



Aldryngton School PTA

Registered Charity No. 1026094

WELCOME TO THE PTA

WHAT IS A PTA?

- Aldryngton PTA is a registered charity run by parent and guardian volunteers.
- As a parent of a child at Aldryngton Primary School you are automatically a member of the PTA and as such you can attend meetings, vote on proposals and make suggestions for spending or raising funds.
- We welcome new members and fresh ideas; we value your views so please try and attend the meetings if you can.

WHAT DOES A PTA DO?

- We raise money to spend on improving equipment and resources to enhance our children's education and the facilities in the school in general.
- We promote closer links between home and school, and we bring staff, parents, pupils and friends together in support of our school.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

- Offers of help before, after or at events are so valuable. It doesn't matter if you can't help on a regular basis, the PTA welcome any support it receives.
- If you don't have the time to help at events, then your enthusiasm for what the PTA are doing is really beneficial so please try to attend the events if you can.
- You can volunteer to be part of an Event or a Committee member, come along to meetings to find out more.
- If you have any contacts or skills, we could use then this could be beneficial, please come along to a meeting or contact a member of the PTA to discuss ways this could be of use.
- Finally, we are extremely grateful to receive donations – cash, cheque or via our online fundraising pages (contact PTA Treasurer if you require more details).

MATCH FUNDING

- What is Match Funding?
If you take part in a fundraising event, then your employer will match the funds raised at the event. Sometimes it could be a proportion of the amount and sometimes the amount in full.
- Some of the companies who had supported in the past are Vodafone, Microsoft, Thames water, Sky, Vertex etc
- In the past, this has raised thousands of pounds in (e.g., one employer match funded £3800 this year) for the PTA.
- We would be grateful if you let the PTA know if your employer supports this scheme. HR departments can usually advise you on this.

BENEFITS OF JOINING PTA

7 REASONS TO... **join our PTA**

1. Your child benefits

The PTA is an important part of the school and helps to enrich your child's school experience. Our fundraising has provided extras for the school such as the Trim Trail, sports equipment, author visits and treats for the children on special occasions.



2. To make a difference

As well as fundraising, the PTA organises events which add so much to our children's school experience. In the past the PTA have organised the School Disco, Christmas Party Day (which includes Father Christmas!) and the Summer Fayre. This creates a real sense of community and benefits the children.

3. We have fun

Being part of the PTA is a fun and rewarding experience and we host fantastic events where parents can get together and make new connections. Our popular Race Night is a fantastic social evening as well as raising valuable funds for our school.

4. Make friends

Many friendships develop from being part of the PTA. Volunteering your time and working towards a common goal is a rewarding experience and many long-lasting friendships are formed while being part of our PTA team.

5. Feel involved

Every parent is welcome to our meetings and we love to see new members. Please consider coming along to our PTA meetings, AGM or volunteer a few hours of your time at an event. It's a great way to get involved and feel part of the school family.

HELLO

6. Give a helping hand

We realise that every parent is busy so we welcome job-sharing roles in the PTA. Many hands make light work so if more people come forward we can share the work making it fun for everyone.



7. Keep our PTA going

As parents move on from the school, there is a real danger that there will no longer be a PTA to carry on providing this valued resource. Please do consider helping, maybe teaming up as a group of parents, to take over running the PTA.

COMMUNICATIONS

The PTA aims to keep parents informed with what's been going on and what we've got coming up via regular newsletters.

Information about the events organised by the PTA are regularly communicated via Facebook/Whatsapp group messages, or Parent Mail emails.

PTA meetings (Face-to-Face or Zoom) happen once each half term

The next scheduled Annual General Meeting (AGM) is on Thursday (7th October) at 7PM.

**PTA
COMMITTEE
ROLES**

Chair & Co-Chair

Vice Chair & Co-Vice Chair

Treasurer & Co-Treasurer

Secretary & Co-Secretary

PTA OFFICER ROLES – THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES

Chair/Co-Chair

- Involve in making key decisions in regard to the committee
 - Chair committee meetings
 - Liaise with School and PTA for fundraising events
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Vice Chair/Co-vice Chair

- Assist in making key decisions in regard to the committee
 - Liaise with School and PTA for fundraising events
 - Attend committee meetings
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Treasurer/Co-Treasurer

- Process financial transactions on behalf of PTA
 - Attend committee meetings
 - Responsible for filing PTA's tax returns
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Secretary/Co-Secretary

- Circulate agenda for committee meetings
 - Capture & share minutes of meetings for all committee meetings
 - Take care of Yearly licenses (when required) and update Charity Commission on annual basis
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All Officers are expected to take part in fundraising events (Christmas/Summer fayre and where necessary)

PTA EVENTS – AUTUMN TERM

Coffee morning

Second hand uniform sale

Bag2School

Bake sales

Disco & Family Lounge

Non uniform day

Wrap a Present (WAP)

Design a Card

Santa Run

Christmas Fayre

PTA EVENTS – SPRING TERM

Second hand uniform sale

Bag2School

Bake sales

Disco & Family Lounge

Non uniform day

Bingo/Quiz nights

Easter Egg Hunt

PTA EVENTS – SUMMER TERM

Try-a-Tri

Ice Lolly sale

Second
hand
uniform sale

Bake sales

Pool club

Disco &
Family
Lounge

Make the
Rules

Summer
Fayre

VACANCIES

We are looking for volunteers to fill Chair, Co-Chair, Vice Chair, Co-Vice Chair, Secretary and Co-Secretary roles.

We are also looking for someone to run the Pool club from Summer 2022.

FURTHER INFORMATION

- You can contact PTA via email at ptaofficers@aldryngtonpta.com or ptateams@aldryngtonpta.com
- Further details also can be found at <https://aldryngton.wokingham.sch.uk/home/community/pta/>



THANK YOU