



# Aldryngton School PTA

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# PTA News

## OCTOBER 2015



### MEET THE PTA OFFICERS



**AMANDA ELLIS**  
CHAIR

I have two daughters, one in Year 2 and a 3 month old, so I have long-term interest in Aldryngton's success. I have volunteered for the PTA over the last two years and was elected as PTA Chair at the September AGM. I believe the PTA can positively contribute to the Aldryngton experience for children and parents alike.



**ROSHAN DEGAMBER**  
VICE CHAIR

One of the main attractions for us to move to Earley, was Aldryngton School and its reputation in providing students an outstanding education. Our son, has just started in Year 1 and I am keen to get involved in his development. The PTA

plays an important role in supporting the school and the students, one way I feel I can help the school maintain the high standard or get even better is to be an active participant as a parent. I would encourage all parents to get more involved.



**ANNA NEFFENDORF**  
SECRETARY

My son is in Year 3. I was appointed as Secretary in 2012. I am responsible for producing the agenda and minutes for each PTA committee meeting and the AGM. I also help to co-ordinate the cake sales.



**CLAIR HARRIS**  
TREASURER

I have a daughter in Year 1 and a 3 year old son. I was elected as the PTA Treasurer last year 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.

### MEET YOUR CLASS REPS

We would like to express huge thanks to the parents who have volunteered to be Class Representatives. We can confirm that the following people will be representing classes. All parents should take time to get to know your CR and support them if you can.

#### PTA CLASS REPRESENTATIVES - 2015/2016

Miss Nowell	FS	Ishanie Mendis
Mrs Edgcumbe	FS	Emily Counihan
Mrs McDonald	LS	Jo Beales (Yr1)
Mrs Culham	LS	Ruth Weston (Yr2) & Charlotte Marion (Yr2)
Mrs Coleman & Mrs Smith	LS	Michaela Thomas (Yr2)
Miss Blackaby	MS	Kajal Mathur (Yr4)
Ms Byatt	MS	Jas Chhokar (Yr4)
Mrs Marshall	MS	Katy Oakes (Yr 4)
Mr Vacher	US	Debbie Horlock (Yr5)
Mrs Dunn	US	
Mrs Gregory & Mrs Woolston	US	Caroline Hallam-Baker

Class Reps can be contacted by emailing [classreps@aldryngtonpta.com](mailto:classreps@aldryngtonpta.com)

PLEASE COME ALONG TO A MEETING: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October (Christmas Planning) / Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November (Committee Meeting)



A big thank you once again to all the parents who give up their time to lead and run the regular activities we do (cake sales, discos, bar, 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform, christmas cards, wrap a present, fayres, pool club, try-a-tri etc). You all deserve your place on the Roll of Honour list featured in the July PTA Newsletter. We would also like to give a special thank you to the parents who came to the AGM in September and agreed to become more actively involved with following activities:

Cake Sales - Amanda Bates & Jo Beales  
Uniform – Jo Beales & Jo Brearley  
Christmas Cards – Jo Beales  
Wrap a Present – Amanda Bates  
Bags2School – Sabine Bickle



**Cake Sales**, the first cake sale of the academic year took place in Mrs Marshall's classroom on 24<sup>th</sup> September and raised £84.95 for her class. The next sale is in Mrs Culham's Classroom on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

**School Disco**, the first disco this year will take place Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:disco@aldryngtonpta.com).

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



### Design your own Christmas Cards

The process is well underway, look out for samples and order forms coming home in book bags w/c 19<sup>th</sup> October. The deadline to order items is 4<sup>th</sup> November. Orders are then expected to be sent home w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

**Christmas Pudding** - NEW for 2015! Order forms were sent home in book bags w/c 5<sup>th</sup> October. Orders to be placed by 18<sup>th</sup> November. Orders to be collected at the Christmas Fayre on 5<sup>th</sup> December or from school w/c 7<sup>th</sup> December. All details available on the website.

**Wrap-a-Present** will take place w/c 30<sup>th</sup> November (Monday-Wednesday). Children can select & wrap (with help) pocket-money priced gifts for family and friends. Sales take place at lunch time, gifts are priced from £1.50-£4.00. The PTA will be asking for wrapping paper donations and we will need lots of parents to help with the event. Look out for further communications nearer the time.

The **PTA Christmas Fayre** will be held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December. The first planning meeting took place on 1<sup>st</sup> October. Thanks to the parents that came along. The next planning meeting will take place Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm at Our Lady of Peace Social Club. Please join us if you can. We will be asking for lots of parents to help make the Fayre a success. **It cannot happen with just a small handful of us.**

Look out for our **Christmas News** in early November!

### COMMUNICATIONS

The PTA are lucky enough to have our own PTA web pages via the school website. It is regularly updated by one

of our parents and contains details of all PTA events, lists all PTA communications along with minutes of meetings. Please take a look – it is there to help you.

### MEETINGS

PTA committee meetings have usually been on a Thursday. But recently some parents said they'd like to go to meetings but Thursdays were inconvenient. Future meetings will now alternate between Wednesday & Thursday with the next one planned for **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November**. We hope to see some new faces there!



Please add these dates automatically to your electronic calendar via the school website.

15<sup>th</sup> Oct – Cake Sale Mrs Culham (LS)  
17<sup>th</sup> Oct – Grounds Working Party, 10am-1pm  
19<sup>th</sup> Oct – Christmas Planning Meeting, 7.30pm  
w/c 19<sup>th</sup> Oct – Christmas Card samples home  
22<sup>nd</sup> October – PTA Disco & Parent Creche  
4<sup>th</sup> Nov – Christmas Card orders deadline  
18<sup>th</sup> Nov – Christmas Pudding order deadline  
18<sup>th</sup> Nov – PTA Committee Meeting, 7pm  
19<sup>th</sup> Nov – Cake Sale Miss Blackaby (MS)  
w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Christmas Card Orders home  
30<sup>th</sup> Nov – Wrap a Present FS & LS  
1<sup>st</sup> Dec – Wrap a Present MS  
2<sup>nd</sup> Dec – Wrap a Present US  
5<sup>th</sup> Dec – PTA Christmas Fayre

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Parents of Aldryngton Primary Reading