



Aldrynton School PTA

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PTA News

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Join the PTA - together we can make a difference!

Here's the latest news and updates:



TREASURER ...

We are delighted to announce Clair Harris as the new PTA Treasurer. Clair has a daughter in Foundation and also a 2 year old son. Clair is looking forward to supporting the school in her role as PTA Treasurer and has already made a considerable contribution during recent events.



NEW - PTA BAR - NEW

The PTA will be running a licensed bar in the middle school classrooms the evening of the school disco, Thursday 23rd October. The bar will be open for the duration of the discos 6pm-8.30pm. A selection of wine, beers, soft drinks and snacks will be available for purchase. We hope you will visit the bar while your little ones are 'discoing' in the school hall!

Update on Events so Far

Design your own Christmas Cards



Thanks again to Rhona Phipps for organising the Personalised Christmas Cards this year and to all the other parents who helped Rhona collate paperwork and distribute to class groups. This activity saw a great response with 111 children taking part. **A sample of their Christmas card will be sent home in book bags Tuesday 21st October 2014.**

Orders for packs of Christmas cards must reach the office by Wednesday 5th November.

Grounds Working Party



Thanks to everyone who gave up their time on Saturday 27th September to help weed, plant, paint, sweep and litter pick. The whole of the school grounds looked dramatically different by the end of the event, thanks to the families, staff and Governors who volunteered to help.

Jubilee Celebrations



The PTA gift of a Mosaic of the school Crest is taking shape, thanks to all the children and families who purchased tiles during the time tunnel afternoon and thanks to the parents who helped with the tiling exercise. The **Cinema** and **Bingo** events on Saturday 4th October were both well attended with 200 pupils at the cinema in the afternoon and over 90 adults and children joining the bingo event. This day would not have been possible without the hard work and support from the team of parents involved, it was particularly nice to see some new FS and LS parents coming on board to make this a success. In total the event raised around £1300 so a massive thank you to everyone who purchased tickets.



Cake Sales

The first of our cake sales this year raised £108.81. We will report in a later publication what Mrs Marshall's class decide to spend their money on.

Second Hand School Uniform



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Once again Vicki Adams ran 2nd hand uniform sales during the recent parents evenings and raised £76. Vicki works hard running this project, volunteering her time regularly to receiving donations, washing, ironing, packing, storing, selling and we are extremely grateful to Vicki for doing this. If anyone wishes to buy 2nd hand uniform you can do so at any time of the year by emailing uniform@aldryngtonpta.com. A list of stock and price list can be found on the PTA web pages.



We have the traditional and popular **Wrap-a-Present** event w/c 1st December where children can purchase and wrap pocket-money priced presents for their family and friends. Gifts are priced from £1.50-£4.00. All proceeds will help the PTA to support more projects around the school. The PTA are looking for donations of wrapping paper for this event. Please place anything you have in the donation box in the office foyer from Monday 3rd November. Alternatively if you want to help in the event please contact wap@aldryngtonpta.com.

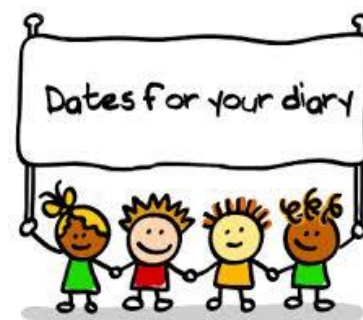
The **Christmas Fayre** is being held Saturday 6th December. Philip Byrne, PTA Vice Chair is leading the event this year and will be looking for volunteers to help run stalls on the day. He will also be looking for donations of any good quality but unwanted books, toys, bric-a-brac which can be used on the stalls. Please contact vicechair@aldryngtonpta.com if you can help with Christmas Fayre.

REMINDER If you plan to do your Christmas Shopping online please register with www.easyfundraising.org.uk to raise money for Aldryngton School PTA. Full details on the web pages.

Update on PTA Communications

Currently information and news is provided in the following ways:

- Parents Facebook page which feedback suggests most parents find extremely useful, particularly for reminders (do join!)
- Information and diary dates sent home via the fortnightly school newsletters.
- PTA specific newsletters are now more frequent, at least half termly.
- PTA pages on the school website, these are updated daily to reflect any new information & news the PTA have.
- There is also a new 'contact the PTA tab' on the PTA pages of the school website with links to contact the committee directly for queries, suggestions or offers of help.
- Download events dates automatically to your electronic calendar by clicking on Dates for your Diary links in newsletters and from the PTA web pages.
- PTA noticeboards, one in the office foyer which often holds sign-up sheets for volunteers to help at forthcoming events. A 2nd noticeboard is located outside, near the swimming pool gate (lower school morning drop off area).
- School text messaging service & emails offer reminders.
- Posters in classroom windows and around the school grounds.



PTA activities this term are listed below:

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Click on the title of each activity/event to see more details and save the appointment to your electronic calendar!

w/c 20th Oct – Personalised Christmas Card Samples Sent home in Book Bags

23rd Oct – FS & LS Disco, 6pm-7pm

23rd Oct - MS & US Disco, 7.15pm - 8pm

23rd Oct – PTA Licensed Bar 'Parent Creche'

8th Nov – Personalised Christmas Card- Last day for Orders

13th Nov – Cake Sale, Mrs Dunn

w/c 1st Dec – Wrap-A-Present

6th Dec – Christmas Fayre

11th Dec – Cake Sale, Ms Byatt



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