it was decided to focus these two main events on getting people together, rather than fundraising, as a sum of money kindly donated upon the closure of Christ Church Preschool covered our main needs for additional equipment. The committee are ready to explore fundraising options for new equipment as the needs arise in future.

We would really love the Preschool to have a real sense of community, which has been a challenge to recapture after the restrictions of Covid times. Leanne and the team have established termly 'stay and play' sessions to encourage parents and carers to come in to the setting, meet the team and see what the children do. We will continue to develop ways to build community amongst the families of preschool, and always value your ideas for ways to do this.

In July 2024 a large cohort of Preschool children were ready to depart to begin their school journey. This includes the children of most of the current committee! We are glad to have welcomed Ali Tilson to join the committee, who currently has a child at Preschool until July of this year, but we would love to have more current parents/carers/grandparents join the committee, to ensure we're making decisions in the best interest of the current children and families at Preschool. We're thankful to a couple of current mums who are considering joining the committee, but would love to have a few more – please speak to me or to Leanne if you're interested!

A final thank you to all the committee members; we said goodbye to Helen Goodbarton this year, to whom we're really grateful for all her hardwork over the years, particularly in her role as treasurer. Thank you to Sarah Wells continuing on the committee, as well as to Rosanna, Becky, Mike and Ali. We're grateful for your time and brain power – we are a committee-run charity, and so without people like you willing to be on the committee, Preschool couldn't continue to provide the nurture and care it does for Beeston's children! We look forward to seeing how Preschool continues to develop in the coming year!

PRESCHOOL 345 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR END 31st AUGUST 2024								
	CAF Current Account	CAF Gold Saving Account	Cambridge and County Bank			CAF Current Account	CAF Gold Saving Account	Cambridge and County Bank
BALANCE	21937.61	2093.01	92124.79					
Income					Expenditure			
Fees	24149.79				Premises	16541.30		
Funding	102062.66				Wages	98635.97		
Childcare grant	3742.19				Equipment	2244.97		
Donations	2914.07				Administration	400.74		
Christmas Fair		82.00			Consumables	2255.21		
Staff cover	75.00				Communications	72.00		
Sports Day		197.00			eyLog	1079.44		
Interest	61.95	88.07	3620.25		Membership fees	35.00		
Transfers	3432.00	2914.07			Rockabillicies	1575.00		
					Hygiene services	422.50		
					Insurance	1119.27		
					ZooLab	298.80		
					Imagine Avenue	250.00		
					Christmas party	150.00		
					Leavers party	150.00		
					Training	336.55		
					Garden	1738.51		
					Childcare grant refund	1966.59		
					Plumbing	143.27		
					Other	83.50		
					Transfers	2914.07	3432.00	
Total Income	136437.66	3281.14	3620.25		Total Expenditure	132412.69	3432.00	0.00
					BALANCE	25962.58	1942.15	95745.04

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Pre-School 345, Beeston, Nottinghamshire.

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st August 2024 which are set out on the balance sheet.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Pre-School 345's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Pre-School 345's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- 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 next statement.

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 2011 Act and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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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28th October 2024