

# Committee Newsletter

January 2020

**Paddocks  
Pre-School**

Paddocks Pre-school is a committee run charity. The committee is made up of parents elected annually at our AGM in June and we meet every 6-8 weeks.

Our 2019-2020 Committee Members: Alex Smith (Chair), Ed Jenkins (Treasurer), Nina Harman (Secretary), Jennie Jennings, Gemma Overton, Louise Eggleston, Harriet Flanagan & Lou Greenaway (Managers)

The committee are keen to convert Paddocks Pre-school from an unincorporated charity to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) over the next 6 months.

Notice of  
EGM

We will be holding an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) on

**Monday 10 February 2020 at 7.30pm at Paddocks**

to discuss the benefits of the CIO conversion and to initiate the process.

Voluntary Funding Supplement

As an early years childcare provider, Paddocks Pre-school currently receive funding from the Government for most of the care and education we provide. Unfortunately, the amount of money we receive doesn't fully cover the costs of delivering funded 3&4 year old places. Funding levels have not been updated to reflect rises in costs (such as annual minimum wage increases, pension contributions increases, inflation etc.). The Government has also stipulated that we are not permitted to charge a 'top-up' fee, so it is important we find ways to finance our play materials, learning resources, consumables in general, varied activities, maintenance of the setting and more.

In order for us to continue to offer the high level of care we strive to provide, we are asking for donations to support the 3&4 year old funded hours. We have called this the Voluntary Funding Supplement and you may have seen it on your invoices. Our suggested donation is 70p per funded hour used.

In the 18/19 academic year we raised around £7,000 from the Voluntary Funding Supplement donations. This covered less than half of the government funding annual deficit. The donations have been very helpful in sustaining the integrity of our preschool charity and providing the best possible opportunities for the children.

Please do consider this donation and if not financially viable for you, donate as much as you are able. Or consider offering some time to help fundraising, to be a parent helper, to help with essential maintenance or to do odd jobs. All donations along with fundraising and cost cutting efforts will help Paddocks remain open.

**We would like to thank everyone for their donations, and for helping Paddocks sustain itself during these tight times.**

Garden Party

**THANK YOU** to everyone who came and helped at our Saturday morning garden tidy up on 16th November 2019. The next one is on **Sunday 2nd February**. We are hoping to have new fences in place soon, so some sorting will need doing beforehand. We also need help constructing our new sheds and with some spring cleaning jobs.



**THANK YOU** to everyone for joining us at our **Halloween Disco** and **Christmas Fair** fundraisers last term. A fun time was had by all. We made £475. We were delighted to see so many of you supporting us. **THANK YOU** to Gemma & Jennie for organising all the Christmas raffle prizes.





## Save The Date

# Valentines Disco - Friday 7th February



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# Bingo Night - Friday 13th March



Fundraising

If you log in to **Smile.Amazon.co.uk** instead of the usual Amazon website (same login details, same account history etc) Amazon will donate a percentage of all your purchases to a charity of your choice. Paddocks Pre-school have registered, so please support us!

Go to <Your Account> drop down menu  
select <Change Your Charity>.  
Search for select Paddocks Preschool



If you regularly shop online you could also be helping us raise money for our good cause using #easyfundraising. Over 3,600 retailers like **Tesco, Sainsbury's, ASDA, Waitrose, Ocado, Argos, eBay, M&S, Booking.com, John Lewis** etc. will give us a donation when you make a purchase with them. **EVERY PENNY COUNTS** and it all adds up. The more people who use this, the more money we can raise – and it won't cost you a thing! There is also a iPhone/Android App for easy mobile access.

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and when you raise your first £5,  
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Use link below and search for Paddocks Pre-school - Wallingford

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/NGWIF7/65QQDE>

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We receive 2p/pouch.

So please do support us and encourage recycling.

Please **RECYCLE** your baby pouches and support

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- We accept all brands of baby food pouch
- We receive a small donation for every pouch we recycle
- Please just drop them off at Paddocks Pre-school, next door to Wallingford Maternity Unit (St. Georges Ward)

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