



Aldryngton School PTA

Supporting your child's education

Registered Charity: no 1026094

PTA News

September 2015

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER, 7PM SCHOOL HALL EVERYONE WELCOME!

Working Together, Learning Together, Growing Together

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome back to the new school year and a warm welcome to all the families joining the Aldryngton Community this year.

Your PTA are already planning lots of events to be enjoyed by our children and their families in support of the school.

Aldryngton receives very little funding from Government meaning that funds raised through PTA activities are absolutely critical to support our children's education.

The next **AGM** will be on Thursday 17th September, 7pm in the school hall. We will review the past year, elect the Officers and discuss plans for the year ahead. We appreciate support from parents at meetings and hope to welcome some new faces. If you would like to come along but childcare is an issue then children can always entertain themselves in a quiet corner if you bring them with you.

Hope to see you there!



We'd like to take this opportunity to stress that the success of all PTA activities is dependent on the support we receive from Parent helpers. Events simply cannot take place without volunteers so if you can help with any of our activities please use the sign up forms before events or you can email us at any time pta@aldryngtonpta.com



**PTA CHAIR and
PTA VICE CHAIR**

After two years in post, Simon Feist is stepping down as PTA Chair and Philip Byrne is stepping down as Vice Chair. The PTA are sad to be losing them on the team but express huge thanks for their hard work and dedication. They will be sorely missed.

We are looking for someone else to undertake these roles. If you are motivated and organised then we'd love to hear from you! Simon and Philip will both continue to be involved with PTA activities and happy to provide support as necessary. For more information, please come to the AGM or email the PTA to discuss the positions pta@aldryngtonpta.com

Remember Aldryngton School PTA is a registered (charity no 1026094).

As a Charity we always welcome donations from parents and supporters of the school, this can be done through **mydonate**

<https://mydonate.bt.com/events/aldryngtondonations/227851>

There are also some very simple ways you might be able to raise extra funds for your school without much effort needed from yourself including:



Details of these three simple fundraisers can be found on the PTA Pages of the school website or you can refer to the July 2015 PTA Newsletter which is also in the PTA web pages.

A huge thank you to all the families who are registered with Easy Fundraising, last year you helped raise £212.00 of much needed 'free cash' for our school. We would ask our new parents to also join the scheme.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/aldryngtonpta

Other free ways you can raise funds for your school through recycling can be found on the PTA web pages.



The following are confirmed:

We will once again be running the **Design your own Christmas Cards** which is very popular with the children, they are an excellent way of creating a unique personalised card for family & friends. Information packs will be sent home in book bags w/c 14th September (Yr6 w/c 21st). The deadline for pupils to return their card designs will be Thursday 1st October. Look out for information in your child's book bags. **Parent volunteers** are needed to help pull the packs together at the start of the process and also help distribute samples and orders in October/November.

Cake Sales take place once a month, always on a Thursday (15/16 dates TBC). We always need parents to help with their child's class cake sale so please volunteer if you can, sign up sheets for each cake sale will be displayed in the office. We would also love to sign up some regular cake sale helpers. All this means is that you arrive at school 2.30pm on cake sale day to help set up the classroom followed by selling the cakes, finally a quick tidy up. Usually out of school by 3.40pm.

The first of our **School Discos** this year will be held Thursday 22nd October. The disco co-ordinators always need a 'crew' of parent helpers to help set up, man the doors, look after the children, serve drinks, help clear up etc.

We will continue to run our '**Parent Creche**', providing a licenced bar held at the same time as the discos, the bar is located in the separate middle school classroom serving a range of refreshments and snacks to parents (and children) who wish to wait on site

while their children attend the discos. We hope to see you there.

The PTA run **second hand uniform** sales several times a year. The next sales will coincide with Parents Evenings on 6th and 7th October. As with all PTA activities, the uniform sales rely on parent volunteers for them to continue to run successfully. We would like to sign up some extra parents to help on a more regular basis. This includes occasional collecting of donated uniform, washing and ironing, and to help set up, sell and pack away on sale days.

We have our traditional **Wrap-a-Present** event planned for w/c 30th November where children can purchase (and wrap with help) pocket-money priced presents for their family and friends. Sales take place over lunch time and gifts are priced from £1.50-£4.00. The PTA will be asking for donations of wrapping paper for this event nearer the time and we will need lots of parents to help on all days.

The PTA Christmas Fayre will be held the first Saturday in December **Saturday 5th December**, again we will be asking for lots of parents to help plan, set up, run stalls etc.

Full details on all PTA events including those above will be shared with parents via emails and the web pages.

If you can help with any of the above please contact us now.

Offers of help to pta@aldryngtonpta.com

With Simon Feist stepping down as PTA Chair, the School **Grounds Development Committee** are looking for a PTA member to be part of their team. The role includes contributing to the development of the school buildings and overall site by putting forward suggestions and promoting activities.



This term the PTA will introduce PTA Class Representatives across all classes. We are in the early stages of planning this role and its responsibilities but we are keen to meet any parents who could be interested in supporting this initiative. To find out more please come to the AGM or email us now.



Thurs 17th Sept – AGM 7pm **all welcome**
 w/c 14th Sept – Christmas Card Packs Out
 1st Oct – Christmas Card design deadline
 6th Oct 2nd Hand Uniform Sale, from 3pm
 7th Oct 2nd Hand Uniform Sale, from 5pm
 w/c 19th Oct – Christmas Card samples home
 22nd October – PTA Disco & Parent Creche
 4th Nov – Christmas Card orders deadline
 w/c 23rd Nov – Christmas Card Orders home
 30th Nov – Wrap a Present FS & LS
 1st Dec – Wrap a Present MS
 2nd Dec – Wrap a Present US
 5th Dec – PTA Christmas Fayre

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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