

REPORT FROM PRE-SCHOOL, PARISH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, APRIL 2024

The Preschool has a strong committee which has led the group forward ensuring the preschool is open every day now from 8.30-3.30. This is more useful for working families, meaning we attract children from Crowhurst, Battle, St Leonards and Bexhill. The Committee particularly excels at fund raising which has enabled the Preschool to buy new equipment such as a landline with wifi and to make improvements to the garden.

This year the children have enjoyed visits from a fire engine, a police van and we are looking forward to a visit from a tractor in May. We have visited the nearby ponies and met Annette, the friendly post lady, who collected our Valentine cards to deliver. The Horticultural Society kindly gave us narcissus bulbs to plant and tend then exhibit at the spring show.

We have help from weekly volunteers in the forms of Rita Gower and Lottie Lunenburg. Valerie Mighall also comes regularly to sing with the children. My favourite song is the tummy button song!

It has been a very wet winter which has meant the garden has been very muddy so we hope to purchase more bark to soak up the water this year. The children have mostly enjoyed the rain, though, especially when the water was deeper than their welly boots and I had to piggyback them along the path to the door. The things one has to do as a preschool teacher!