



Chairperson's Report 2016 - 2017

It has been another busy year at Sparklers!

Thank you!

I would like to start by thanking our committee members for their help, support and input throughout this year. Firstly, a big thank you to our Vice Chair, Lauren, who has been invaluable in her support, input and ideas, not to mention helping Santa out with her tremendous wrapping skills! Thank you to our Secretary, Ruth, for producing minutes to each meeting quickly, and for organising newsletters for parents. Thank you to Gemma, our Treasurer, for making sure our funds are well managed and in order, and liaising effectively with Lucy to make sure the money side of Sparklers runs smoothly. Thanks also to our general committee members for their commitment, suggestions and support at events.

I also want to say a huge thank you to all the fabulous Sparklers staff: Lynn, Laine, Tracey, Clare, Helen and Lucy. We are extremely lucky at Sparklers to have such a fantastic, experienced and dedicated team, who make our children their number one priority. Thank you to you all for the support you have given the committee this year. Special thanks to Clare for keeping our website and Facebook page up to date.

Children

41 children were registered with us last year, with 26 children leaving us in July to start "big school". The leavers' have gone to a range of destinations this year, including Peatmoor, Ridgeway Farm and Brook Field.

We currently have 25 children on role and have a healthy waiting list of children, many of them siblings of children who have previously attended Sparklers.

Bright Sparks

As with previous years, most children starting school this September have attended Bright Sparks sessions. These sessions have helped to prepare the children for their move to school by offering a more structured session, with activities such as learning letters/sounds, numbers, PE activities (and getting changed for PE!)

Events

The children enjoyed the two main trips of the year. Our spring trip was to Cotswold Farm Park, where we met lots of lovely animals and enjoyed a tractor ride! The summer trip this year was to Peppa Pig World (Paultons Park), where the children had fun experiencing the rides, and of course meeting Peppa and her family! Some children also enjoyed a trip on the bus to Lower Shaw Farm.

Sports Day was a great success, which was enjoyed by the children, who all competed extremely well, and were very excited to receive their medals! This was followed by a family picnic on the school field. The children enjoyed their disco party at Christmas with a visit from Santa. Our leavers enjoyed making their teddies from 'Teddy Town' at their party, followed by their special treat of a McDonalds meal – thank you to Lauren for collecting these for us!

Thank you to all staff and committee members for all of your hard work when organising and attending these events to make sure they run so smoothly. I'd like to give a special mention to Lucy's fantastic admin skills to ensure that all bookings are organised so efficiently.

New Purchases

We are in a very fortunate position to have a very healthy bank balance compared to some other pre-schools. This enables us to provide the funding for any new items our children may require or that need updating.

This year we have managed to pay for many things, including:

Staff training

New toys and books

Presents for the children at Easter, Christmas and presents/food for our leavers' party

Travel to and from our spring and summer trips

New iPads

Dual language resources to support children with English as an additional language

Finally, thank you again to our wonderful staff team, as well as the outgoing committee for all of your hard work and dedication this year. Good luck to our new committee, we hope you enjoy your time here as much as we have. As you know, Sparklers can't run without a committee, so I'm looking forward to welcoming our new committee later on this evening.

12th October 2017

To Whom It May Concern

Re: Sparklers Pre-School, Swindon

I have examined the financial records for the period 1 August 2016 to 31st July 2017 for the Charity, Sparklers Pre-School, Registration No. 1027960. The Pre-School is located at Peatmoor Community School, Pepperbox Hill, Peatmoor, Swindon, SN5 5DP.

In the course of my examination, I have come to conclude that proper financial and accounting records are being kept and am satisfied that what has been presented to me meets the necessary requirements from both a financial and Charity Commission perspective.

Signed:



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JOHN HAUGH

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BBS / ACMA

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Date: 17/09/2017
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Sparklers Pre-School
Profit and Loss

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From: Month 1, August 2016
To: Month 12, July 2017

Chart of Accounts:

Sparklers [PARTIAL]

	<u>Period</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	
Source of Funds			
SBC 3yr/4yr funding	65,865.45	65,865.45	
Bank and other interest received	9.49	9.49	
T-shirt and sweatshirt sales	30.00	30.00	
Photographs and commission	34.00	34.00	
Spring trip contributions	502.50	502.50	
Summer trip contributions	706.00	706.00	
Summers leavers party contributions	2.69	2.69	
Fundraising	79.00	79.00	
Donations	1,750.10	1,750.10	
Loan of Story Sacks	11.00	11.00	
SSSP Additional Funding	250.01	250.01	
Pupil Premium	448.39	448.39	
	69,688.63	69,688.63	
Application of Funds			
Wages	46,598.65	46,598.65	
Room hire	5,497.50	5,497.50	
Software	417.60	417.60	
Employer Pension	931.97	931.97	
Pupil Premium	369.97	369.97	
Telephone	448.04	448.04	
General Pre-school materials	953.55	953.55	
Sparklers Food Supplies	128.89	128.89	
Staff training	638.50	638.50	
Spring trip costs	810.00	810.00	
Summer trip costs	1,258.80	1,258.80	
Local visits and outings	65.00	65.00	
Summer leavers party/presents	328.11	328.11	
Easter expenses	44.08	44.08	
Christmas expenses	227.95	227.95	
Gifts	222.50	222.50	
Website Costs	100.00	100.00	
Books	46.38	46.38	
Toys and Games	169.40	169.40	
Office Machines/ Furniture	781.37	781.37	
Membership , Insurances	843.09	843.09	
Repairs	40.00	40.00	
Stationery	911.24	911.24	
Postage	101.25	101.25	
	61,933.84	61,933.84	
Gross Profit/(Loss):	<u>7,754.79</u>	<u>7,754.79</u>	
Net Profit/(Loss):	<u>7,754.79</u>	<u>7,754.79</u>	