

## Supervisor's report for AGM 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017

### A year of achievements

- A group of 15 children left preschool in July to join reception class, we are really proud of how much they grew and developed over the last year and look so smart at school.
- Preschool is not just about preparing the children for school our aim is to also foster within them a desire to learn, explore and enjoy new challenges.

So what have we offered the children over the last year?

- Yoga sessions during the summer term
- Swimming sessions in the school pool
- Walks around the local area, picking blackberries, apples and finding natural treasures
- Visits to the sausage shed to buy sausages for snack
- Cooking - from rock buns to fruit crumble and bread
- Activities to develop fine motor skills that support writing later - we call these our 'challenges' - threading beads onto pipe cleaners and picking up cotton wool balls with chop sticks
- Engineering - using guttering, pipes and buckets to transport water, building dens and making the ever popular marble run!
- Our fabulous mud/sand kitchen specially built for us by Gareth Plunkett
- Gardening and most importantly transporting garden waste to the school compost in wheelbarrows and tractor trailers
- Extra support with language skills in activities that focus on communication, games, songs and stories
- We have a lovely new bookcase
- The ever popular range of toys and activities - vehicles, home corner, dressing up and the tractors and tandem outside
- We have been very pleased to invite families and carers to several events over the last year, the nativity, parents meetings, Easter hunt, parties and sports day.
- Our close relationship with the Willows continues to benefit the children and families as they experience the best of both worlds in a preschool and a home environment; enabling their parents to work in the knowledge that their children are well cared for.

- Our Facebook page and website provides information to existing and new families
- We have a group of 16 children who are due to start school in September 2018 and 5 in the younger cohort currently attending preschool which is a positive start to the new term

We are looking forward to more experiences this year

- Working with our new group of children to allow them to achieve, learn and develop
- Christmas activities
- Circus skills sessions
- A take home book bag reading scheme
- Being able to offer with the Willows the 30 hours extended entitlement for eligible families
- Organising parent sessions to discuss learning and development in young children
- Working with the committee to ensure the continued running of our lovely preschool

Our recent parent survey has provided some very positive feedback with useful comments to help us continue to improve the work of the preschool. I look forward to sharing the results with families after the half term break.

The preschool is a happy place due to the hard work of the experienced and dedicated staff, through their encouragement, support and understanding the children participate in fun activities that allow them to develop.

Thank you to the current committee who have worked so hard to raise funds, support us as we work with all your lovely children and have fostered a friendly atmosphere amongst the families of preschool. I hope that you have all enjoyed your time on the committee and found it to be a very rewarding experience. It is essential that parents and family members take up roles on the committee so that the preschool can continue to operate.

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