



Aldryngton School PTA

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PTA News

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MEET THE PTA OFFICERS



**AMANDA ELLIS
CHAIR**

I have two daughters, one in Year 3 and a 15 month old, so I have long-term interest Aldryngton's success. I was appointed PTA Chair in September 2015. I believe the PTA can positively contribute to the Aldryngton experience for children and parents alike.



**RUTH UPTON
VICE CHAIR**

I am a new parent to Aldryngton as my eldest daughter has just started in Foundation. I also have another daughter who is 8 months old so I'll be at the school gates for many years to come! I have just become Vice Chair and primarily my role is to support the Chair with the organisation of PTA activities. I wanted to be a part of the PTA as I

believe it is so important, not only for all the amazing fundraising that goes on, but also in linking the parent and school community.



**SARAH PARKES
SECRETARY**

I was appointed Secretary in 2016. I have a daughter in Year 2 and a son in Foundation. I am responsible for producing the agenda and minutes for each PTA committee meeting and the AGM.



**CLAIR HARRIS
TREASURER**

I have a daughter in Year 2 and a son in Foundation. I was elected as the PTA Treasurer in September 2014 and look after the finances of the PTA, from drawing up budgets and accounts to counting cash for events. I also assist with the legal obligations we have as a registered charity.

PTA CLASS REPS

We would like to thank the parents who have volunteered to be PTA Class Representatives for this academic year. All volunteers were formally appointed at the PTA Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 12th October. Their role is fundamentally a link between the PTA Committee and Parents providing the PTA and Class Teacher with a vital point of contact. They will help distribute information and circulate news relating to PTA events and also feed back any parent queries or comments to the PTA. Class reps are listed in the table below.

Foundation	FS	Cherry Tilbrook / Ruth Upton
Miss Blackaby	LS	Amanda Bates
Mrs Culham	LS	Erika Augusti / Shipra Singh
Mrs Coleman & Mrs Smith	LS	Nicola Werro
Mrs Marshall	MS	Michaela Thomas
Ms Byatt	MS	Smitha Arani / Amanda Bates
Miss Alberti	MS	Covered by MT/AB/SA
Miss Riglar	US	Michaela Thomas
Mrs Dunn	US	Nicola Werro
Mrs Gregory & Mrs Woolston	US	Debbie Horlock / Emma Rowland

We ask that all parents take time to get to know your Class Rep and support them if you can.

Class Reps can be contacted by emailing classreps@aldryngtonpta.com

PLEASE COME ALONG TO A MEETING: Thursday 10th November (Committee Meeting) 7pm

Cake Sales, the first cake sale of the academic year took place in Mrs Culham's classroom on 13th October and raised £128.86 for her class. The next sale is in Mrs Marshall's Classroom on Thursday 10th November.

School Disco, the first disco this year will take place Thursday 20th October. The disco co-ordinators always need parent helpers to set up, man the doors, look after the children, serve drinks, help clear up etc. They have already had lots of offers but if you'd like to help please email disco@aldryngtonpta.com.

BAR 'Parent Creche', located in Middle School for the duration of the school discos will be our licenced bar for any families who wish to remain on site while their children attend the discos. We hope to see you there.



Will you be doing some Christmas shopping online? The PTA is registered with **Easyfundraising** so shopping from a number of online retailers such as Amazon, M&S, John Lewis and loads more will raise money for school at no extra cost to you. Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk to start shopping & fundraising.

Design your own Christmas Cards

The process is well underway, sample cards and order forms were distributed to classes on Fri 14th Oct so by now should have made their way home in book bags. The deadline to order items is Mon 31st Oct. Please place your order form and correct payment in the PTA Christmas collection box located in the school office. Orders are expected to be sent home w/c 21st Nov.

Christmas Puddings are back by popular demand! Order forms were distributed to classrooms on Fri 7th Oct so should have made it home by now. Deadline for orders is Fri 18th Nov. Order forms and correct payment should be placed in the PTA Christmas collection box located in the office. Puddings can be collected at the Christmas Fayre on 3rd Dec or from school w/c 5th Dec.

Lots of calls for **HELP** for Christmas activities below. We need all parents to do their bit - **it cannot happen with just a small handful of us**. Email pta@aldryngtonpta.com to help.

Our annual **Wrap-a-Present** will take place w/c 28th Nov (FS/LS on Monday, MS on Tuesday, US on Wednesday). Children can select & wrap (with help) pocket-money priced gifts for family and friends. Sales take place in the music room at lunch time, gifts are priced from £1.50-£4.00. We require donations of festive wrapping paper and gift tags, a collection box will be located in the school office foyer from Tues 1st Nov. **Wrap-a-Present will need lots of parents to HELP on all 3 days from 11.30am to 1.30pm so please email wap@aldryngtonpta.com to volunteer.**

As always we will have a **Christmas Grand Draw**, **we urgently need HELP with this, we need a parent to take this job on from start to finish including ordering the grand draw tickets and distributing them to pupils then looking after the purchased tickets and payments**. This person will work closely with the PTA Treasurer to organise payments and the cash prizes. Instructions and support will be given. Please email the PTA if you can help with this. Ideally we are looking for a parent who doesn't already have a PTA 'job'.

Middle School teachers will once again be running their popular **Chocolate Card Game** at the Christmas Fayre. Parents will be asked to donate chocolate items to their class teacher nearer the time which can be used as prizes for this game, these can be in the form of big/small bars or a box of individually wrapped chocolates.

The PTA have chosen to have a **non school uniform day** on Fri 2nd Dec in return for a £1 donation

The **Christmas Tree** will be erected in the hall after school on Fri 2nd Dec. **Parents are needed to HELP with this and also to help set up stalls ready for the fayre the following day.**

Christmas Fayre will be on 3rd Dec 12.30pm-3.30pm, please contact us if you can get matched funding! **We need lots of parents to offer now to HELP with all elements of the fayre.** We need plenty of time to allocate names to stalls so if you can help please email the PTA as soon as you can.

Look out for the PTA Christmas News coming out soon!

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