

Chair's Report AGM 2017

First, thank you all for coming.

The Parents and Friends of Shepton Mallet Infant's School Association (PFA) was set up to raise money for the school, to help buy resources and additional items to further enhance the children's learning journey and environment and also to build links within the community. Its continued existence relies on parents who can generously give a little of their time, and assist with donations.

We have a chair person and vice chair person, a treasurer and a secretary, and a body of committee members who are nominated and elected by vote. We are currently in the process of registering as a charity, which will make available to us other means of raising funds for the school. All parents of children at the school are automatically members, but if you choose, you can become a committee member too. As a committee we meet at least 4 times a year, once at the AGM, and at least three other times, usually before events, and we communicate by email and Whatsapp too. Towards the end of the meeting we can find a suitable time that suits us best for our meetings.

In the last year of fund raising we've held a variety of events such as cake sales, a Christmas fair, an Easter Raffle, a disco for the children to attend, and we helped out on a film night that the school held. We also had a stall at Collett Day, where we had a tombola stall. We hope to have some new ideas for our stall at the next Collett Festival. We collected clothing and other items for Bags of Help, a charity who give us money for our donations. The School also have a Christmas card project where the school receives a portion of the money raised. We look forward to another year of fundraising this year and we welcome any ideas for new events. We hope to have a Spring Fair as well as an Easter Raffle this academic year.

The money we raise is spent according to our Head Teacher's wish list, and also the Nursery Managers wish list. Some is also used to purchase items for events and pay for the disco man. The money we raise through cake sales goes into a separate pot for the class teachers to use directly for smaller things for the children in the class rooms. This year we've helped pay for workshops for the children, a circus day, a Chinese day, a music workshop, we bought kites for

the children to make and take to Collett Park to fly, new benches for the play ground, we buy the year twos' their leavers mugs, we bought crackers for the children to enjoy with their Christmas lunch, and also new VIP chairs for the classrooms. The PFA is helped out by local businesses, who donate prizes for raffles at the Christmas Fair and Collett Day, and last year the donations were so generous we were able to have a spring raffle too, and we are also supported by our parents, who bake wonderful cakes, who donate items for events, and who support our events by joining us at them. So we owe these people a huge thank you too. We have as a school also worked at Glastonbury Festival over the last few years, the money that is earned there all goes into the PFA account for the school.

I'll hand over now to our treasurer Zoe, who will give her financial report.

Thanks again.

Helen Hunt – Chair.