



St Christopher's Playgroup Annual General Meeting

Annual Report

Closing Balances

Treasurers Account: £52,786.76 as of July 30th 2024

Reserve Account: unknown

Here are the key things we would like to shout about as achievements:

- Securing a grant from Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) towards the maintenance of the playgroup, we purchased a gazebo so the children can play safely outside during the summer months.
- A successful Christmas fayre in November last year raised over £1,400 which went towards a new play kitchen for the children. Maybe this year they will donate some cakes!
- We ran a successful Easter Egg raffle which raised funds to buy more toys and equipment for the children. Unfortunately we were unable to organise a Summer Fayre due to various other challenges and commitments.
- Staff wages were increased to reflect National Minimum Wage in April.
- The government increased free childcare hours, which led to an increase in children applying for places.

Main challenges the committee has faced:

- The cost of living – there has been a high rise in costs such as national minimum wage pushing up the monthly wages – wages account for approx. 70% of the playgroup's expenditure. The costs for hall rent has increased by £200 a month from this September
- Recruiting new committee members – luckily we have had 4 new members join since last September but we will always need more – the constitution states there is a minimum of 5 members required with the positions of chair, secretary and treasurer to be filled.
- The lack of committee members has meant the fundraising events have been difficult to organise. This may have an impact on next year's budget with the projected outgoings higher than the incomings for next year.

Finally, I would like to give a shout out to Kay, our independent playgroup administrator who joined last September and works weekly to support the committee and playgroup with admin tasks such as staff wages, supplier payments and keeping the accounts up to date. She is an invaluable member of the team!

Income and expenditure April 2023 to March 2024

Income

Month	Childrens Fees	Gloucestershire Funding	Deprivation Grant	Other Grants	Parties Outings	Fundraising	Donations	Clothing	Other Income	Bank Interest	Total
April	1,736.75	-	-	-	-	80.00	1.00	-	5.00	-	1,822.75
May	2,549.50	34,725.30	-	-	-	145.00	75.00	24.90	13.41	-	37,533.11
June	3,346.00	-	-	992.38	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,338.38
July	504.55	744.01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,248.56
August	479.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	479.50
September	5,927.30	-	-	-	-	30.00	-	-	-	-	5,957.30
October	2,138.05	18,359.00	-	-	-	473.55	-	-	-	-	20,970.60
November	7,975.85	-	-	-	-	1,778.30	-	-	-	-	9,754.15
December	394.00	4,112.95	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,506.95
January	4,444.48	3,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,444.48
February	3,276.49	23,296.20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26,572.69
March	4,064.51	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,064.51
Total	36,836.98	84,237.46	-	992.38	-	2,506.85	76.00	24.90	18.41	-	124,692.98

Expenditure

Month	Salary	NI & Tax	PATA	Course	Premises	Admin	Expenses	Perishable/cons umables / sundries	Toys and equipment	Office consumables	Fundraising	Outings & Parties	Insurance	Other	Total
April	7,579.11	168.37	-	-	1,000.00	-	128.19	189.48	78.07	38.36	-	-	-	40.00	9,221.58
May	8,693.93	414.61	167.20	300.00	1,000.00	-	118.73	187.28	358.15	38.36	-	-	-	-	11,278.26
June	6,752.41	713.22	49.30	-	1,000.00	-	76.28	200.82	126.78	38.36	-	160.00	-	-	9,117.17
July	7,016.98	603.96	108.60	150.00	1,000.00	-	163.64	49.93	267.46	144.97	-	-	-	580.93	10,086.47
August	6,557.15	231.52	-	50.00	1,000.00	-	-	-	-	38.36	-	-	-	35.00	7,912.03
September	7,385.53	216.37	120.60	-	1,000.00	-	77.38	351.87	68.84	69.65	-	-	-	202.25	9,492.49
October	7,482.03	938.97	90.60	102.00	1,200.00	245.60	72.34	16.48	-	128.21	-	-	-	-	10,276.23
November	7,422.89	231.27	-	-	1,200.00	167.86	164.96	-	706.62	94.82	490.06	-	-	-	10,478.48
December	7,410.23	225.92	-	-	1,200.00	282.00	60.89	129.97	111.52	64.38	-	-	-	185.95	9,670.86
January	7,420.70	959.85	181.80	-	1,200.00	-	104.11	133.36	181.38	-	-	-	-	-	10,181.20
February	7,421.30	227.78	-	-	1,233.00	381.50	119.95	115.89	284.32	38.36	-	-	-	5.00	9,827.10
March	7,781.09	241.71	252.20	-	1,200.00	210.00	116.24	-	139.00	77.80	-	-	1,235.01	118.19	11,371.24
Total	88,923.35	5,173.55	970.30	602.00	13,233.00	1,286.96	1,202.71	1,375.08	2,322.14	771.63	490.06	160.00	1,235.01	1,167.32	118,913.11

<i>Bank starting balance (1st Apr 2023)</i>	103,828.62	<i>includes reserve a/c</i>
<i>Income</i>	124,692.98	
<i>Expenditure</i>	118,913.11	
<i>Transferred to reserve during period</i>	-	
<i>Predicted bank balance</i>	109,608.49	
<i>Bank ending balance (31st Mar 2024)</i>		
<i>Reserve ending balance (31st March 2024)</i>		

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109,608.49



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

St Christopher's Playgroup.

On accounts for the year ended

APRIL 2024.

Charity no (if any)

1053824

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 04/2024

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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) 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:

[Signature]

Date:

31/01/24

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.