



Aldryngton School PTA

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PTA CHRISTMAS NEWS - 2015

Christmas is coming fast and we have lots of information to share with you and all sorts of requests. Please read this PTA Christmas News so you know what is happening when and also where and when we need your help!



There's still time to order your **Christmas Puddings**, £5.95 each. The PTA will receive funds for every pudding purchased. Order forms are available from the PTA Web Pages.

Order deadline is Wednesday 18th November

Puddings can be collected from a dedicated collection point at the Christmas Fayre on 5th December or from school w/c 7th December.

Have you started your Christmas shopping yet?

Help **Aldryngton PTA** raise **FREE** funds when you shop online!



Every time you shop, you'll raise a donation for us and it won't cost you a penny extra!

1. Sign up to easyfundraising
Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/aldryngtonpta and follow the simple steps to sign up.

2. Hit the shops
When you shop online, visit easyfundraising first, click through to the retailer and shop as normal. Everything costs exactly the same.

3. Earn donations
With every purchase you make you'll raise a donation from the retailer. Your donations are then transferred to Aldryngton PTA and used to benefit the children at the school.

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Wrap a Present days are Monday 30th November (FS & LS), Tuesday 1st December (MS) and Wednesday 2nd December (US)

The PTA will be setting up shop in the music room for our annual 'Wrap a Present' (WAP), this will be held w/c 30th November. Children can buy and wrap (with help) pocket-money priced presents for family and friends. Gifts are priced between £1.50 and £4.00 each. Sales take place during the lunch period. **Children should take money into school with them the morning of their WAP sale day in a named purse or envelope. We also recommend children bring in a named carrier bag to help them carry their purchases!** Foundation and Lower School children are helped by their teachers and the PTA, most of the Middle and Upper School children are familiar with the event but will be helped as needed. The PTA are looking for donations of wrapping paper, gift tags and carrier bags for this event. Please place anything you have in the donation box located in the office foyer from Monday 16th November. We also need a minimum of 10 parents to help the children with the choosing & paying process and to help wrap and tag on the day. If you can help between 11.30am and 1.30pm on any of the 3 days please email pta@aldryngtonpta.com using WAP in the title.

Non School Uniform Day – Friday 4th December

All children are invited to wear their own clothes to school on Friday 4th December, minimum donation of £1 per child to their class teacher.

Grand Draw

W/C 16th November all Children will be bringing home in their book bags two books of tickets for the Christmas Grand Draw which we hope you will sell to help raise much needed funds for the school. All ticket stubs and monies (or unused books) to the school office by Friday 4th December, or hand in at the Fayre. All profits from ticket sales will be added to the total monies raised and will go directly towards the many activities the PTA is supporting throughout the school. The draw itself will take place at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 5th December. Prizes will be awarded at the time or if the winner is not in attendance will be handed over at the earliest opportunity. Tickets are priced at £1 each and there are three cash prizes to be won: Third Prize: £50 * Second Prize: £100 * First Prize: £150

Martin & Pole Boards

Martin & Pole are once again kind enough to sponsor our Christmas Fayre with a financial donation. In return we would like to advertise our Christmas Fayre to the wider Community using their sale/sold boards. The board will display the Martin & Pole logo and then carry signage advertising the date and time for the Fayre. Boards would go up approximately 2 weeks before the Fayre and be removed the week after the Fayre. We would like to hear from any families that would be willing to have a display board placed in their front gardens – please email pta@aldryngtonpta.com using the title Martin & Pole. The deadline for your response to this is Tuesday 17th November (sorry it's a tight deadline but the PTA need time to produce the required amount of signage for this exercise).



Santa will make his grand entrance at 12.30pm – come along at 12.30pm to welcome him!

Children can meet Santa in his Grotto where they can tell him what you'd like for Christmas and receive a present from his elves. Entrance to the Grotto is £3 per child, payable on the day. As last year half of the timeslots will be bookable online in advance and half bookable on the day. All details will be available on the PTA web pages. **Online bookings will be available from 10am on Tuesday 24th November and will close 2pm Tuesday 1st December.**

This year we will be offering a choice of two packages:

- Classic family visit to Santa in his Grotto for a child and their sibling(s)
- Snack with Santa in his Grotto with a group of other children, have a drink and a biscuit while the children chat with Santa

Middle School Chocolate Card Game

Middle School will be running their traditional chocolate card game at the Fayre. They have asked the PTA to include a mention in this newsletter for MS parents to donate some chocolates for the game. This could be single bars of chocolate, fun size bars or a box of Heroes etc. **Donations to be given direct to your MS class teacher w/c 30th November.**

They would also like some MS parents/pupils to help run the game in short intervals. Please speak to Miss Blackaby to sign up if you can help on the game for 15 or 30 minutes.

Christmas Craft Stall Donations

Mrs Culham and Mrs Kiff will once again be having their extremely popular craft stall at the Christmas Fayre. They have lots of lovely ideas for the children to make and take home with them. They are looking for some specific 'junk' for their planned activities and hope that parents will be able to donate glass jars, kitchen roll middles and tinsel. Glass jars can be any shape or size. Tinsel, kitchen roll middles & glass jars can be given directly to the LS class teachers any time between now and Friday 4th December. Thank you for your help!



We need your help on Friday 4th December from 3.15pm.

Please help us put up the Christmas Tree, help with decorations or help us set up tables in the hall and lower school classrooms. The more help the better! Email the PTA if you can help.

Christmas Bake Off

Are you a keen baker? We would like parents to donate cakes and biscuits (no nuts) that we can sell on the refreshments stall at the Christmas Fayre. You can simply donate cakes OR you can enter them into the **Great Christmas Bake Off** where they will be judged on appearance and taste. Please deliver your cakes/biscuits to the school hall on Friday 4th at 3.15pm or around 11am Saturday 5th. The winner will be announced at the Fayre. Donations of cakes and biscuits will be much appreciated!

PTA CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 5th December 12.30pm-3.30pm

We've already had a pleasing number of parents volunteer to help run stalls but we need plenty more. If you are able to spare half an hour or so to run a stall then we need to hear from you. We are also interested in hearing from ex Aldryngton / Maiden Erlegh Pupils who might like to help at the Fayre. We are creating a rota which will be shared with all volunteers, we look forward to hearing from you.

Please email pta@aldryngtonpta.com with all offers of help.



REMINDERS

Please email pta@aldryngtonpta.com with offers of help or if you have any queries or comments

NOW – glass jar & tinsel donations to LS for craft stall

Monday 16th Nov – Donations of Wrapping Paper

W/C 16th Nov – Grand Draw Tickets sent home

Tuesday 17th – Martin & Pole Board Deadline

Wed 18th Nov – Pudding Order Deadline

Tues 24th Nov – Santa Online booking goes LIVE

Monday 30th Nov – Wrap a Present FS/LS

Tuesday 1st Dec – Wrap a Present MS

Wednesday 2nd Dec – Wrap a Present US

Friday 4th Dec – Non School Uniform minimum £1

Friday 4th Dec – 3.15pm Bake Off donations / Set Up

Saturday 5th Dec – XMAS FAYRE 12.30-3.30!