**Willow Bank Infant School PTA AGM – Tuesday 26 September 2017**

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

Firstly, we would like to say a huge thank you everyone who is part of the PTA team; for all the hard work and the effort you have all put in to raising money for the School. We would also like to share our thanks to all the staff, for their continued support. It was a very busy year and we are both extremely proud of what was achieved.

We kicked off the year with our Halloween Disco. The discos are and have always been our biggest fundraisers and we raised a fantastic £1565. A great start.

This term we also introduced the first Film Night. Once we had purchased the yearly film licence, the organisation was fairly easy and the event in itself was very relaxed and enjoyable. We held three Film Nights throughout the year and they were all greatly received by the parents and most importantly the children.

The Film Nights raised £707 in total.

The Christmas Fayre which was held in December raised £647. The event was very busy and unfortunately, we had very little people volunteer to help out. This resulted in the core PTA team having to man most of the stalls throughout the whole event. After much discussion, this year we have decided to add a fourth Film Night to replace the Christmas Fayre. This will then be reviewed.

The Christmas Cake Competition, Christmas Cards and the Nativity DVD together raised £400. Lynsey and Chris Viney recorded the Nativity Play and it was then sold through our website, by the link being emailed to those who purchased. This worked really well and the recording was brilliant. Lynsey has kindly offered to record the Nativity Play again and we would like to give our thanks in advance.

The Christmas Pantomime tickets raised £359. We have seats booked again for this year. However, we have booked the tickets in January instead of December.

Going into the Spring Term the Easter Disco raised an incredible £1444. This was the first disco, since starting the balloting system, where everyone who requested tickets, got them. We also introduced Non-Uniform days. We had three in total and together these raised £395. The last of the three days saw a slight decrease in the number of people who paid. However, it is a voluntary donation. This may be due to the change in Family Time.

We also reserved and sold Easter Pantomime tickets for the Hexagon, which raised £75.

Moving into Summer Term the tea towels, again, were very popular and raised £331. Sports Day refreshments raised £44. This year we also sold and made commission on personalised Lego key rings making £88. All in all, great little fundraisers.

The decision was made at the eleventh hour for the Summer Disco to be held outside, due to the weather forecast not looking too great. The rain almost held off until the end! However, this didn’t dampen the event and we still raised an outstanding £1658.

Easyfundraising raised £254. This is a great amount of money, with no efforts put on ourselves. Hopefully this year we can push to get as many new and exsisting parents to sign up.

Fundmatching and sponsorship money raised a wonderful £1391. We would like to say how grateful we are to Dave Bartholomew, getting our Fundmatching through Vodafone and Billy Roberts, who is the owner of Woodleys Estate Agents for sponsoring us on more than one occasion.

We also then raised funds from events such as uniform sales, an online auction, ClothesAid collections, Stikins and cake sales. This in total raised £992.

We cannot express how delighted we are to say that we raised a mammoth **£10,352.80** to be exact. A record breaking amount raising more than previous years. Thank you all once again.