



## CHAIR REPORT

LEAF is a very busy group of parents and staff who have been putting on some great events. Our events are successful and well attended. We keep it simple to the things that work such as discos and events for the summer term and Christmas. The addition of Leechfest has been a huge success and a way of showcasing the talent available at this school.

The October, February and June/July discos are always well attended. Each disco has different theme which the children enjoy. We are lucky to have two DJ's that we can call on and the children always have a fantastic time. Many thanks to Roz and her team selling tickets before the event and running the event on the day. LEAF appreciate the help the Teachers and other staff make to attend the discos.

Christmas fayre's have been very successful with the last one including Leechpool Caterpillar club and opening up the school to include the new year 4 classrooms and corridor. It is lovely to see the classroom stalls and the children willing the take part in the event.

The move to May for the summer fayre has been a positive move. The move was made to allow more time to organise Leechfest. Having a May Fayre enabled us to have a Maypole and add this to an already enjoyable event. Last year we had to move away from the field because of building work but it worked well using the front of the school. The next May Fayre is on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May and we will be looking for helpers for this event.

In July 2017 we held the second Leechfest. Although the weather tried to spoil things the event carried on as colourful and enjoyable as the year before. It was lovely to see so many people taking part. A special thank you to members of the Dad's Band who made this possible and to Miss Aldridge for co-ordinating the music.

Going forward we have a blueprint of how to run and organise each event. This means that the run up to the events can be smooth and it is easier to identify the help that is needed. In order to help maintain this and to help LEAF complete all of the statutory elements of being a charity and a Friends organisation, a Clerk has been appointed. Sandra Bailey will now keep all the paperwork up to date and arrange some of the elements of each big events such as organising the stalls. Her post will be paid out of the LEAF account. She has already put together a lot of the May Fayre which means we can be confident that all the main elements are in place. We now need to get people to run the different stalls and take this responsibility on.

We are always lucky to have parents that will step up and take on the responsibility of office in LEAF. We would like to say a big thank you to Hayley Thomas, Sara Page and Angie Silva Dias for all their hard work and support over the last couple of years. Hayley has now stepped down as Chair but is still helping at each event. We would like to encourage people to step forward to become part of the committee. Jobs can be split up and with the Clerk in place being on the committee is not such a big job anymore. We would also like to thank Mrs Davenport and the staff at Leechpool for supporting all the events. We are fortunate that we can all work together for a common goal.

It is amazing to see what some of the money that we have raised has gone towards. The small things such as a Table Tennis Table that give the children such fun when they play to the large purchases such as the Music Box and play areas. Without LEAF the children would not have these amazing spaces which are the envy of other schools. Let's keep putting in the effort to raise more money so that more children can enjoy the benefits.

## **Leaf Financial Report March 2018**

### **Financial year 2016-2017 & 2017-2018**

#### **To be read in conjunction with finance power point**

LEAF continue to hold a healthy bank balance as throughout the year we raise good amounts of money with our events. I will cover the financial year of 16/17 and partial 17/18.

With any organisation there are running costs.

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In the last two financial years, fundraising efforts have been excellent. During 16/17, almost £18k was raised and this year we are on course for another good year.

Fundraising is helped by gaining match funding at some of our events. Thanks to those who have contributed in this way. If anyone else has access to match funding, please let me know.

We have also been lucky to receive kind donations. Thanks to Sara Page's mum for her kind donations towards the Music Box and to Andy Hannant Photography for their donation and continued support running their photo day.

It is important to purchase items which help LEAF in their fundraising. These items have been purchased over the last financial year and a half.

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Since September 2016 LEAF have contributed approximately £44.5k to school projects.

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In the future LEAF will continue to contribute to enhancing the outdoor environment for the children.

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The bank balance is currently approximately £9k. We have the latest disco and raffle to bank and two big events coming up.

