



Sharmans Cross

24th January 2011

Chair's Report

This year has been another successful one for Swallows Sharmans. The provision that the club is able to offer remains of a high quality and the children continue to thrive in it.

The move of the administration team from Streetsbrook has been smooth and efficient. The team have fitted seamlessly into their new environment. The one disappointment has been the resignation of Deputy Manager. This was however beautifully managed by the management and has caused no noticeable distractions to the smooth running of the clubs. My many thanks to those involved in this.

The VMC has continued to maintain the high standards of safeguarding in the club, reviewing such policies as the Child Protection and Health and Safety. The children's safety remains a top priority for us. There has also been a review of contracts and pay for employees, resulting in a cost of living rise for our hard working and dedicated staff. The VMC's work continues to be very supportive of the club, but would be greatly enhanced by a greater number of members. We continue to strive to attract people to this voluntary, but crucial role.

Numbers remain stable overall at the club thanks to the quality of duty and care provided. Finances, whilst obviously strained due to the current financial climate, appear to be sustainable at present. This was further enhanced this year by an additional two days of provision due to additional INSET days held by the school separate from those at Streetsbrook.

As we enter 2011, the signs are good for another successful year. We do however have staffing changes to address due to the retirement of two of our valued staff. This may result in an opportunity to restructure the staffing somewhat, including the role of the at present vacant Deputy Manager's position. As ever, this should be completed smoothly by all involved in the management of the clubs.

Finally I would just like to take the opportunity to thank the parents for their continued support of the club.

Mark Pratt
Chair of Swallows Sharmans