



# Aldryngton School PTA

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## NEXT PTA MEETING - THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2017



**CHAIR**  
**Erika Augusti**

"I look forward to sharing the position of PTA Chair with Harsh. I have lived in Earley for the past 15 years. I run my own online business and I have three children aged 13, 10 and 6. My first child started at Aldryngton in 2009 so I have been at the school for quite some time. Please feel free to stop and talk to me, you'll find me around the Lower School area, probably chatting to someone."



**CHAIR**  
**Harsh Setia**

"I have been closely following the PTA activities since my son joined Aldryngton in 2015. I consider education as the most important aspect of a child's life and being part of the PTA would help me get more involved in the school activities and positively shape the school and community alike. I am looking forward to working with the other PTA members in organizing activities and raising much needed funds."



**VICE CHAIR**  
**Emily Counihan**

"I have two sons at the school, in Foundation and Year 2. I've really enjoyed volunteering at some of the PTA events over the past couple of years and being part of a strong parent community. The PTA provides great

activities for the children, whilst also raising funds for the school, and I'm looking forward to supporting the PTA team in this role."



**VICE CHAIR**  
**Michaela Thomas**

"I'm looking forward to sharing this role with Emily. I have been involved with almost all the PTA activities in one way or another since my children joined the school in 2013. I personally feel that being part of the PTA has enhanced my experience of the school and has contributed to me make so many friends that I may not have done otherwise."



**SECRETARY**  
**Tiffany Forshaw**

"I have a son in Foundation. My role is to create the agenda and minutes for the PTA Committee and AGM meetings which I will job share with Hannah MacIndoe. I'm looking forward to giving a helping hand at all the forthcoming events and being a part of the new Committee."



**SECRETARY**  
**Hannah MacIndoe**

"I have two children at Aldryngton (Foundation and Year 2). My elder son has enjoyed many of the events organised by the

PTA, since he joined the school, and I am looking forward to all of these continuing in the future with myself as part of the team."



**TREASURER**  
**Ravi Vakada**

"I have a son in Year 2. I think the PTA is a very good initiative. It plays an important role in improving school facilities, establishing good communication between school management and parents and pupils who participate in PTA events can nurture leadership skills. Last year, I volunteered to organise the Try-a-Tri and the Christmas Fayre and enjoyed meeting other parents. I'm looking forward to share this role with Rajani and work with the new team."



**TREASURER**  
**Rajani Yasodha**

"My daughter is in Year 1. I am pleased to be appointed as PTA Treasurer, I will share the role with Ravi. We will look after all PTA finances, budgets, accounts and deal with any legal obligations we have as a registered charity."

**YOUR PTA CLASS REPRESENTATIVES**

FS: V Duffield & C Holt  
 LS: L Gordon, L Micklewhite, A Sekhri  
 MS: M Hicks, N Werro, Kajal Mathur  
 US: R Evans, V Adams, V Balaji

**Thank you for your support.**

# EVENTS



**Cake Sales** take place after school, always on a Thursday. The first one took place on 5<sup>th</sup> October in Mrs Smith/Mrs Coleman's class raising £123.80. The next two this term are in Mrs Culham's classroom (LS) on 9<sup>th</sup> November and on 30<sup>th</sup> November in Miss Saunder's classroom (LS). Parents are always needed to help with their child's class cake sale so please volunteer if you can, sign-up sheets can be found in the office.

**School Discos** are very popular and once again we are planning three this academic year for October, February and May, with the first taking place on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October**.

On the night of the school disco, we will be offering a **family lounge**, located in one of the middle school classrooms from 6pm–8.15pm. The family lounge will be selling a variety of snacks and drinks including a licenced bar for any parents wishing to have a glass of wine or a beer. This is the perfect place for parents and siblings to wait for their disco-goers. We hope to see you there.

The PTA hold a large stock of good quality **second hand uniform** with several sales held every term. Stock is stored at school so you can buy at virtually any time by contacting the dedicated email [uniform@aldryngtonpta.com](mailto:uniform@aldryngtonpta.com). Cherry will contact you to arrange to meet up.

**Christmas Cards** are popular with lots of the children, this year 125 pupils designed their own cards. They are an excellent way of creating a unique personalised card for family & friends. Sample cards and order forms should be sent home in book bags around w/c 16<sup>th</sup> October. **Deadline for orders is Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October.**

**Christmas Puddings** are back! This year we are offering a gluten free option too. Puddings are priced at £5.95 or for gluten free they are £6.30. You can order in advance for collection at the Christmas Fayre. Order forms will be sent home in book bags Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October, deadline for orders will be 15<sup>th</sup> November.

**Wrap-a-Present** will take place w/c 27<sup>th</sup> November. 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 3 days. More details to follow nearer the time.

Our **Christmas Fayre** will be held on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**, doors open 12pm, fayre closes 3pm. We are planning the usual favourites including Santa's Grotto, Festive Themed Games, Craft, Gift Stalls, Upper School Stalls, Grand Draw, Tombola, Raffles, Refreshments, Lunch options and licenced bar.

Watch out for the **Christmas News** after half term.



All PTA events require help and support from the whole school community. We need parents to volunteer, otherwise events simply may not be able to continue. Aldryngton have always had a very successful PTA but as parents start to move up the school and leave, we require new parents to take on lead roles otherwise we will see activities and events being discontinued.

A sign-up sheet for the **Christmas Fayre** will be coming out soon. We need lots of parents to help plan, set up and run stalls. As you can imagine, it will be impossible to run all the stalls without a large number of parents offering to help. When you see the sign-up sheet please do volunteer!

Also, a **sub-committee for the Christmas Fayre** is being formed. Please email us to join the team. The more the merrier and the more hands on deck the lighter the load for everyone else in the team.

**VACANCY**

Currently we are looking for a few parents to build a team who will run the **Family Lounge** three times a year. This could be mums or dads and can be a mixture of FS/LS and MS/US parents. It's a good one to be involved with and is relatively simple to plan and do. 'Training' and support will be given. Please contact us **NOW!**

Get in Touch Now! 

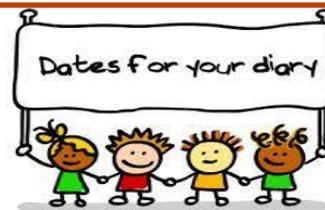
To get involved in supporting any of our events this term or throughout the year please contact us.

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As well as the organised events, the PTA generates significant income from Match Funding – last academic year the contribution from Match Funding was £4,380.91, accounting for over 10 % of the PTA's income. Commission on internet sales via EasyFundraising, Easy2Name and Stampstastic contributed a further £587.01.

## Don't delay .... Join Today!



- W/C 16.10.17 Personalised Xmas card samples returned to pupils
- 19.10.17 School Disco & Family Lounge
- 20.10.17 Bag2School Textile collection
- 31.10.17 Deadline for PTA Xmas card orders
- 09.11.17 Cake Sale, Mrs Culham (LS)
- 15.11.17 Deadline for Xmas Pudding orders
- W/C 20.11.17 PTA Xmas Card orders received
- 27.11.17 Wrap a Present (FS/LS)
- 28.11.17 Wrap a Present (MS)
- 29.11.17 Wrap a Present (US)
- 30.11.17 Cake Sale, Miss Saunders (LS)
- Saturday 02.12.17 Christmas Fayre
- 11.01.18 Cake Sale, Mrs Woolston/Mrs Gregory (US)
- 01.02.18 Cake Sale, Mrs Dunn (US)
- 08.02.18 School Disco & Family Lounge
- 08.03.18 Cake Sale, Ms Byatt (MS)
- 29.03.18 Cake Sale, Miss Riglar (US)
- 26.04.18 Cake Sale, Mrs Marshall (MS)
- 17.05.18 School Disco & Parent Creche
- 17.05.18 Cake Sale, Miss Alberti (MS)
- 14.06.18 Cake Sale, Miss Slade (FS)
- 05.07.18 Cake Sale, Miss Nowell (FS)



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