

AGM of Leechpool Caterpillar Nursery & After School Club – Chair’s Report

This is my first AGM, and it is a welcome opportunity to share some key highlights that have taken place recently at Leechpool Caterpillar Nursery & After School Club.

Firstly, I would like to express sincere thanks on behalf of myself and my fellow Committee Members, to our wonderful staff, supportive parents and lovely children.

I hope you are all enjoying the brand new premises and I know that Kate Summerhayes, our Manager, is very keen to develop both the outside area and update the play equipment for the children inside. The Committee will use the budget wisely to ensure the children have access to the best we can afford.

Apart from the move to new premises, there have been significant staff changes. Liz Groves took the tough decision, after many years at the helm, to step down as Manager. We were very pleased when Liz agreed to take on the role of Administrator. Her wealth of experience and knowledge has helped Kate, settle in seamlessly.

Kate is a highly experienced, motivated and enthusiastic individual and she has proven to be a dynamic leader from day one. Kate had barely joined us when Ofsted came to call. Her professionalism and sunny disposition ensured we kept our ‘Good’. Kate is focussing on bringing the setting up to an ‘Outstanding’ in due course.

There have been technical developments at the setting with the introduction of Seesaw and the launch of the website. I would like to thank Kate and her tech-savvy son, William, for their work on this. Other changes include the introduction of the newsletters, the option of having a hot meal for lunch and the introduction of a healthy snack for break.

Over the next 12 months we will continue to develop the setting focusing on curriculum, finance and, most important of all, the happiness and individual development of the children.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to our committee members. Hannah Broadbridge, who has recently stepped down, after three years of service. Kate Summerhayes (manager), Liz Groves (notetaker), Maria Gwynn (staff representative), Maria Di Martino (parent representative), Mark Haydon (secretary), Jim Rae (treasurer) and last but not least Nicola Devonport (adviser); who has shown unfailing dedication, wisdom and vision in the development of the setting and has been the driving force behind the amazing achievements made at Leechpool Caterpillar Club in recent times.

Fiona Franklin, Chair
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