

## **Local nursery group achieves a Hat Trick of “Outstanding” from Ofsted**

Local Children’s Nursery Group, Swingboat Nurseries have scored a hat trick as all three of their nurseries were awarded “Outstanding” in recent inspections by Ofsted. The three nurseries - Ashby Day Nursery, Hermitage Day Nursery and Woodville Day Nursery were inspected within ten days of each other with Ashby and Hermitage taking place on the same day, and all received the highest grading of “Outstanding”

Elaine Blunt who operates the nurseries and out of school clubs together with her husband Graham, said she was delighted with these outstanding awards: “It’s absolutely wonderful that all three nurseries have achieved the highest grade and I am extremely proud of all our staff”.

Inspectors awarded all three nurseries outstanding for every aspect of the inspections which includes the effectiveness of leadership and management, safeguarding, the quality of early years’ provision, partnership with parents and the development of children’s skills for the future.

Emma Bate one of two Group Managers said she was thrilled that the inspectors recognised the hard work and professionalism of each nursery’s staff teams: “All three reports highlight and recognise the commitment and expertise of our highly motivated staff team, the reports also reflect our passion for providing the highest quality care and education through play, we are delighted!”

Highlights from the inspectors’ reports include the following statements:-

- \* Outcomes for all children attending this homely welcoming nursery are outstanding.
- \* Staff are extremely passionate and dedicated about their work and clearly enjoy working with children and their families.
- \* Staff are reflective, motivated and all hold great aspirations for the quality that underpins all aspects of care and education in this setting.
- \* There is an excellent balance between indoor and outdoor play and the children have use of extremely well resourced areas, where they can self select resources independently.
- \* One parent commented that “The staff are all fantastic”, another stated that she was “very, very happy, loves the nursery, and you can always talk to staff and they are always prepared to listen”

Kim Newberry a second Group Manager said that the Group’s focus on investing in and encouraging its staff to further increase their childcare knowledge, has enabled a member of staff to achieve Early Years Practitioner Status, four members of staff qualified to degree level, and a further three working towards this and another 14 members of staff qualified to Level Four. Kim commented: “achieving outstanding at all three nurseries is indicative of the hard work and culture of continuous improvement that exists within each setting; the staff team really deserve this recognition.”

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**Photo Captions:**

**Outstanding award 1 – Ashby Day Nursery**

Left to Right: Katy Snowdon Senior Nursery Officer and Hannah Pickering Nursery Officer with some of our pre school children

**Outstanding award 2 – Hermitage Day Nursery**

Left to Right: Clare Mee Manager and Diane Williamson Deputy Manager with some of our pre school children

**Outstanding award 3 – Woodville Day Nursery**

Left to Right: Jessica Yorke Nursery Officer, Laura Hinks Deputy Manager, Amy Edmonds Manager with some of our pre school children