

Creaton Parish Council AGM – 14th May 2019

Over the past year there have been a lot of changes that have affected Ducklings Pre-school. The most significant one was the closure of Great Creaton Primary School. Ducklings was left in limbo as we weren't sure whether we would have to move premises (which we didn't want to do)

The other change was a change in management which took place in October 2018. Whilst it has been stressful at times I have loved every minute. Ducklings has also employed two new staff members.

We are extremely grateful to Creaton Community Benefits Society for successfully registering the building as an asset of community value and to NCC for agreeing that Ducklings could remain in the building and enter into a new 5 year Lease. Although we are still waiting to formally sign the Lease, there is a huge sense of relief within the staff team.

Our vision for the future is for the building to become a community hub. Some of the ideas that we have are to open a lending library, run pensioners lunches, rent to the hall and spare office space to community groups and local businesses.

We currently have 47 children enrolled and employ 10 members of staff. Although we say goodbye to 15 of our children in July we are looking forward to meeting our new starters in September 2019.

Finally, I would like to personally thank Creaton Parish Council for their generous donation which has enabled us to purchase the illuminated writing boards. I hoped that they would encourage more boys to pick up a pen and mark make which they certainly have