



Aldryngton School PTA

Supporting your child's education

Registered Charity: no 1026094

PTA News

Feb 2021

Spring Term 2021

Autumn Term Fundraising

Summary:

Create-a-card, **£216**

Textile Collection, **£139**

Spooky Creative Halloween competition, **£130**

Wrap-a-Present, **£4,863**

Foundraising through Crowdfunder, Internet Sales Commission and Match funding, **£2,372**

Crowdfunder fundraising includes: Wine Tasting with The Tasting House, Santa's Virtual Grotto, Christmas Family Quiz, Santa Run Sponsorship, and Non Uniform Days.

Match Funding was received from Microsoft and Vertex.

Total = £7,720



Thank you to everyone who took part, donated and organised these events.

Fundraising ideas are always welcome, especially when many of our usual events cannot be run in quite the same way.



School Funding Partnership.

Funding was approved for home learning resources at the PTA meeting on 12Jan2021; Read Write Inc eBooks, Oxford Owls eBooks and My Maths. These will be available to the relevant years in school.

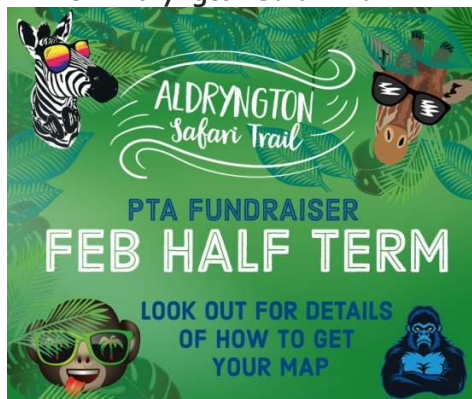
The PTA and school are looking into funding options for additional devices for pupils unable to access exclusive use of a device for home learning.

Spring Term Fundraising:



Virtual Bingo – Friday 5th February 2021 at 7pm. Join us for a fun filled evening of Bingo. Books may be purchased from the PTA Crowdfunder webpage for £3 each or four for £10. Payment is required by Wed 3rd February to enable delivery to be made on time.

All New Aldryngton Safari Trail



Virtual Quiz – 12th March 2021. Save the date, details will be sent out nearer the time.

Spring Raffle Call for prizes, if any parents have links to businesses that might be interested in providing a prize for a Spring raffle, please let the PTA know:

ptaofficers@aldryngtonpta.com

Second Hand Uniform is still open. Maybe you are thinking ahead to Summer Uniform.

We are able to sell second hand uniform. There is a catalogue of items for sale available on the PTA pages of the school website: [PTA-second-hand-uniform](#)



You can make donations to the PTA, and sign up to various events via our NEW Crowdfunder page for this term.

www.crowdfunder.co.uk/aldryngton-primary-school-pta1

WE NEED YOU!



Your PTA needs you.

Are you interested in keeping children active?

Are you a keen swimmer, runner or cyclist and would like to encourage others?

Do you have a flair for organization?

Then please consider volunteering with the Pool Club or Try-a-Tri Event teams.

To volunteer or for more details please contact

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We hope that these iconic school summer activities will be able to go ahead in some form in 2021. However, even if they can't go ahead, we will need new volunteers to start handing over planning for 2022.

Pool Club

Aldryngton is fortunate to have a swimming pool, which enables the school to provide swimming lessons for all children during the summer term. As a school community we also run a Pool Club which allows Aldryngton families to use the pool in specified hours during the summer. We need an organizing team, who would oversee the Pool Club, including the following duties:

- Admin, including updating pool documents, risk assessments, rotas for members supervisor duties and chemical checks.
- Setting up on line application, processing, and checking payment's received.
- Coordinating and arranging the Resus training sessions for all member with the trainer and also school.
- Providing support to members during the season and ensuring everything runs smoothly.
- Managing member email groups and communication.
- Checking all items required are poolside pre-opening.



Try-a-Tri

Try-a-Tri is a fun and inclusive sporting event, which has been run during the summer term since 2011. The event is open to all Aldryngton pupils from Foundation to Year 6. It is a Triathlon, a 3-in-1 race made up of swimming, cycling and running. For the event, children form teams of three (a swimmer, a cyclist and a runner) to compete against other teams. We need volunteers to join the Event Team to assist the following roles:

Event Facilities Organiser – Overseeing leads who Manage the BBQ, Bar, Candyfloss, Waste, PA System & Music, Water and Power supply.

Event Purchase Manager – Buying medals, trophies, tapes etc.

Administrators – all communications, website uploads, online applications & payments, registration paperwork, sponsorships.

Event Safety Officer – essential and legally Try-a-Tri cannot go ahead without a safety officer.



Would you like to get involved in the PTA Committee? We are looking for a **Co-vice Chair**. The role includes:

- Assist in making key decisions in regards to the committee
- Liaise with School and PTA for fundraising events
- Attend committee meetings
- Participate in fundraising events (Christmas, Summer fairs & where necessary)

All Officer positions have been successful job shares for the past 3 years and we'd like this continue, not only because many hands make light work but also to put in place a succession plan for the next academic year. If you would like to find out more about the PTA Officer positions, please contact

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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.

We already benefit from match funding arranged by a few of our parents through their employers including Thames Water, Vodafone, Microsoft and Sky.

If you work for a company that could offer match-funding, please make yourself known to us. If you're not sure if your employer offers a match funding scheme please contact your HR department.

For more information please email the PTA



If you have any spare foreign currency at home please keep it and donate it to the PTA when we are able to take collections again. The PTA are collecting anything that is or was once money and we will turn your old or unwanted money into a valuable donation. We are collecting all foreign currency new and old including old British coins and notes. When we are able to collect again, the collection bucket will be situated in the school office foyer.



Do you shop online?

Please register for Easyfundraising. There are thousands of retailers including Amazon and all the usual High Street shops who donate a percentage of your online shop to your chosen charity. It's simple to register then all you have to do is set Aldryngton PTA as your chosen Charity. Then every time you shop online via the Easyfundraising page you will be raising money for our school.

We have 119 parents signed up so far and have received over £3k through the scheme. If you haven't already registered for Easyfundraising, don't delay – do it today!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/aldryngtonpta/>



Another way for us to earn commission from online shopping is with Amazon via Amazon Smile. Log on to smile.amazon.co.uk and select Aldryngton County Primary School PTA as your chosen charity. The PTA will automatically receive 0.5% of the net purchase price. Remember, always start at smile.amazon.co.uk for your purchases to qualify.



We all know how important it is to ensure our child's possessions are named. When buying labels for school uniform and other personal items, please use one of the following schemes. In doing so you will help raise free funds for our school.

www.easy2name.com will give us a 20% commission on all orders. Quote Aldryngton School PTA RG6 at checkout.



www.stamptastic.co.uk you can buy a personalised stamp usable on most fabrics, metal & some plastics. No more sewing or ironing on labels. Stampastic offer up to 25% commission on orders. Just use our PTA Code RG67HR at the checkout.



There is a facebook closed group for parents with a child at Aldryngton for:

- Requesting and Sharing information
- Tips & Advice on all things school & community related.
- Socialising with other parents.

If you would like to join please locate the group and request to join. The name is: **Parents of Aldryngton Primary School Reading.**