**Willow Bank Infant School Association**

**Monday 1 October 2018, 7.30pm**

**Chair Report – Vicki Barrett and Grace Lester**

Firstly, we would like to start by introducing ourselves and the core team of **2017-18**; for those of you who do not know us:

**Vicki Barrett – Co-Chair**

**Grace Lester – Co-Chair**

**Charlie Poulter – Deputy Chair**

**Karine LeCoq – Secretary**

**Nik Penny – Treasurer**

Secondly, (and most importantly) we need to say a huge thank you to the amazing team we have had this year. Everyone has worked so hard and we have had another successful year, which we are both extremely proud of. Thank you to Miss Moore and the staff for their continued support and to all the parent helpers who have volunteered during our events.

We kicked off the year with our infamous Halloween Disco; always a well-attended event and the children love the opportunity to dress up. The discos have always been our biggest fundraisers and this was no different this year. We raised a fantastic £1324. A fabulous start to the year.

Our Film Nights continued to do well this year, raising a total of £911 overall. We had four in total.

As stated at the last AGM, we decided not to go ahead with a Christmas Fayre due to lack of volunteers and the amount of work needed during such a busy time of year and instead replaced it with a Christmas Film Night with shopping stalls. This event raised £298, which was not as much money as the Fayre raised the year before. However, it was a lot less stressful to organise and the event was lovely and relaxed.

The Christmas cake sale, Christmas cards and the Nativity DVD together raised £454. Thank you to Lynsey and Chris Viney for recording the Nativity Play. We then sold the recording through our website via the link being emailed to those who purchased it. This worked really well and the recording was brilliant. Lynsey and Chris will not be filming the Christmas Play this year due to work commitments, but we would again like to share our thanks for the brilliant work they have put into filming the last two.

The Christmas Pantomime tickets raised £142. However, this takes into account the upfront deposit for next year’s tickets.

Going into the Spring Term the Easter Disco raised a tidy sum of £1325. This term we also introduced the selling of personalised teddies and coasters, which raised £170. These were great quality and went down well with children and parents. Thank you to Harriet for organising and liaising with the school. These seem to work particularly well with the children drawing their designs in school rather than taking them home to do.

We also reserved and sold Easter Pantomime tickets for Dino Live at the Hexagon, which raised £122.

Moving into Summer Term, we decided to purchase tote bags instead of tea towels as we had sold them the previous two years. In total, the totes raised £102. Therefore, not as popular as the tea towels. The tote bags had a higher mark-up price in comparison, so we were not raising as much money per item sold. Thank you to Charlie for all the work put in to creating these bags. The new PTA team may wish to review what to sell this upcoming year.

Sports Day refreshments increased to £51 and non-uniform days raised £393. This year for the first time, we held a sunflower competition which raised £92 and introduced the 100Club that raised £160. All in all, great little fundraisers.

Luckily, the weather was brilliantly sunny and we held the Summer Disco outside, resulting in extra tickets being available on the door. This meant that an incredible £2107 was raised. Thank you to Mrs Lewis, Mrs Brookes, Mrs Leary and Miss Clift for giving up their evening to come back to school and help. The event was a great way to end our last ever disco as Co-Chairs.

Easyfundraising increased slightly and raised £263. This is a great amount of money, with no efforts put on ourselves. With a greater push, we would hope more current and new parents will sign-up this year.

Fundmatching and sponsorship money raised a wonderful £350. We would like to say how grateful we are to Dave Bartholomew and Mercedes Gully. As well as to Billy Roberts, who is the owner of Woodleys Estate Agents for sponsoring us on more than one occasion. Again, with a greater push, a lot more money could be easily raised via Fundmatching.

We also raised funds from events such as uniform sales, ClothesAid collections, Stikins and cake sales. This in total raised £677.

We cannot express how delighted we are that we raised **£9,125**. We have been able to provide the school with much needed resources as well as several fun workshops for the children. The PTA really does play a vital role in the school and thanks to the fantastic parents who so kindly give up their time to support this. Thank you all once again. We wish Stef and the team all the luck in the world for the upcoming year and hope you smash your £11,000 target.