



# Aldryngton School PTA

Supporting your child's education

Registered Charity: no 1026094

## PTA News

### July 2016

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER, 7PM SCHOOL HALL ..... EVERYONE WELCOME!

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

"What an amazing year! Fundraising has exceeded expectations and more importantly we hope that all pupils and their families have enjoyed attending the PTA events this year. At the end of the year we say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils and therefore some families, we hope that you have enjoyed being part of the PTA and wish you all happiness and success at your new schools. We look forward to seeing everyone else next year to do it all again! Have a fabulous summer."

Amanda Ellis, PTA Chair

PTA Funded



Programs

The PTA agreed and funded the following items this year:

- Jigsaw (PSHE, whole school resource): £2,955
- Smartboards for Foundation and Lower School: £7,250
- Class Christmas Parties: £275
- Swimming Pool boiler: £2,260
- Leaver's party: £100

- Half of the general pool upkeep and maintenance costs, e.g. chemicals, microanalysis, toys etc.: £3,306

The following items were agreed last year, but paid for this year:

- Smartboards for Middle School : £4,630
- Aldryngton T-Shirts for inter-school events: £100
- Library books (whole school) £575
- Pool roller: £2,969

The PTA have also committed to funding the Upper School smartboards: £10,000.

## MONEY RAISED

The various activities saw the following takings (profit in brackets):

Cake sales: £1,175.53  
 2015 Christmas Cards: £868.70 (£234.10)  
 Discos: £3,075.81 (£1,983.88)  
 Bar: £657.90 (£458.34)

Christmas Fayre: £5,120.45 (£4,483.99)

Christmas Puddings: £494.85 (£179.87)

2015 Wrap a Present: £1577.76

Easter Egg Hunt: £458.00 (£203.24)

Textile collection: £598.20

Summer Fayre: £2,405.66 (£2,154.67)

Try a Tri: £3,661.29 (£2,786.61) - still some money to come in (sponsorship plus matched funding)

2nd hand uniform: £232.53

Quiz Night: £665.05 (£550.83)

2p trail: £160.86

Pool Club: £4,095.19

Easy Fundraising: £551.52

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

We would like to express an enormous *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 continued

hard work, enthusiasm and dedication throughout the year:

- PTA Officers – Amanda Ellis, Roshan Degamber, Anna Neffendorf & Clair Harris for all the admin and proposals etc that goes on "behind the scenes" but is not visible.
- PTA Treasurer – Clair for supporting every single event by organising floats and counting and checking the proceeds afterwards
- PTA Communications including Newsletters, Website, Facebook – Michaela Thomas
- Christmas Fayre – Amanda Ellis, Anna Neffendorf, Michaela Thomas, Amanda Bates, Jo Beales, Sabine Bickle, Emily Counihan
- Cake sales – Anna Neffendorf, Justine Bark, Amanda Bates & Jo Beales
- Wrap-a-Present – Michaela Thomas, Julie Taylor & Amanda Bates
- Christmas Cards – Rhona Phipps
- Christmas Puddings – Sabine Bickle
- Discos – Cath Maskell & Helen Barnes
- Parent Bar – Michaela Thomas, Amanda Bates, Amanda Ellis, Ruth Weston, Julie Taylor
- Textile Collection – Sabine Bickle
- Summer Fayre – Amanda Ellis, Anna Neffendorf, Michaela Thomas, Amanda Bates
- Pool Club – Michaela Thomas, Sarah Byrne & Nick Maria
- Try-a-Tri – John Thompson, Caroline Windley & Erika Augusti
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform – Vicki Adams, Michaela Thomas, Jo Beales & Louise Micklewhite
- Quiz Night – Philip Byrne & Michaela Thomas
- Tassimo & Biscuit Wrapper Recycling Brigade – Debbie Horlock
- Easter Egg Hunt – Michaela Thomas

## Summary of Main Events this Term



**Summer Fayre:** The sun shone for us on 26<sup>th</sup> May, helping to make our summer concert & PTA summer fayre a huge success. It was very much enjoyed by all the children and their families. Thank you to all the parents that helped to set up and run stalls – it goes without saying that without you the event could not take place. Thank you all!



Swim

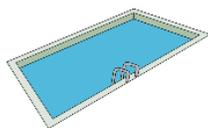


Cycle



Run

The weather was slightly against us for our 6<sup>th</sup> **Try-a-Tri** on 25<sup>th</sup> June but despite the rain it was a great day enjoyed by around 200 families. Our thanks go to John Thompson for organising a super event and thanks also to Erika and Caroline for all their hard work and support pulling the event together and to all the parents that helped on the day with the BBQ, the Bar, marshalling, timekeeping and everything else. This is a complex event to organise and once again it ran brilliantly. It really was a wonderful day enjoyed by everyone and the income generated was huge!



**Pool Club:** Thanks to the 76 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:

- Please ensure you **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.
- Those on duty must mop and squeegee the changing room floors and mop the toilet floor making use of the disinfectant liquids & sprays provided (these help deodorise & sanitise the floors).
- Children **must not** sit or stand on the rope that separates shallow/deep.
- 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.**

Any queries or comments regarding pool club should be emailed to [pool@aldryngtonpta.com](mailto:pool@aldryngtonpta.com)

## VACANCY

After 4 years in post, Anna Neffendorf is stepping down as PTA Secretary and we are looking for someone else to undertake this role. The Secretary is an elected officer of the PTA, and as such is a trustee of the PTA charity. The Secretary is a signatory on the PTA's bank account. Responsibilities include preparing the agenda in advance of PTA committee meetings, attending meetings minute taking, distribution of the minutes, applying for temporary event notices, maintaining the gambling licence and submitting returns as necessary. The Secretary is also responsible for compiling the non-financial part of the annual report to the Charity Commission following the AGM. Anna will continue to be involved with PTA activities and happy to provide any support as necessary. For more information, please contact Anna [secretary@aldryngtonpta.com](mailto:secretary@aldryngtonpta.com) or email the [pta@aldryngtonpta.com](mailto:pta@aldryngtonpta.com)

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

## VACANCY

After one year in post Roshan Degamber is stepping down as PTA Vice Chair so we are looking to fill this post. The vice chair is an elected officer of the PTA and therefore a trustee of the PTA charity. Their role is to support the activities of the PTA, and in particular support the Chair in planning and running the major events in the PTA's calendar. Please email [pta@aldryngtonpta.com](mailto:pta@aldryngtonpta.com).

## WANTED! PARENT PTA REP FOR YOUR CLASS!

We have all recently found out which classes our children will be in next year. From this week the PTA would like to hear from anyone interested in being a Parent Rep next year. In the most recent school communications survey, 16 parents said they would be interested in becoming a Parent Rep so we hope to hear from those 16 and from anyone else so that we can engage in some early conversations with a view to electing PTA Reps for classes at the AGM in September. If this is of interest or if you have any thoughts or comments regarding parent reps please contact us [pta@aldryngtonpta.com](mailto:pta@aldryngtonpta.com)

**Remember** Aldryngton School PTA is a registered (charity no 1026094).

There are also some very simple ways you might be able to raise extra funds for your school without much effort:

## easyfundraising .org.uk

**Do you like to shop online? If you do then you can arrange for a percentage of your online purchases to be paid into the school PTA – at no additional cost to you!** If you shop online with the likes of Amazon, Ebay, Argos, Asda, Tesco, John Lewis, M&S, Next, Sainsbury's, Early Learning Centre, Toys R Us and thousands more then you could help get a commission paid to the school every time you buy! Please register with <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/aldryngtonpta> and thereafter, every time you make an online purchase, go to the retailer's website via the link above, you will be raising money for Aldryngton School PTA.

A huge thank you to all the families who are registered with Easy Fundraising, last year you helped raise £551 'free cash' for our school. We

would ask all parents to join if you haven't already.

*easy2name*  
www.easy2name.com

When buying your name labels for school uniform and other school items, please use [www.easy2name.com](http://www.easy2name.com) and quote Aldryngton School PTA RG6 at checkout. The school receives a 20% donation on all purchases.

It really is that simple!

the fastest way to name  
[STAMP]  
tastic

Use the code ALDRYNGTON online to earn up to 25% commission for Aldryngton Primary School !!



Love it? Stamp it! Keep it!

A new fast way of naming all your belongings!  
A personalised stamp, usable on fabric, metal, wood & plastic.  
No more sewing or ironing on labels.  
No more losing your pencil case or P.E. kit!  
Now you can just stamp everything!

Transparent block for accurate, easy positioning.  
The ink will last wash after wash.



One ink-pad £12 each



One stamp £10 each

Email: [pta@stampastic.co.uk](mailto:pta@stampastic.co.uk)  
[www.stampastic.co.uk](http://www.stampastic.co.uk)  
020 8932 1728



## Recycling for cashback ...

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.

We can also recycle **biscuit 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.

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'. 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/alldryngtondonations/227851>



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 match funding scheme and if they do please contact the PTA.



The next AGM will be held in the school hall, 7pm on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. At the meeting we will review the

15/16 academic year, discuss our plans for 16/17, elect / re-elect Officers and discuss / elect for the PTA Parent Class Rep roles. Please put the date in your diary and come along!

# SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

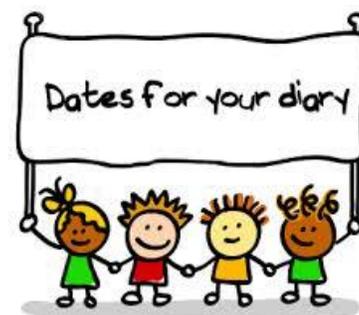
In September the PTA will start planning all the events for the year ahead. We hope 2016/17 will be as good as ever seeing the return of all the usual regular events like discos, cake sales, parent's bar, 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform sales.

**We NEED and WANT more parents on board to have a say in the planning and running of events. Please get in touch with the PTA and get involved!**

- In September we will be thinking about all things Christmas.



- In January the PTA will start thinking about our Spring events such as Bingo/Quiz night and Easter Egg hunts.
- In March the PTA will be working on our summer events including the circus which will be returning to Aldryngton in June



AGM – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 7pm

Christmas Fayre Planning – 26<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm

Disco – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October

Christmas Cards – end September

Wrap a Present – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November FS/LS

Wrap a Present – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November (MS)

Wrap a Present – Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November (US)

Christmas Fayre – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 12.30pm - 3.30pm

Disco – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Disco – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May

Happy's Circus – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Chair – Amanda Ellis  
chair@alldryngtonpta.com

Treasurer – Clair Harris  
treasurer@alldryngtonpta.com

Vice Chair – VACANCY  
vicechair@alldryngtonpta.com

Secretary - VACANCY  
secretary@alldryngtonpta.com

Admin / General Enquiries  
pta@alldryngtonpta.com



Parents of Aldryngton Primary Reading