



## 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.

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

“At Forest School I climbed the trees, I learnt how to make a campfire. We ate marshmallows.”

“At stay and play I liked going in the fire engine and in the police van.”

“We watched the chicks hatch out of the eggs. They were soft and tickled my hand.”

“When you use the saw you need to hold it with two hands. Don’t put it down because you can chop off your leg! We use drills and nails and hammers at nursery.”

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

Forest School	Stay and Plays	Indian Dance
Chinese New Year	Easter Chicks	African Drumming
Christmas Magician	Grandparents Day	RaptorXotics – animal visits
Fun Marathon	Parent Skill Share – cooking, etc	

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. This makes a huge difference, so **thank you**.

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

Our 2 year provision is now 4 years old and thriving. The outdoor environment continues to be developed with the help of members of the community, watch this space for some new play equipment coming over the summer!

## **Children with Special Educational Needs**

Gloucester Nursery School currently has 7 children with special educational needs. 3 children have Education, Health and Care Plans. 6 children have been in receipt of High Needs Funding from the Local Authority. The majority of children with special educational needs have communication and language difficulties. 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. All children irrespective of their level of need are making substantive progress.

## **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. The nursery was awarded the Inclusion Quality Mark Inclusion Award in June 2016.

## **Attendance**

The school is actively working to support families to attend regularly and punctually. Over the academic year 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 we do strive to help them attend school on a regular basis. Hopefully we can work together to improve our attendance rates.

## **The Staff**

As always, Julia and the team have worked exceptionally hard to make the children's time at nursery as varied, stimulating and challenging as possible and to provide the very best learning environment and opportunities 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.

## **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. At the end of this year we have expressed our thanks and said goodbye to Judith Staff who has moved on after many years on the Governing Body and Jackie Ellis who has left as her grandchildren have now moved on to Primary School.

From September 2019, the Governors will be:

- Promoting the nursery i.e. places in G2 and G3.
- Thinking of ways the Parent Governors can support parent's views at the Governors meetings.
- Continue to monitor the quality of teaching and learning, safeguarding and financial management of the nursery.

## **The Nursery Budget April 2018 – March 2019**

The nursery has an income budget – we estimated receiving £467,527 (funding from the County Council, income from additional sessions and other income received during the year), we also had a carry forward from the previous year of £87,816.

We received more income than estimated (£508,896.60) over the course of the year and spent £406,787.34 on salaries, £69,400.61 on premises costs and £59,962.80 on supplies and services. The balance to carry forward to 2019/20 is £68,075, this will help to continue to provide the highest quality learning and teaching for the children during the next year and will be used to support the budget following a huge reduction in funding of £83,000.

## **Moving on**

This year we say goodbye to 72 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.

24 children from the Nurture Nest and 20 children from G2 will be moving up to G3. If you know of any friends or family who might be interested in a place for their 2 or 3 year old for the future, please ask them to get in touch.

## **Thank you**

Thank you so much for all your support with fundraising events over the year. We raised and donated £160.00 for Macmillan, £52.00 for Children in Need and the sponsored Mini Marathon raised an enormous £1359.40 which has enabled us to book Piper the artist again!

## **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:

Sue Lane – Chair

Victoria Hinds – Vice Chair

Julia Mann – Head Teacher

Joy Hemingway

Jane Page

Kerry Wright

Lesley Pollard

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