



Parish Council Annual General Meeting - report from Padbury Pre-school

Tuesday 14th April 2015.

Padbury Pre-school has now been operating for six years and I am proud to say that we continue to develop and improve. We continue to build on our firm foundation of excellent facilities, high quality child care and knowledgeable and caring practitioners. The continued success can be seen in our registrations as we are full until July 2016 and already parents are registering their children for the academic year September 2016 – 2017 which is already half full. Since 2009 children have moved onto Padbury School each year which has helped Padbury School to grow. We work with the school to provide a smooth transition for the children moving onto school.

Over the past year we have said goodbye to our manager & welcomed someone new to the role. One member of our bank staff has left and one has reduced their hours. We are seeking a replacement. John Hannon stepped down from his voluntary role as our accountant and we are lucky to have been able to welcome Mark Taylor back with us as our voluntary accountant. The pre-school secretary volunteers endless amounts of her time to complete all paperwork (registrations, funding forms, invoices, policies and grant applications to name a few). As a charity we rely heavily on volunteers from the community to help deliver such a valuable resource to the village.

We developed our outdoor area to be able to offer outdoor activities at all times through a grant provided by Bucks County Council. We were inspected by Ofsted last September and received a 'GOOD' rating. We continually strive to be outstanding and work closely with the Early Years team at the local authority to support us with this. Padbury Sick Benefit Society gave us a donation last year which we were able to use to update our staff uniforms in line with our new branding.

The pre-school continues to run as a not-for-profit organisation, registered with Companies House. We are registered for charitable status and with the Charities Commission. We look at many ways of raising funds to ensure we are able to continue to provide the resource to the village that we currently do. For the pre-schools long term sustainable development further funding is constantly sought. We are currently looking for funding to update our IT resources so we can fulfil our Ofsted requirements in assessing children's progress and for children to be able to access IT equipment. We are also looking for funding to update our tired & broken resources many of which we have had since opening in 2008.

The pre-school hopes the parish council recognises the value that the pre-school has brought to the village and the continued viability and development of Padbury School and the pre-school would like the parish council to be able to demonstrate that they believe we are a valuable asset to the local community.

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