



Aldryngton School PTA

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PTA News

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE PTA CHAIR



"Christmas is a busy time of year for many of us at home and the same goes for the PTA. Thank you to the team of volunteers that made this year's PTA Christmas activities so successful.

Rhona Phipps once again managed the production and distribution of the children's Christmas cards.

Sabine Bickle championed and managed the sale of the new Aldryngton Christmas Pudding, sales of which exceeded all hopes.

Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without presents and at Aldryngton that means Wrap a Present. This year's Wrap a Present was incredibly successful, primarily due to the outstanding contribution of Michaela Thomas and a dedicated team, not many people know this but Michaela started buying stock on 27 December 2014 and buying for Wrap a Present continued throughout the year!

As always the pennies were carefully tracked by Clair Harris, who as Treasurer has made multiple trips to the bank, counted floats and takings, and validated and paid expenses.

The PTA has funded, supplied and served refreshments at various school Christmas events, all managed by volunteers.

Finally, the big event of the season, the Christmas Fayre. This year's Fayre was organised by a small but dedicated team who started meeting back in September. Many ideas were proposed and discussed, some didn't make it out of the OLOP bar, other ideas became part of the Fayre. In no particular order the team of Anna Neffendorf, Michaela Thomas, Amanda Bates, Jo Beales, Sabine Bickle, Emily Counihan and Clair Harris made it happen, along with Mrs Culham and Mrs Kiff who once again planned the fantastic Christmas craft activities. Without this team there wouldn't have been a Fayre, so I'd like to express a huge thank you to all of them for working so hard.

On the day there was a large and amazing team of volunteers running stalls and working hard to ensure that everything ran smoothly. Finally, thanks to the bakers who made and donated yummy cakes that were sold at the Fayre. They all helped to make the Fayre the amazing success it was!

Some of these activities have been aided by the new team of PTA Class Representatives who have helped distribute items and secure volunteers. As with any list, there are bound to be people missed, so thank you to all those who volunteered to help with PTA events throughout the Autumn Term.

Christmas Profit Summary:

Christmas Cards raised £168
 Christmas Puddings raised £190
 Wrap a Present raised £853
 Grand Draw advanced sales raised £629
 Christmas Fayre raised £3079

Without matched funding we reached a profit of £4,919, which is superb! This is at least 50% of the requested funding for the Lower School smartboards, so well done all.

In addition to the £4919 profit, we also expect to receive over £1400 in Matched Funding.

Thanks again to the families that have supported the school through the various PTA events. Look forward to seeing as many parents and children as possible at the PTA events in the Spring Term." *Amanda Ellis, PTA Chair*