



Aldryngton School PTA

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PTA News

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Welcome to Aldryngton PTA

Fundraising Summary

All the events in the 2021/ 2022 academic year raised a fantastic total of £14,877. Thank you so much to the committee, event teams and to everyone who supports the PTA events.



Your PTA Officers for 2022/23:

Chair – Freya O'Mara

Vice Chair – Tina Shepherd

Secretary – Sara Deadman & Michelle Felton

Treasurer – David Spedding

Aldryngton PTA is a charity run by parent and guardian volunteers. As a parent or guardian 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 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.

If you love seeing the smiles on the faces of our children during or after PTA events then come and join a fantastic community or read on for how you can support!

We need your help, skills, and time

We are still on the lookout for more volunteers to help run or shadow other parents for the following: Pool Club, Wrap a Present, Try-a-Tri, Christmas Fayre and Bake Sales.

Please do reach out by email: ptateams@aldryngtonpta.com

We are always looking for people to take over when the current team moves on, so if any events or committee positions look like they might suit you, then come along to the PTA meetings and see the PTA in action!

Parent Links

Each class has a parent who acts as the liaison between the PTA and the class families. Watch out for opportunities to volunteer in this role.



Match Funding

Last year we successfully raised additional money for the PTA thanks to several parents who work for companies, such as Dell, Microsoft, Thames Water and Vodafone, that offer employees who work for them the benefit of "Match funding".

What is match funding?

It is a funding mechanism whereby a company matches the fundraising done by one of its employees.

Unfortunately, we lost several "Vodafone parents" last year. We have identified a number of new parents who work for Microsoft. We believe there are still parents out there who can

help support the PTA with match funding.

Do you work for a company that offers match-funding?

If you or your partner does please do reach out to the Vice Chair email –

vicechair@aldryngtonpta.com

If you are unsure, please contact your HR department.

Name labels

When buying labels for school uniform and other personal items, please use one of the following schemes. In doing so you will help raise funds for our school.



www.easy2name.com will give the PTA 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! StampTastic offer up to 25% commission on orders. Just use our PTA Code RG67HR at the checkout.

Please do remember to label all uniform. We see many jumpers and cardigans in the lost property bins with no labels.

Pupil Fundraiser



In June, Eleanor, a pupil at Aldryngton, set up a lemonade stand on her road to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee and raise funds for Aldryngton PTA. She raised a fantastic £11.50. Well done and thank you!



Online Shopping

Do you shop online with Amazon?

If you do, please install Amazon Smile app on your mobile, or use www.smile.amazon.co.uk. Then select Aldryngton County Primary School PTA as your chosen charity and the PTA will receive 0.5% of the net purchase price. Remember always use Amazon Smile app or www.smile.amazon.co.uk.

Easyfundraising is another way for us to earn commission from online shopping. All you need to do is 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/>



If you would like to join the PTA facebook closed group for parents with a child at Aldryngton please locate the group and request to join. The name is: **Parents of Aldryngton Primary School Reading.**

Cash4Coins

This is a scheme to raise money by collecting all foreign currency, new and old, including old British coins and notes. In 2019 this scheme made £160! The collection bucket is in the reception area of school, please bring any old coins or foreign currency and add them to the bucket. It's almost full, so please get your old or foreign coins and notes into the bucket at reception **before the half-term holidays.**

Volunteering Opportunities

Below are some of the upcoming events that the PTA hopes to run this year, and explanations of the volunteers required. Have a look at the PTA website for other events run by the PTA. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the relevant event teams.

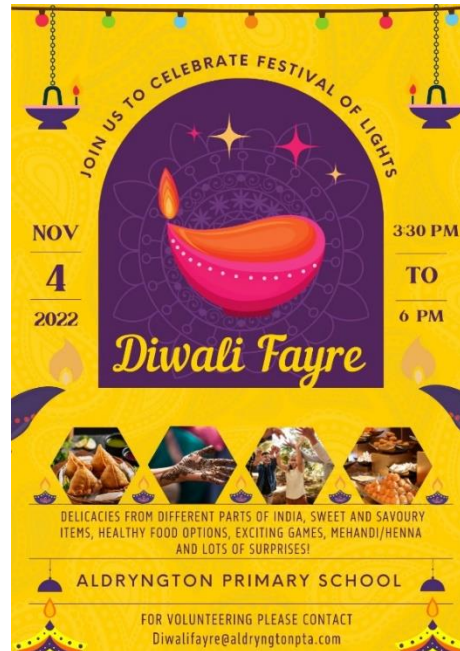
Disco 20th October

Aldryngton holds three school discos for the children per year, once per term. These are much loved events. The first one for this year will be on Thursday 20th October. The current organising team will be moving on in the coming years, so we will need new volunteers to shadow with a view to taking over.



Family Lounge 20th October

A licensed bar is held at the same time as the discos, serving refreshments and snacks to parents who wish to wait on site while their children attend the discos. The organising team are responsible for purchasing drinks and snacks, setting up, selling, and tidying away on disco nights.



Diwali Fayre 4th Nov

Save the date for our first Diwali fayre on **Friday 4th Nov** after school until 6pm. It promises to be a fantastic event bringing all Aldryngton families together regardless of faith. If you would like to volunteer to help on the day or be part of planning please email, Diwalifayre@aldryngtonpta.com.

Please do get in touch if you can help, we need lots of volunteers to cover roles for stalls, setting up the fayre and the clean-up. If you are happy to cook some food, or can help with applying henna or face painting, we'd love to hear from you!

Wrap-A-Present week commencing 21st November

This popular event takes place during lunch time and gives children the opportunity to buy, wrap and tag Christmas

presents for their family and friends. For the most part the buying for this takes place in the January sales, and then there is a lot of preparation in the run up to the event in the Autumn term. The current lead and team will continue for this year but would like to recruit volunteers to shadow with a view to taking over.

Christmas fayre, Sat 3rd Dec Including, Santa's Grotto!

The Fayre includes gift stalls, craft activities, tombola, Santa's Grotto, face painting, games, food and licensed bar, raffles and Grand Draw. We have an event lead but will need a huge group of volunteers to help organise the stalls, and volunteers on the day.

Textile Collection, Tuesday 5th Dec

Parents are asked to fill bags with unwanted textiles (clothing, shoes and other household textiles). These are collected by Bag2school and they pay the PTA per kg collected.

Volunteering Opportunities at big events later in the academic year. Planning will start in the Spring Term for many of these events, so if you are interested in volunteering then get in touch now.



Pool Club, starting week of 24th April 2023

Throughout the summer, families can join the pool club to enjoy the school's heated outdoor swimming pool. A new lead volunteer and team are needed to run the pool club in the summer of 2023. If you have enjoyed the pool club before, this could be an ideal opportunity to volunteer with a group of others. Without volunteers there will be no pool club in 2023.

The Pool Club organising team start activities in the months before the pool opens, duties include:

- Admin, including updating pool documents, risk assessments, and rotas for members supervisor duties.
- Setting up online application, processing, and checking payments received.
- Coordinating and arranging the Resus training sessions

for all members with the trainer and the 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 before the season starts.



Try a Tri, Sat 17th June

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. This is a huge fundraiser for the PTA, and a truly popular event with Aldryngton families. It requires a huge number of volunteers on the day, but also the organising team are needed in the three months running up to the event for a variety of roles.

Roles include:

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

Event Purchasing – Buying medals, trophies, tapes, checking stopwatch batteries and buying new ones if needed, etc.

Administration and Communication – all communications, online applications & payments, registration paperwork, sponsorships, preparing goodie bags before the event and collating sponsorship forms and monies after the event.

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

Event Safety Officer – Qualified first aiders, without whom Try-a-Tri cannot go ahead.

Eid fayre

In the summer of 2022 a parent suggested the PTA run an Eid Fayre. The Eid-al-adha Fayre ran after school on Friday 15th July and was an enormous success. If you would like to see a similar event in the summer of 2023 then please consider volunteering to be on the organising team. We really need lots of volunteers to organise it!