



## St George's Pre-School Supervisors Report September 2011.

I would like to start by welcoming everyone to the meeting and thank you for coming.

This year we have seen 11 older children move into the reception year, we will miss them all and wish them lots of happiness in their school lives.

We start the new academic year with 21 children on the register. We have 12 older children, 6 of whom are new to pre school and 9 younger ones. We started the enrolment process for new families back in April and numbers were not looking good; however we are now almost working at full capacity. This is particularly positive because we have enrolled younger children so they will still be with us next year.

The new term has started well; children are making friendships and exploring their new environment. We have already been invited and involved with the Art Exhibition run by Mrs Khan-Davis; the children have created sunflowers which will be exhibited in the Yurt! Details are posted on the Pre School door.

During the holiday's the staff got together to do our usual sort out, clean up and planning. I would like to thank them all for their efforts and enthusiasm!

I would also like to thank the committee for their continuing professionalism, dedication and generosity. We have been very fortunate to have such a strong committee and Chair who have worked tremendously hard to ensure all of our paperwork is accurate and relevant to the standards required by Ofsted and the Charity Commission. They have also put in countless hours organising fundraisers to maintain our Pre School.

We have had very few changes over the last year, staff kept the same hours and the day to day running of the Pre School has remained smooth.

Unfortunately in April Louisa broke her ankle and had have the remainder of the term off, however she is now back, fully fit and able. I would like to thank the staff for pulling together and covering, especially Lavonne Pellow, who stepped in voluntarily to cover my lunch breaks. Lavonne has agreed to be a stand in member of staff when needed in the future, this will be very beneficial to the staff; an extra pair of hands is always welcome!

We said goodbye to our administrator Natalie Fox in June, unfortunately she could no longer continue due to her work commitments. Natalie was a very efficient and professional member of staff who will be sadly missed.

It was decided to split Natalie's role into two, Rachel Hanson has taken on the administration side and Louise Treacher has the funding element, good luck to you both.

Over the course of the next year staff members will be busy on training courses, Louisa on additional Safeguarding training, Sharon Vickery on SENCO refresher training, Ali on

Health and Safety awareness and I have enrolled onto a two year Foundation Degree in Integrated Children's Services. Fortunately I have been accepted for full funding of the course and the Pre School can claim up to £1500 to cover additional staffing costs in my absence.

We continued to build our relationship with the school by attending their church services and school events. We also spent lots of time with Mrs Stradling and her children playing and getting to know each other. This provided an excellent opportunity for the children to have a smooth transition into mainstream school. Thank you Mrs Stradling.

Thank you all for your continued support

Sharron Ricketts  
Supervisor.