Fun Lodge has had another successful year with clubs, outings and specialist workshops being held both during the summer play scheme and during term time. Finances are healthy with us realising a small operating surplus. The relationship with our landlords, the Church, is good and regular meetings are held between members of the management committee and the Church Officers.

Fun Lodge Limited has been operating as an After School Care provider for 18 years, continuing to provide quality care service for local children and their families from our established base at Merrylea Church. It is not for profit, social enterprise organisation with charitable status covered by registrations with:

* companies house under Articles of Association;
* the Care inspectorate – subject to annual inspection;
* Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR).

The relocation of Caldewood Lodge School to the new joint faith campus in the Mearns at the start of the new school year will have an impact on the demand for our service at Merrylea. Following an open meeting with parents in November, the Fun Lodge Management Committee met to make a final decision on whether to submit a proposal for the After School Service at the new campus by 30 November. It was the majority view of the Committee not to proceed. This decision and the rational for reaching it was communicated to parents by letter.

Significant events of 2016

* Development and finalisation of Fun Lodge Business Plan
* Staff remuneration – introduced pension arrangements for staff, above inflation salary increases
* Equipment Refresh – selection of new play equipment, upgrade of IT
* Donation of over £5,000 from Merrylee After School Care Service wound up as a charity
* Regular meetings with Church Officers, review lease, internet access, equipment sharing
* Clubs – Heartstart, Karate
* Calderwood Lodge – decision not to bid for new campus
* Increase in fees – first in 6 years

Outlook 2017

* Clubs– New Yoga club starting in February
* Friday opening from the start of the next school
* Development of Funlodge’s Strategy and compilation of a Risk Register

Funlodge’s key strength is their outstanding staff team, and with the help and oversight of the volunteer Management Committee provide an afterschool and holiday club service second to none. I’d like to offer my sincere thanks to:

* Susan and her team for their work and commitment in providing a safe, caring, fun and educational environment for our children;
* My colleagues in the management committee for their help and support this year;
* The Church for their continued support .