

Greenwood Pre-School AGM 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023

## Chair's Report

Welcome everyone and thank you for attending the Annual General Meeting. As a community run Pre School, we cannot work without you.

Firstly, I would like to thank Emma, Staff and Committee members, for what has been a busy year. The staff at the pre-school have been as hard working and dedicated as ever and provided exceptional provision for the children and families of the pre-school whilst continuing to support one another to provide a solid foundation for future generations of our community.

As you will recall, the pre-school has recently been inspected by Ofsted. Unfortunately, we are unable to share the outcome until the report is released. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Emma and Katie for the management of the pre-school, all staff, pupils, fellow committee members and families who work tirelessly to create what is great about Greenwood. I feel that we all have a shared determination to strive to provide the absolute best provision and quality of education that enables each and every child to be the best they can be. I'm sure you will all support me in praising the staff who have had their fair share of challenges over the past few years. I would also like to thank you as parents specifically, who have supported the pre-school and your child to achieve the best for all the children.

We have been lucky enough to hold many fundraising events this year. In December, we had the Greenwood Christmas fair which was an enormous success, and we are looking forward to making this a yearly event. We had a tombola, book sale, cakes for sale (thank you to Amy at the Cake Sisters) and decorating Christmas decorations just to name a few. This was finished by some beautiful Christmas Carols from our lovely pre-school children.

This summer we held our Coronation event which tied in with our Sports Day. This was also a great event, and it was wonderful to see so many of you join us for the celebrations. Thank you to the staff who organised the sporting events and the running order of the day. All of the children loved it! With the sale of strawberries, raffle tickets and a delicious cake made by Jessica's mum we were able to raise a substantial amount for the pre-school.

Many of the staff have been continuing to improve their professional development. Emma is currently carrying out Level 3 SENCO training. A few members of staff are working towards their Level 3 qualifications, and some are working on attaining their Level 5. Thank you for your commitment to improve the provision provided at the pre-school.

Over the last year, Emma and I have been working hard to change the charity run pre-school into a CIO to provide a more sustainable support system for the pre-school. Over the years, it has become harder for the pre-school to recruit trustees, particularly parents, to be responsible for the charity. Becoming a CIO removes the issue of recruiting a parent committee, provides greater protection for trustees in terms of liability and at the same time gives the manager some control over what happens in the pre-school with a continued support system in place. Thank you to Sally at The Dinky Ones for guiding us with the transition.

Overall, we have had a successful year, and everyone involved in the running of Greenwood-Pre School has worked extremely hard and continued to shine. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication, and I look forward to seeing what we achieve in the upcoming year.

Thank you again for taking the time to join us this evening.