

# The Grange Pre-School Committee Newsletter

February 2020

## Introduction

This is the second newsletter we've produced as a committee and we hope to make this a regular publication every few months, to keep you updated with our activities. Following recent feedback, we feel it's important to improve communication with parents/carers to share the recent achievements and future goals of our fundraising efforts.

We greatly appreciate the valuable contributions that you all make towards our various events and we want to thank you for your continued support.

## Who we are and what we do ...

As a reminder, the Pre-School Committee are an elected group of volunteers, made up mostly of parents/grandparents of children who currently attend or used to attend Pre-School.

We all have a keen interest in supporting the Pre-School to provide the best care, support and education for our children.

Our role is to support the Pre-School management team with:

- Organising fundraising activities/events and agreeing how the money should be spent.
- Volunteering with maintenance of the outside areas and learning/play facilities.
- Supporting the management team with administration, financial and practical tasks.

## Get Involved ...

The committee meets a few times each term to plan fundraising events, discuss issues and share ideas. If you're interested in joining the committee and getting involved, please express your interest to Julia or Angela.

## Did you know ...

Ofsted recently revised their Early Years Inspection Framework, adapting the key focus areas of the curriculum, these new rules came into effect last September, 2019.

More information for parents can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/early-years-foundation-stage>



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## Fundraising So Far ...

In the last two terms, Sept – Dec 2019, we raised an impressive amount to help fund our goals for the year. The Xmas Fayre is going from strength to strength and as our biggest fundraiser of the year it provides the majority of our capital. Below is a summary of the fundraising we achieved in the last period:

Event/Activity	Amount Raised
Christmas Fayre & Church Table	£1,332
Children's Handmade Xmas Cards	£69
Nativity Tickets	£98
Children's Handmade Tea Towels/Bags	£95
Pyjama Day	£38
Profit from Photograph Sales	£220
Spooky Day & Cake Sales	£208
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£2,060</b>

## Where has it been spent?

This valuable fundraising has helped us provide the children with memorable experiences, new play equipment and key learning resources. Below is a list of some of the key purchases we have made so far this year:

Purchase	Cost
Xmas Party & Gift for every child	£202
Sensory Learning Equipment	£537
Educational Play Equipment	£58
Outside Ride-on Vehicles	£289
Sports 4 Kids Activity Sessions - Term 3	£200
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£1,286</b>

## Goals for the year ...

We still have several events that we need to financially support this year and some larger goals to help keep the Pre-School facilities at a standard that allows us to continue to provide the best experience for your children. These include:

- Provision of medals for Sports Day and Graduation gifts for the children moving on to primary school
- Hiring of the local model railway for our annual Pre-School trip
- More sports activity sessions, animal interactions and an entertainer for the end of year party
- Replacement tablet computers to support the staff with the documentation and observations of the children's progress, as the current tablets are out of support for the software we require. (The Pre-School is currently trialing a new strategy for recording the children's progress, if successful this will allow us to halve the number of tablets which require replacing.)
- Repair/replacement of the leaking canopy above the outside decking area.

As a charity, we aim to be transparent and open with our fundraising and all matters related to the running of the business. Anyone who has concerns or queries are welcome to view more detailed accounts or review our policies and procedures to gain a fuller understanding of how we operate.

If you have any concerns related to the Pre-School, please feel free to contact Dave Barker, chair of the committee, to discuss your views in more detail (Contact details on poster in foyer). We are always keen to hear from parents/carers, any suggestions or ideas on how we can improve our setting are welcomed.