



# Aldryngton School PTA

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## PTA News

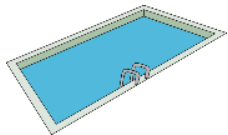
### APRIL 2015

*The PTA helps to support your child's education and enhances their enjoyment in school!*



The summer term has arrived and the PTA are working hard planning Aldryngton's three big Summer Events.

We wish you a long hot summer of fun!



**Pool Club Opens  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

The PTA Pool Club enables Aldryngton families to make use of the school's outdoor heated swimming pool after school and during the holidays, providing not just swimming but also a social focus for both children and parents. This year's Pool club season starts on the Tuesday of half-

term, 26th May 2015 and runs through to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2015. Only those Aldryngton children who are Pool Club members are allowed to use the Pool Club, so make sure your children don't miss out! Your support for the Pool Club is vital to the continued viability of the school pool. An online application form and payment mechanism are in the process of being set up on the PTA web page. Once all the details are finalised they will be uploaded onto the PTA web pages including Pool Club Rules, Operating Procedure and some Q&A's. Pool Club members should undergo induction and resuscitation training and this year's training sessions are currently being organised for a Saturday and a weekday evening in May.

**Please watch out an email regarding Pool Club coming soon!**

Meanwhile, if you have any questions please email [pool@aldryngtonpta.com](mailto:pool@aldryngtonpta.com).



**Summer Fayre – 13<sup>th</sup> June  
11.30am - 2.30pm**

Come along and join in the summer fun. Games, rides, bouncy castle, face painting, music, dancing, raffle, bar, BBQ, ice creams and much more.

We will need lots of parent helpers to help plan activities, set up on the day, run stalls and help tidy away.

We are planning the fayre now so please email [pta@aldryngtonpta.com](mailto:pta@aldryngtonpta.com) if you can help before, during or after the event. All help appreciated.

**Try-a-Tri 2014**

**The Try-a-Tri this year will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> June at 11am – 4.30pm**

A fun Triathlon, a 3-in-1 race made up of swimming, cycling and running. The event is open to all children throughout the school. Form a team of three friends from the same year

group and give yourself a cool team name. Decide who will complete each element of the race - compete in a stage you feel comfortable with and have fun! The event is run in accordance with British Triathlon Association (BTA) guidelines. Entry fee is £3 per child, to cover running costs. Children can also raise extra funds by asking their family and friends to sponsor them. Parents/guardians must stay on site for your child to take part. A bar, food and music will be available.

Closing date for participants is Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Joining instructions, full details of the event and sponsorship forms will be provided shortly by the Try-a-Tri team and also available on the website.



### Grounds Working Party 9<sup>th</sup> May 10am – 1pm

The Ground Working Committee are once again meeting up to work on improving the school grounds and we're looking for families to help. The main focus on 9<sup>th</sup> May will be on repainting the gazebo. Everyone welcome, children can get involved, light refreshments provided. If you can spare some time we'd love to see you, either confirm to the office or just turn up.



### Second Hand Uniform

A full stock take was recently conducted, a list of stock and prices are available on the PTA pages of the school website. The next 2<sup>nd</sup> hand

uniform sale will take place **25<sup>th</sup> June, in the evening from 7pm-9pm**. If you want to pop in to view what we have available then please do. Alternatively you can purchase 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform at any time by emailing your request to [uniform@aldryngtonpta.com](mailto:uniform@aldryngtonpta.com).



### Cake Sales

The next Cake Sales are:

**30<sup>th</sup> April** – Mrs Tomsett

**21<sup>st</sup> May** – Miss Blackaby

**11<sup>th</sup> June** – Mrs Gregory/Mrs Woolston

**2<sup>nd</sup> July** – Mrs Coleman/Mrs Smith

**Cake Sales** are always very busy so we appreciate all the help we can get on cake sale day. 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 at the end - usually out of school by 3.40pm. If you can spare an hour to help out at your child's class cake sale please sign up using the sheet in the school office or contact Anna Neffendorf at school or email [secretary@aldryngtonpta.com](mailto:secretary@aldryngtonpta.com).



The PTA disco this term is on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>**

**May. We always need parent helpers at the disco** – please contact Catherine Maskell or Helen Barnes if you can help! Foundation & Lower School 6pm–7pm and Middle/Upper School 7.15pm–8.30pm. Entrance is £2.50 cash on the door. More details will be available in the letter emailed to parents the week before.

The PTA will again be running a **licensed bar** in the middle school classrooms the evening of the school disco, **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May**. The bar will

be open to parents who wish to remain on site for the duration of the discos, doors open 6pm. We hope you will visit the bar while your little ones are 'discoing' in the school hall! Any queries regarding the bar please contact [pta@aldryngtonpta.com](mailto:pta@aldryngtonpta.com).

**PTA Meeting:** The next PTA meeting will be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm in the staffroom annexe. All parents are welcome. This is your opportunity to find out more and have a say in how the PTA not only raise funds but also how they spend it! So do come along!



We held a very successful quiz on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March**, 12 teams took part with around 70 parents, children, teachers and Governors helping to raise £500. A huge thank you to everyone who helped organise and run the event and to all the families that participated.

**Cake Sales:** Since the last PTA New, cake sales held in February and March have raised a further £192.75. Bringing a total so far this academic year of £585.00

**Discos/Parent Creche:** Autumn and Winter discos raised £814 and the February bar generated an extra income of £170, October bar raised £150.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform Sales:** The February sale raised £42.60 and the March sale raised £94. All sales combined since they began have generated in excess of £1000!



### PTA School Funding:

All the money raised through our PTA events have so far enabled us to fund the following:

- \* New cover for the Swimming Pool
- \* Numicon (Maths programme/aids)
- \* Multi Cultural Story Books
- \* Plastic Money
- \* EYFS Tablets
- \* Library Books
- \* All classes Christmas Parties

Going forward the PTA Committee have agreed to invest the majority of what we've raised to fund the replacement of all Smartboards in every classroom.

### Other Fundraising Initiatives:

In addition to the various events organised throughout the year by the PTA, there are several on-going initiatives all aimed at raising more money towards equipment and activities for all the children of Aldryngton.

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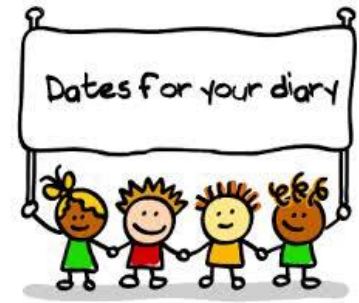
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**Matched Funding** or Matched Giving as it's also known appears to be a well kept secret. Did you know there are hundreds of organisations throughout the UK that offer their employees the chance to boost their individual fundraising efforts by 'matching' the money they raise for their chosen charity. This is a simple way of maximising the fundraising efforts of PTA donations. Please ask your employer if they operate a matched giving scheme – it's not complicated and will cost you nothing extra other than some time to talk to your employer!



Click the title of each activity/event for more details & save to your electronic calendar!

30<sup>th</sup> April – Cake Sale Mrs Tomsett

7<sup>th</sup> May - PTA Meeting, 7pm

9<sup>th</sup> May – Grounds Working Party 10am-1pm

14<sup>th</sup> May – PTA Bar (Parent Creche)

14<sup>th</sup> May – Disco Foundation & Lower-School

14<sup>th</sup> May – Disco Middle & Upper School

21<sup>st</sup> May – Cake Sale Miss Blackaby

26<sup>th</sup> May – Start of Pool Club

11<sup>th</sup> June – Cake Sale Mrs Gregory/Mrs Woolston

13<sup>th</sup> June – Summer Fayre, 11.30am-1.30pm

25<sup>th</sup> June – 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform sale 7pm-9pm

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