



# Aldryngton School PTA

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## PTA News

## Mar 2022

### Spring Term 2022



**The circus is coming!**

**Friday 22 April 2022**

Finally, after false-starts and postponements we can confirm that Happy's Circus is returning to Aldryngton Primary School!

This is first time the circus has been able to visit since the summer of 2017 so unless you child is Year 5 or 6 you may never have experienced this amazing event, let us tell you about it...



The 2022 theme is "Cabaret!"



This is an all-human show where family-friendly Cabaret meets razzle -dazzle Chicago, bringing the magical world of Circus to every event. Artists from around the world will entertain audiences with a stunning range of aerial and ground acts including some very rarely seen unique performances.

The music, costumes, and acts are all set in the years from the roaring 20s to the fabulous 50s.

Original comedy is served by the Maitre d' and Clown-waiter with loads of laughter, together a fusion artists performing enthralling and daredevil acts, so close you feel you can almost touch them.

It is unlikely that the circus will return Aldryngton before 2025, so if your child is in Year 4 or above,

this is likely to be their last chance to experience the circus with their friends as an Aldryngton pupil.



So get ready to buy tickets for your family and friends but be warned, tickets are limited. Last time using the old-fashioned method of standing in the playground, Ruth and Jo managed to sell out the circus in less than 6.5hours....this time we're planning to go digital! So, talk to your party now, work out who's coming and keep an eye out for the sales launch. We expect tickets to go fast!

The performance will take place in the **early evening of Friday 22 April 2022 in Happy's Big Top in the Aldryngton Field** – a happy sight if you've not seen it before!



We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to Happy's Circus.

## Fundraising Summary

There have been several events since the last newsletter in Nov2021, so here is a reminder what we have been doing and how much has been raised. Thank you to everyone who took part, donated and organised all these events.

- 2nd Hand Uniform Sale, 17th November 2021 - Raised £51
- Anil's Reading Half Marathon Run for Aldryngton PTA, November 2021 - Raised £313
- Bag2School Textile collection, November 2021 - Raised £100
- Create a Card 2021 – Raised £202
- Wrap-a-present (WAP), Nov 2021 – Raised £2,856
- Christmas Fayre, 4th December - Total £2,474 including £201 from non-uniform day and £146 from Santa's Grotto
- Tuck Shop, 10<sup>th</sup> December - Raised £195

Match funding for Try-a-Tri and Wrap a Present has included £1,600 from Vertex, and £1,400 from Vodafone.



## Upcoming Events:

Volunteers will be needed for all our upcoming events, so please watch out for information, and sign up if you are able to.

## Pool Club

Applications for Aldryngton families to join the PTA Pool Club went live on Friday 4th March 2022 and will close on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March or when applications reach the max total of 85 families. The 2022 Pool Club season

will run from **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April** until **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September**.

## Spring Disco

### Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March

5 – 6pm Foundation & Lower School

6:15 – 7:30pm Middle & Upper School

## Easter Egg Hunt



The PTA's popular Easter Egg Hunt is set to return on **April 5<sup>th</sup> for Foundation and Middle School and April 6<sup>th</sup> for Lower School and Upper School**. Children will have the opportunity to hunt for a plastic egg in the school grounds, which will then be exchanged for a chocolate egg for them to bring home!

## Second Hand Uniform

There will be a second hand uniform sale on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April** after school. Come along to pick up your summer uniform! Alternatively, you can email [uniform@aldryngtonpta.com](mailto:uniform@aldryngtonpta.com) to arrange purchases.

## PTA Coffee Morning's

Following very positive feedback from members, the PTA coffee morning is returning **fortnightly** this half-term on the dates shown below, 8:40 – 9:20am. No appointment needed. The details of a theme for each coffee morning will be communicated to members closer to the date but everyone is welcome at all coffee mornings for a chat about any topic. The PTA coffee mornings will be held at the gazebo on the school field. Any questions, suggestions, and feedback, please contact [coffeemornings@aldryngtonpta.com](mailto:coffeemornings@aldryngtonpta.com)

- Wednesday 9 March
- Wednesday 23 March
- Wednesday 6 April

## PTA Year Links

**Do you enjoy getting to know other parents in school? Are you interested in helping Aldryngton maintain the supportive community which has been affected by the Pandemic?**

The PTA is looking to appoint two PTA Year Links for each year (Foundation / Year 1 / Year 2 / Year 3 / Year 4 / Year 5 / Year 6).

In addition to their vital role of linking parents and the PTA Committee, the PTA will ask our new group of PTA Year Links to act as a point of contact for PTA members in their year and facilitate the PTA members to connect with others to share information about the school community.

No particular skills are required however it is helpful if candidates are at school frequently enough to know other parents, pupils and staff.

If you are interested in becoming a PTA Year Link, please email us at [yearlinks@aldryngtonpta.com](mailto:yearlinks@aldryngtonpta.com).

## Looking ahead to Summer Term.

Next PTA Meeting: **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April**



## Textile Collection

The Bag2school summer textile collection is scheduled after the Easter holiday. Bring bags of unwanted textiles to school from **Monday 25<sup>th</sup>, April until Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April**. We can collect men's, ladies' and children's clothing (any season not just summer textiles), paired shoes, handbags, belts and

accessories. We do not accept school uniform, bedding or bric-a-brac. A full list of what is and is not accepted will be sent nearer the time.



Try-a-Tri is scheduled for **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June**.

Try-A-Tri is a 3-in-1 race made up of swimming, cycling and running. Children form teams of three from within the same section of school, and each child compete is one of the 3 elements.

Volunteers are needed for the planning of this event in the following positions. Please contact [tryatri@aldryngtonpta.com](mailto:tryatri@aldryngtonpta.com) if you are able to help.

**Event Purchasing** - Buying medals, trophies, tapes etc.

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

**Administration Manager** - all communications, website uploads, online applications & payments, registration paperwork, sponsorships.

**Race Briefings** - to address the competitors before each school group and give instructions on how the race will take place.

**Admin** - including: setting up the entry forms and monitoring responses; monitoring the online payments and tracking back to entry form submissions; preparing goodie bags for the event; and collating & sorting sponsorship forms and monies after the event.

## Eid ul Adha Fayre:

Save the date for an Eid fayre on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July** after school. If you would like to volunteer to help on the day or be part of planning please email, [Eidfayre@aldryngtonpta.com](mailto:Eidfayre@aldryngtonpta.com). Please do get in touch if you can help with henna or face painting and any other skills you may be able to offer. We would be very interested in hearing from you. Open to all.

## School Funding

At the last PTA meeting on 2nd March the school requested support from the PTA with the following items:

- Upgrades for classroom whiteboards.
- Books for school library.
- Outdoor stage and reading area.
- Lower school outdoor space

These will be considered by the PTA committee subject to quotes and further details. Please consider coming to the next PTA meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> April to be involved in the discussions about how the PTA funds are spent within school.

## Ongoing Fundraisers

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](http://www.easy2name.com) will give us a 20% commission on all orders. Quote Aldryngton School PTA RG6 at checkout.



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

## Online Shopping

There are thousands of retailers who donate a percentage of your online shop to your chosen charity. Please register via the **Easyfundraising** page and 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.

<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](http://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](http://smile.amazon.co.uk) for your purchases to qualify.



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. Contact your HR department to find out details for your company.

If you do work for a company that could offer match-funding, please make yourself known to the PTA committee.