



## A Message from the Governors to Parents and Children

As Governors of Gloucester Nursery, we would like to look back on the last year and to say our sincere thanks to everyone who has helped and supported us.

### A Look Back...

The children have had a wonderful time in the Nursery, with different activities and challenges available every day. Although they may not realise it, they are constantly learning new skills - both educationally and socially.

These are some of the memories the children have shared about their time at the Nursery:

"I liked writing"

"I liked finding a ladybird and butterflies"

"I like hammering"

"I love outside"

"I liked holding the chicks"

"I liked going down the mud slide at forest school"

Just some of the exciting special activities that have taken place have been:

Forest School

An Allotment visit

Felt making workshops

Stay and Plays

Tasty Thursdays

Chinese New Year

Easter chicks

Christmas magician

Road to Rio Olympics

Grandparents Day

Sponsored marathon

Sponsored sing song

Many of these activities would not be a success without the support of parents/carers. We greatly appreciate those of you who have volunteered during the year, have accompanied the children on outings or contributed to Nursery sessions.

Lots of the sessions have been really well attended by parents/carers, such as the Stay and Plays and Tasty Thursdays. This makes a huge difference, so thank you.

## **2 Year Provision (G2)**

Our 2 year provision celebrated its 1<sup>st</sup> birthday on 15<sup>th</sup> June. We welcomed the Lord Mayor to the party to celebrate what has been a very successful year. The 2 year old provision will be having a canopy erected so that they can enjoy outdoor play in all weathers. This should be scheduled for October 2016

## **Children with Special Educational Needs**

Gloucester Nursery School currently has 11 children with special educational needs. 3 children have Education, Health and Care Plans. The majority of children with special educational needs have communication and language difficulties. All children irrespective of their level of need are making substantive progress. The school provides a range of support for children with special educational needs including specialised language groups, small group work as well as partnership working with outside agencies and parents

## **Accessibility**

Gloucester Nursery School is a fully inclusive school and continuously strives to make adaptations to its environment to ensure all children from the local community can come and flourish within the school. We were once again awarded the Inclusion Quality Mark Inclusion Award in June 2016.

## **Attendance**

The school is actively working to support families to attend regularly and punctually. For the past 2 terms, children who have 100% attendance have had their names printed in our termly newsletter. In order for children to learn and reach their full potential they need to attend school on a regular basis. Hopefully we can all work together to improve our attendance rates.

	<b>Attendance rates Sept 2014 - June 2015</b>	<b>Attendance rates Sept 2015 - June 2016</b>
<b>Percentage of children attending nursery</b>	<b>AM: 90.9% PM: 88.4%</b>	<b>AM: 90.9% PM: 88.2%</b>

## **The Staff...**

Julia and the team have worked really hard as usual to make the children's time at Nursery as varied, stimulating and challenging as

possible, and to provide the very best learning environment for them. The Governors would like to thank all the staff; not only those working directly with the children, but also the office and administration staff and the cleaning staff, without whom the Nursery would not run as smoothly as it does.

Julia and the Governors would like to say a 'big thank you' to Wendy, the school's Bursar/Office Manager. She has worked here for 13 years and will be leaving us in August. Governors would also like to thank Dorothy Driver the schools Cleaner-in- Charge. She had worked at the school for 11 years and left on 30<sup>th</sup> June, taking early retirement. We all wish Wendy and Dorothy well in the future.

### **The Governors.....**

Although we may not always be visible, we are a small group of dedicated people working behind the scenes. We support and challenge Julia and her leadership team in the development of the Nursery in areas such as the safeguarding and welfare of the children, teaching and learning and play provision and finances. If anyone is interested in joining the Governing Body, please do ask by talking to the office staff.

From September 2016, the Governors will be:

- Promoting the Nursery i.e. places in G2 and G3
- Thinking of ways the Parent Governors can support parents views at the Governors meetings.
- Continue to monitor the quality of teaching and learning; safeguarding and financial management of the nursery.
- Supporting new activities for parents and families in the Family Room

### **The Nursery Budget April 2015- March 2016:**

The nursery has an income budget - we estimated receiving £386,735 (funding from the County Council, income from additional sessions and other income received during the year and including the carry forward from 14/15)

We received more income than estimated - an additional £181,915 over the course of the year, total £568,650 and spent £487,489 on salaries, premises costs, supplies and services , setting up the new G2 provision- giving us a balance of £81,161 to carry forward to 2016/17

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Spent</b>
Capital	£49,146
Employee costs	£357,471
Premises	£39,956
Supplies and Services	£40,842
Transport	£74

### **Moving on....**

This year we say goodbye to 79 of the children as they move into many different local Primary Schools. Their new teachers have been invited to the Nursery to meet the children to make their transition as smooth as possible.

Twenty of the current year's children will remain with us for another year. We do still have vacancies for September 2016, so if you know of any friends or family who might be interested in a place, please ask them to get in touch.

### **Thank you**

Thank you for all your support with fundraising events over the year. This has included a cake sale, sponsor sing song, curryoke and raffle. The total amount raised was £1593.15. In respect of external fundraising - the mini marathon in aid of the Garden for Lewis raised £350, £42.47 for Children in Need and £50 for MacMillan.

### **Finally....**

We hope the children and their parents/carers will look back on this past year with many happy memories and will be very proud of what they have achieved. We wish you all the very best for the future.

The Governors  
July 2016