

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Chair's Report AGM 2019

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.

At the AGM the roles of chairperson, vice chairperson, treasurer and secretary, will step down and then we need to re appoint these roles by way of being voted in. Parents of children at the school and nursery 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. 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 a Christmas fair, an Easter Raffle, movie nights for the children to attend. We also had a stall at Collett Day, where we had a teddy tombola stall. We hope to have some new ideas for our stall at the next Collett Festival. We used to collect textiles and other items for Bags of Help – now we have a clothing bank which is fabulous as they empty the bin of textiles and in return we get a BACS payment into our bank account. We look forward to another year of fundraising this year and we welcome any ideas for new events.

The money we raise is spent according to our Head Teacher's wish list, and also the Nursery Managers wish list. At the beginning of the year we agree to pay for the leavers gifts, and subsidises school trips through the year.

Each class has a cake sale at some point during the year and the PFA help man this stall alongside a second hand uniform table. The money is kept in 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 Pirate workshops, playground clock, new Tipi cover and subsidised school trips for the children

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.

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

Thanks again.

Leonie Hayne – Chair.