

13th April 2023

The Clerk, Rachael Reddin
Barnetby-le-Wold Parish Council

BARNETBY UNDER FIVES

Following our AGM last October we have a full committee in accordance with our constitution. Allison Thomas has continued as our committee chairperson.

This last academic year has been very good for Barnetby Under Fives with all sessions full. We are sending 21 children up to Barnetby Primary School. This means that we are looking at low numbers for September but are confident that things will pick up.

We continue to take an increased number of two year olds as more government funding comes available for this age group which has meant changes to how we operate during the session and the subsequent increased staff to child ratio required by Ofsted. This might increase in April when the new Government funding for two year olds is finalised.

As a registered charity we continue to keep our fees low and session times flexible so that we are available to all families. As a result we have few sessions available and ask all prospective attendees from the village to register as soon as possible to ensure a place.

We currently have five staff members. Four work full time and one part time. As a setting we are very proactive in supporting staff to gain higher qualifications and to this end currently have one staff member undertaking an Early Years degree.

We would like to thank the Parish Council for fitting the Magnilocks to the gates in the under fives area and they are working very well. We continue to remove all our toys when we come in for lunch. We would also like to thank the Parish Council for the planters at the front of the hall. Barnetby Under Fives currently have three planters. We would also like to thank Barnetby in Bloom for taking on the planters at the entrance to the village hall.

Two members of staff are on the Village Hall Committee to support the continued use of the building.

Sally Abbs