



Aldryngton School PTA

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PTA CHRISTMAS NEWS - 2016

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 Friday 18th November

Puddings can be collected from a dedicated collection point at the Christmas Fayre on 3rd December or from school w/c 5th December.

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Will you be doing some of your Christmas shopping online? If so, remember to use Easyfundraising. If you haven't already registered please do it – its simple to do and you will help raise free cash for our school.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/aldryngtonpta/>

Wrap a Present days are Monday 28th November (FS & LS), Tuesday 29th November (MS) and Wednesday 30th November (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 28th 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 suggest parents talk to their child beforehand about how much money they have to spend and who they should try to buy a gift for. We also suggest 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. We also need 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 wap@aldryngtonpta.com.

PTA Non School Uniform Day – Friday 2nd December

All children are invited to wear their own clothes to school on Friday 2nd December, minimum donation of £1 per child to their class teacher.

£££ Grand Draw £££

W/C 21st 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 2nd 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 3rd 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



Many companies throughout the UK offer employees the chance to boost their fundraising efforts by 'matching' the money they raise. It really is money for nothing, and your PTA could double the amount of cash it raises with very little effort. Your employer may offer it without you knowing so we urge all parents to make enquiries with your HR department. Please click on the links below to find out more and/or contact your HR department for details ...

<http://aldryngton.wokingham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Matched-Funding1.pdf>

<http://www.pta.co.uk/funding/faqs-match-funding.aspx>



Santa will make his grand entrance at 12.35pm – doors open to the fayre at 12.30pm so please come along to welcome Santa's arrival!



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.

The online booking system will be live from 10am on Monday 28th November and will close 2pm Thursday 1st December.

Middle School 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 or sweets for the game. This could be single bars of chocolate, fun size bars or a box of sweets / chocolates. **Donations to be given direct to your MS class teacher from Monday 21st November.** They would also like some MS families to help run the game for 30 minute intervals. A sign up sheet is on display in Mrs Marshall's classroom. **Please help if you can.**

Christmas Craft Stall Donations

Once again the Lower School teachers are planning the 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 with no lids, jars must be clean and ready to use with labels removed. Please give items directly to the LS class teachers any time between now and Friday 2nd December. Thank you for your help!



We need your help on Friday 2nd 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 or just turn up. There will be lots to do so please come if you can - the more the merrier.

Christmas Bake Off

Are you a keen baker? We would like parents to donate cakes & biscuits (no nuts) to sell on the Fayre refreshments stall. 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 either on Friday 2nd at 3.15pm or at 12.30pm on Saturday 3rd. The winner will be announced at the Fayre. Donations of cakes and biscuits will be much appreciated!

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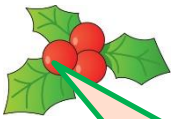
NOW – donations to LS for craft stall	Monday 28 th Nov – Santa Online booking goes LIVE
NOW – Donations of Wrapping Paper & Tags for WAP	Monday 28 th Nov – Wrap a Present FS/LS
NOW – Contact class reps to volunteer to help at Fayre	Tuesday 29 th Nov – Wrap a Present MS
NOW – Last orders for Puddings!	Wednesday 30 th Nov – Wrap a Present US
W/C 21 st Nov – Grand Draw Tickets sent home	Friday 2 nd Nov – PTA Non School Uniform (donate a £1)
W/C 21 st Nov –MS card game donations & sign up to help	Friday 2 nd Nov – Help needed from 3.15pm to erect the Christmas Tree, create the Grotto and Set up for fayre

PTA CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 3rd December 12.30pm-3.30pm

We need lots of parents to help run stalls. If you are able to spare an hour or so to run a stall then we need to hear from you. Class Reps are creating rotas, please contact your Class Rep or email the PTA if you can help.

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Staff Raffle
MS Card Game
Year 6 Stalls
Craft Area

Usborne Books
Phoenix Cards
Tropics
Handmade Craft
Knitted Scarves

Grand Draw
PTA Raffle
Care Bear Tombola
Santa's Grotto

Licensed Bar
Mulled Wine
Tea & Coffee
Hot Dogs
Snacks & Crisps
Ham / Cheese Rolls
Mince Pies & Cakes

Christmas Selfie Station
(bring your cameras!)
Christmas Bauble Game
Face Painting
Guess how many sweets
Snowball Santa Game
12 days of Christmas Game
Pick a Pop
And more ...

2nd Hand Toys & Books
Christmas Gifts
Novelty Sweet Treats
Christmas Puddings

