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Report for Annual Parish Meeting - 13th March 2017

The nursery is once again enjoying a busy academic year with pupil numbers high and many already registered waiting to start. We are currently have a few places still available in our capacity for the older children each day for this academic year, but are full for children under 3. The registers for September are good. Our popularity has grown significantly over the past few years. Our parents tell us their decision was influenced by many things including our website, our Ofsted rating - we are currently rated 'Good', word of mouth recommendations, our open-house policy in terms of prospective families being able to drop in at any time for a visit, and our facilities. Underpinning all aspects of our success are the dedication of all the staff and the endless support of the families and wider community. We are now also registered with Norfolk Children's Services to accept children aged 2 who qualify for the government funding.

Our garden area continues to enhance the overall learning experience for the children. The children are able to learn with hands-on experience in terms of plant growing, bug studying and bird care. The garden is an important aspect of our curriculum and is now available all year round.

The nursery was visited by Ofsted inspectors in June 2015, and we are very pleased to have achieved a rating of 'Good'. The inspectors recognized the hard work being done at the nursery and the report was full of complimentary comments. The full report is available on the Ofsted website or our own website.

All our staff continue to undertake appropriate training to ensure we remain well informed and up to date with the latest procedures.

We welcome visits from families considering placing a child with us, but do ask that these are pre-booked. The pre-booking of these visits means we can ensure we have the time to devote showing how the nursery is run, and to answer any questions.

Our website is proving to be very successful by not only providing information for our existing families, but by also giving any prospective families an insight into our setting.

Our committee continues to build on the stable foundations set by previous members. They have had great successes already with many fundraising events this academic year, and many more are planned for the coming months. We have also continued to improve our setting by the purchase of new equipment and by the constant review of our procedures to ensure that we are exceeding the expectations of our governing bodies and local authorities.

We continue to enjoy strong links with our community through the local primary school, church and parish council in Little Melton, and with other organizations a little further afield.

Stuart Green

Signed on behalf of the Management Committee. Stuart Green, Chair of Committee