

Thurton & Ashby St. Mary Pre-school Report
Ashby St. Mary Annual Parish Meeting
Wednesday 30th March 2011

Thurton & Ashby St. Mary Pre-school has had a successful year and numbers of children attending the setting has steadily grown. We now have 23 registered children with younger ones on the waiting list.

8 children left pre-school at the end of the summer term 2010 to go to school after a successful programme of transition in partnership with Thurton School. We were invited by Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Pratt to visit as a whole group and joined the reception children in their classroom and outdoor area enjoying free play, finishing with a story. Mrs. Pratt in turn came to pre-school and had lunch with us talking to the children.

A change of committee members at our AGM soon settled to the never-ending task of fundraising and again we have raised a substantial amount through the year including a very successful Auto Jumble, Christmas Bazaar and ever-popular Jumble Sales. We would like to thank the community for supporting our events.

We have continued to spend our Capital Grant on replacing equipment including new trikes, whiteboard easel, safety mats for the climbing frame, games and books, and more recently gazebos for the garden to provide sun protection.

In January we had an unannounced Ofsted Inspection and were very pleased to receive, 'Overall the quality of the provision is Good' with two outstanding aspects in safeguarding and parent partnership. The report says 'Children settle with ease in the welcoming and inclusive environment of the setting and consequently make good progress in their learning.'

We are looking forward to building on very secure foundations in the year ahead with committed practitioners, dedicated committee members and with the backing of parent/carers, to give the children in our community every opportunity to make good progress in their Early Years education at Thurton & Ashby St. Mary Pre-school.

Sandra Rennie
Playleader