



Aldryngton School PTA

Supporting your child's education

Registered Charity: no 1026094

PTA News

July 2015

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

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

Another year has passed and the many activities undertaken now reside as both achievements & enjoyable memories.

As you know the school receives very little funding from Government or through Pupil Premium meaning that funds raised through PTA activities are absolutely critical to support our children's education.

Thank you! to all the children, parents and grandparents who have supported the events this year and once again made them all a wonderful success.



An extra special **thank you** to the following parents for their dedication and hard work

throughout the year:

- PTA Officers – Simon Feist, Philip Byrne, Anna Neffendorf, Clair Harris
- PTA Communications including Newsletters, Website, Facebook – Michaela Thomas

- Cake sales – Anna Neffendorf & Justine Bark
- Wrap-a-Present – Alice Peacock & Michaela Thomas
- Christmas Cards – Rhona Phipps
- Discos – Cath Maskell & Helen Barnes
- Parent Bar – Michaela Thomas, Amanda Bates, Amanda Ellis, Ruth Weston
- Pool Club – Michaela Thomas, Liz Parsons, Ian Parsons, Simon Windisch
- Summer Fayre – Michaela Thomas
- Try-a-Tri – John Thompson, Caroline Windley, Kirsty Scott, Jane Marsden
- 2nd Hand Uniform – Vicki Adams
- Cinema & Bingo – Simon Feist, Philip Byrne, Michaela Thomas, Amanda Ellis
- Quiz Night – Philip Byrne & Michaela Thomas
- Tassimo Recycling Brigade – Debbie Horlock
- Company Matched Funding – Sabine Bickle

*Let's
Recap*

The various events this year raised the following:

Cake Sales £1093.00

Christmas Cards £241.50

Discos £788.92

Parent Bar £355.00

Christmas Fayre £1800.00

Jubilee Picnic Fayre £1187.00

Try-a-Tri £4500.00

2nd Hand Uniform £301.00

Jubilee Cinema & Bingo £1130.00

Quiz Night £500.00

2p Trail £182.15

Swimming Lessons £3210.63

Pool Club £4107.48

**A great result – a huge thank you
to everyone involved!**

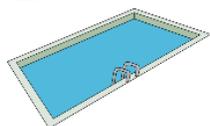
Summary of Main Events this Term



Jubilee Picnic Fayre: The sun shone for us 17th June helping to make our 'mini fayre' was a huge success. It was very much enjoyed by all the children and their families. Thank you to Michaela Thomas for planning and organising the whole event and thanks to all the parents that helped to set up and run stalls. Also an extra special thank you to the 3 Lower School families – Mrs Mathur, Mrs Bose & Mrs Mittal who generously clubbed together to pay for the hire of the bouncy castle. Thanks to Mrs Thomas for donating Felix the bear that was won by a Lower School pupil, also to Mrs Horlock for making and donating the amazing Jubilee Cake for our guess the weight of the cake stall! Thank you all!

Try-a-Tri 27th June

The sun continued to shine on us for our 5th **Try-a-Tri**. It was an amazing event enjoyed by around 200 families. Thanks once again to John Thompson, Kirsty Scott and Caroline Windley for planning and organising the whole event so brilliantly – it really was a wonderful day enjoyed by everyone and the income generated was huge!



Pool Club: Thanks to the 84 families that have joined Pool Club this year. We hope you have plenty of opportunities to use it over the summer holidays.

Before we break up for the summer we would like to take this opportunity to remind all members of the following key points that have been brought to our attention:

**** POOL CLUB MEMBERS ****

- Please **read all emails** sent to you regarding pool club as they may contain vital information.
- It's advisable to **check your Junk/Spam** so you don't miss out on pool club communications.
- You must regularly **familiarise yourselves with the rules & operating procedure**, even if you think you already know them!
- Safety is paramount – those on duty must **watch the pool** at all times.
- Again, safety is paramount – parents must **supervise their own children** in and out the pool.
- Those with young children or less confident swimmers must be extra vigilant.
- Children **must not** sit or stand on the rope that separates shallow/deep.
- Please ensure the pool cover is rolled on and off correctly making sure the **bubbles are face down**, this is vital to keeping the water warm. We've had reports of the cover being wound incorrectly resulting in the bubbles facing up at the start of the next session!
- When replacing the cover onto the pool at the end of a session please ensure the roller is unwound a few turns to **release the cover into the water gently** before pulling begins – this is a new cover costing thousands of pounds, care must be taken to prevent damage occurring.
- A copy of the **rota** is available on the PTA pages on the school website, a printed copy is also displayed in the noticeboard outside the pool gate.
- If the pool must close due to bad weather or other reasons then those on duty are advised to **re-book themselves** for an alternative free date as there are around 40 slots not yet filled.
- Anyone opening for **non-rota swimming** are encouraged to communicate this to all members.
- **Shoes must be worn between pool and toilets.**

Important Notice

After two years in post, Simon Feist is stepping down as PTA Chair and we are looking for someone else to undertake this role. If you are motivated and organised then we'd love to hear from you! Simon will continue to be involved with PTA activities and happy to provide any support as necessary. For more information, please contact Simon chair@aldryngtonpta.com or you can email the pta@aldryngtonpta.com

Simon's contribution as PTA Chair has been invaluable and will be missed enormously. The PTA and staff would like to express their thanks for all the support he has given.

Important Notice

Next term the PTA will introduce Parent Representatives across all classes & year groups. This has been discussed in PTA meetings following the results of the school communications survey earlier in the year – the suggestion of class representatives was well received, with lots of parents expressing interest in being a Parent Rep. Currently, we are in the early stages of planning this role and its responsibilities. Details will be provided to all parents next term and we hope to receive your input and support for this new role.

Meanwhile if you have any thoughts or comments regarding parent reps please contact us.



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It really is that simple!

Recycle your Tassimo Coffee Pods:

If you have a Tassimo Coffee machine or know someone that does then we can recycle the coffee pods through Terracycle and receive cash in return. Please bring the used pods (no need to clean) into the school office, there is a bin just inside the door.

Recycle your biscuit wrappers:

We can also recycle the wrappers from packets of biscuits in exchange for cash through Terracycle. This includes the external packaging for multi-packs bars like penguins, club bars etc.

Recycle your printer cartridges:

The school office are members of the Inkjet Appeal whereby they collect and recycle all types of printer cartridges in return for cash. Please take your printer cartridges to the school office or pop them in the Inkjet Appeal 'bin' in the medical room.



The PTA relies upon the help and generosity of all parents and supporters of the school to continue to fund items which are essentials rather than 'nice to haves'. With the budget deficit the school faces, and the expectation that this will worsen in years to come, the PTA have set up a BT Donate page intended for anyone to make donations to support the school, however small or large – here's the link if you would like to make a donation!

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

Matched Funding

Hundreds of organisations in the UK offer their employees the chance to boost individual fundraising efforts by 'matching' the money raised for their chosen charity. Please ask your employer if they operate a matched giving scheme and if they do please contact your PTA.

* Next Year *

Ways in which to spend money raised through PTA events are always discussed at PTA meetings. It was agreed that we will fund the replacement of whiteboards in middle school and this is scheduled to happen in the holidays. It was also agreed that the pool cover Roller will be replaced.

Going forward our main target is to raise money to fund the replacement of all whiteboards across the school with Lower School next on the list!

Fundraising initiatives and spending ideas are discussed in the PTA meetings. **If you have any ideas or opinions then it's important to come to the meetings and have your say!**

The next AGM will be on Thursday 17th September where we will review this year, elect the Officers and discuss plans for the year ahead including the PTA Parent Rep roles. Children can always entertain themselves in a quiet corner if you bring them with you.

This is YOUR PTA, so please come along to meetings and get involved!

Some dates to go on with ...

AGM – Thursday 17th September, 7pm

PTA Meeting – Thursday 1st October, 7pm

Disco – Thursday 22nd October

Christmas Cards – end September

Wrap a Present – w/c 30th November

Christmas Fayre – Saturday 5th December

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Parents of Aldryngton Primary School