

## **623 Club – AGM**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

### **Chair's report**

It has been a year of positive change for the staff, committee and children of 623 Club.

We welcomed two new members of staff in 2017; Kate Upcraft and Angela Cottle. Kate and Ange's considerable skills, teaching experience and consistent enthusiasm are greatly appreciated and have further enhanced the quality of service to our children.

Thanks to Kate and Ange's input, we are able to offer regular arts/crafts and drama sessions. The children have offered some fantastic ideas for projects, which are available for all to see around the club.

The children have also been busy and active in the outdoors and we are very proud to announce that the club has been given the Bronze "Wild Challenge" award from RSPB. Many thanks to Kate.

From an administration point of view, ongoing issues with paper invoices were noted and an electronic invoicing system is now in place, thanks to John (Treasurer). There have been positive verbal comments from parents and experiences to date suggest that the system is proving to be more efficient and transparent and an overall improved efficiency for parents and staff/committee.

On 10<sup>th</sup> June, 623 parents, staff, committee and children joined forces with Curbar School staff, parents and children for our first "Community Muck-In". The day exceeded our expectations and the gardens, playground and play areas were transformed by the efforts of all involved. We were astounded by the generosity of those who donated their time, energy and materials and I would again extend thanks to everyone. Mr Beahan from Curbar school has already suggested making this a regular event!

Inside the club, I am very pleased to report the overhaul of the preparatory kitchen upstairs, which has been much improved.

Lastly, thank you to all the voluntary committee and staff for their commitment and dedication in the running of 623 Club over the past year.

Karen Esposito  
Chair