



AGENDA

Bishopsteignton Pre-School Playgroup Annual General Meeting being held on Thursday 5th December 2019 @ 7:30pm at the Ring of Bells, Bishopsteignton

Welcome and Apologies

Secretary Carley holding the 'Wooden Spoon' fundraising event on the same evening, apologies also from staff members Christie Tribble, Laura Rowsell and Sam Boyer.

Chairman's Report

Treasurer Report

Manager's Report

Voting on new committee members

Any other business

Close the main meeting



(We will then take the opportunity to have a short-closed staff meeting with any newly appointed committee members)



Chairperson's Annual Report November 2018 to 2019

Authored by Sam Yeadon and Liza Kane-Snell - Chairpersons - 5 December '19

SUMMARY

It has been a very busy past 12 months at Bishopsteignton Pre-School. Its popularity is ever-increasing and we have record numbers of children attending.

Also as a charity-run organisation requiring a committee, the core group of Simon Coburn, Sarah Mortimore and Helen Kelham handed over to a new core group after several years working hard for our pre-school.

Sam Boyer took over as Interim Manager in January with Yeash taking on much of the administration side. All pre-school policies have been updated and revised, an amazing feat Yeash!

After many discussions with Bishopsteignton Primary School and the Devon Early Years Team, the advantages and also the actual possibility of a merger with the primary school became more apparent. Open meetings were held with parents in the summer term before a vote was taken, with a totally unanimous decision by parents and carers in support of merging. Yeash applied and successfully obtained the post of Merger Manager, to not only manage pre-school but also to assist in implementing a successful merger with the primary school in 2020. During holiday periods we have spent a lot of time and quite an investment to undertake renovations required by Devon County Council in and around the pre-school building so that everything is up to spec for when it becomes under DCC legislation.

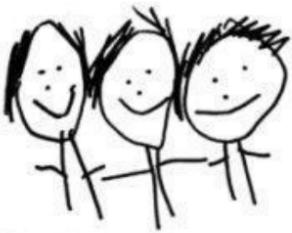
Whilst it is an ongoing and complicated process we are currently looking at the merger to be complete in the first week of April 2020.

We would like to acknowledge a special thanks to Carley Aldworth-Warren who came on as Secretary last year. Due to many other commitments she is looking to step down as soon as possible and we once again urge anyone who is interested in undertaking this role until the pre-school merges with the primary school, to speak to one of us on committee or Yeash at pre-school. Legally, a committee cannot function without a secretary! We also thank Simon, the previous Chairperson, who is continuing as a committee member to provide outstanding support and expertise to the pre-school and primary in our discussions to work towards a successful merger that will benefit both establishments.

FUNDRAISING

Fundraising continues to be important to the stability of our pre-school's financial position and ability to provide trips and resources.

- We'd like to especially thank the following people who volunteered to organise a highly successful and very much enjoyed **Easter Egg Hunt** at Lawns End for the pre-school in which they raised a fantastic amount - Serena Edwards, Emma Kelly, Liz Rice and Bev Vicary. Thanks also to Julia and Ben Northcott and Nicola Scoon for their help on the day. Many thanks to all other helpers on the day and the local businesses that supported us including Bishopsteignton's Central Garage, local solicitors Tazara, Paul Dice Fabrications, Calm Waters Counselling, Exeter City FC, Living



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Coasts, Lady's Mile, Laura Wall, Eden Project, Dartmoor Zoo, Woodlands, the Hamstons for their Air B&B prize, Anna Horwell for her childminding prize, Shaldon Zoo, River Dart Country Park, Pennywell Farm, Becky Falls, ibounce Newton Abbot, Riverfords, Escot, Shaldon Bakery, Big Sheep, Harrison Ball's family/Hub from Teignmouth's donated cakes and Morrisons who donated eggs.

- **The Commitments gig** - The biggest thanks here goes to pre-school parent Anna Bessant for all her hard work in organising this wonderful evening. Bishopsteignton-based charity band, The Bishopsteignton Commitments, were a huge success and had everyone up dancing the night away. The Commitments are a very talented group of musicians and singers who regularly play a wonderful array of songs for different local organisations, and all funds raised by their gigs are then donated to their chosen local organisation. Another thank you goes to all the villagers and local community who attended and also to The Cockhaven for allowing such a wonderful evening to be held at their venue.
- We also say a continued huge thank you to those villagers that save their paper and cardboard for us and our team of pre-school parent **Paperchasers** who collect it at the end of every month come (mostly!) rain, wind or shine. They are currently Anna and John Bessant, Serena and Dan Edwards, the Coburns and the core committee team. We thank and welcome new members to the team...Eloise and Chloe's parents the Loxtons and Anna Horwell. It continues to bring in a fantastic £150-£200 a month.

Many of the team have been doing the paperchase for years, and have not stepped down due to the lack of new volunteers. We would in particular like to thank Karen Coburn who has just finished running it, which she did for an astonishing 8 and a half years and created a well-oiled machine! Emma and Mark Kelly and Julia and Ben Northcott have also just stepped down after many years of driving around in the wind, rain with their children, with never a grumble. We would also like to continue to thank the Parish Council for their support. Allowing us to use the Lawns End Recreation Car park is very much appreciated and without which, it most probably wouldn't be possible.

It is a real experience being part of the paperchase. If you haven't previously volunteered, it simply involves driving round one of four designated sections of the village, collecting any paper or cardboard left out by residents and emptying it out of the bags into the skip at Lawns End. I have made many a new parent friend in the skip and have bit by bit developed the advanced skills of managing to get as much paper into a skip without creating a landslide!

The more people you have on the rota, the less often you are asked to do it but sadly the paperchase is being handed over to FOBS in the new year as despite continual requests we don't have enough volunteers to continue (and it will need to be handed over to another charity when we merge). We are hoping that with support from both pre-school and primary school families, we will have enough volunteers. They may even only need to do few turns a year if we have a number of new volunteers.

Suggestion from staff Emma Oakley that we let people know what exactly it is.

Discussion that we advertise it locally to residents so people have more knowledge about what it involves (Bishop Banter, in the shop and post office, Parish Chronicle?). Maybe some local residents will then offer to volunteer.

