

Dear Villagers (and anyone who might have a vested interest in the Early Years!),

Thank you for all your support over the past academic year at Long Wittenham Pre-School's fundraisers, whether you've joined a quiz or bought a cake...

THANK YOU!

We are writing as a trustee and staff group for your support once more. You may have seen in the news that many pre-schools are having to close due to an increase in the national minimum wage, however funding hours for children do not match this increase. Couple that with the leftover impact of covid, where we could not recoup funds, we remain in deficit as we approach the end of this academic year.

Long Wittenham Pre-School is a registered charity, it is not for profit, and therefore we work tirelessly to ensure we stay afloat but unfortunately continue to remain on the back foot.

We reach the end of the 2022-23 academic year being £3,000 short – we are hoping that if anyone has used the Pre-School over the years, have younger children who may join us, or have a vested interest in early years education that you might be willing to help us?

Could you help us get over the line this year so we can claw back deficit from covid? We appreciate times are hard now, but we felt it was worth an ask – as every little helps!

Please see our **GoFundMe page** (<https://gofund.me/7bb6fece>) to donate and help keep our precious Pre-School open – we were proud to receive an OFSTED GOOD rating this year and all credit goes to the staff team who are simply amazing. Let's support our local community and our children.

(If you would prefer to make a cash or cheque donation instead, please drop envelopes through 22 Westfield Road. Cheques should be made payable to Long Wittenham Pre-School!)

If there are any fun events you would like to see in the village that Pre-School could run, please let us know: chair@longwittenhampreschool.co.uk

THANK YOU AS EVER FOR ALL THE LOCAL SUPPORT AND HELP, WE REALLY VALUE IT