

Aldryngton School PTA

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PTA News

May 2023

Your PTA needs your help, skills, and time.

All the events that the PTA run throughout the school year are entirely dependent on volunteers from our community. We are still on the lookout for more volunteers to help run events for the following: Pool Club, Wrap-a-Present, Try-a-Tri, Christmas Fayre, Disco, and Bake Sales.

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, even if there isn't a specific request, then come along to the PTA meetings and see the PTA in action!

The School and PTA are also looking for parents who are skilled professionals to maybe help with areas around the school. painters, carpenters, electricians...

If you can help in anyway, please do reach out by email: ptaofficers@aldryngtonpta.com or come along to the next PTA meeting to find out what is involved.

The next PTA Meeting will be held at school and on Teams on Friday 9th June, at 2pm in the ICT Suite.





Reasons to volunteer with our PTA

1. Your child benefits

The PTA is an important part of the school and helps to enrich your childs school experience. Our fundraising provides extra for your child such as iPads for use in school, magazine subscriptions and treats such as panto in school visits.

3. We have fun

Being part of the PTA is a fun and rewarding experience. We host fantastic events where parents can get together. Many friendships develop from being part of the PTA.

2. Make a difference

As well as fundraising the PTA organises events which add to our children's school experience. In the past the PTA have organised three School Discos per year, the Christmas Fayre and Try-a-Tri, a team sporting event.

4. 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.

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Fundraising Summary

Easter Egg Hunt - £586 profit School Disco - £821 profit



Easter egg Hunt

We raised a fantastic £586 for the school with 285 children taking part - everyone had an egg-cellent time and we would like to thank the parents that helped bring this together over the two lunch-times as well as the staff. We were so lucky that the Easter bunny joined in too!

Thank you, The Easter Egg Hunt Team

School Funding

Thanks to all parents and guardians who have helped raise vital funds for the PTA.

Recently the PTA has agreed to fund the purchase of additional accelerated reader books for year 2, additional copies of the books read by the whole class for middle and upper school, replacements for playground equipment, and drama workshops for all years.

Match Funding

Match funding is a funding mechanism whereby a company matches the fundraising done by one of its employees. 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 if your company offers match funding, please contact your HR department.

Upcoming events

Below are some of the upcoming events that the PTA hopes to run this year, and requests for 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.



Thursday 18th May

Aldryngton holds three school discos for the children per year, once per term. These are much loved events. The final disco of this academic year will be on **Thursday 18**th **May**. Thank you to those new volunteers who have come forward to run the discos from September

onwards. Thank you for Kelly for all your hard work with the Discos.

Outdoor Family Lounge on the night of the Disco. Weather permitting the family lounge will be held on the school field, serving refreshments and snacks to parents who wish to wait on site while their children attend the discos. Please note there will be no access to toilet facilities. If you can help selling drinks on the night, please look out for the volunteer request on facebook.



Ice lolly sales will be running again this summer, run by Year 6 parents with money raised going towards the Leavers party.
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Weather permitting ice lollies will be on sale in the playground after school on:

09Jun23 - Friday

23Jun23 - Friday

30Jun23 - Friday

Pool Club, started Tuesday 2nd May. While you enjoy the pool in 2023, please consider volunteering to create a team to run Pool Club in 2024, the more people can step forward to volunteer then the easier it is for everyone.

Duties include updating documents, organising Resus training before the season starts, and managing communications during the season.

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Try a Tri, Sat 17th June

Try-a-Tri is back, ParentMail communication on 15th May for details of what it is and how to apply.

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, please contact David if you can help on the day, or join the organisation team for 2023: tryatri@aldryngtonpta.com



Eid ul Adha fayre, Fri 14th Jul

Save the date!!! Eid fayre is back again this year after a very successful event last year. Come again and enjoy the activities for a great end of year celebration. It is the last time organising for one of the team members as it is their last year at Aldryngton. If anyone is interested in shadowing and being part of the team, please get in touch.

We hope to see lots of volunteers on the day like last year for this event to be successful again. If you are interested in volunteering or being part of the team please

Eidfayre@aldryngtonpta.com. We would welcome any support.

Ongoing Fundraising 2nd Hand /Pre-loved Uniform

As we head towards lighter evenings and the Summer terms the PTA will be planning pre-loved uniform sales in the school playground, please keep an eye out on parentmail and facebook. If however, you need a logo jumper/cardigan or maybe looking for a summer dress or shorts. Please do reach out via the email Uniform@aldryngtonpta.com

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<u>.stamptastic.co.uk</u> you can buy a personalized 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

Unfortunately, the Amazon Smile scheme for raising money for the PTA is coming to an end, but you can still raise money for your PTA while shopping by using Easyfundraising.

Easyfundraising is away 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.u k/causes/aldryngtonpta/

Cash4Coins

This is a scheme to raise money by collecting all foreign currency, new and old, including old British coins and notes. The collection bucket is in the reception area of school, please bring any old coins or foreign currency and add them to the bucket.



Textile Collections

There is no textile collection planned for the Summer Term. Thank you to Hema, who has stepped down from organising the Textile Collections. Which means we need someone to lead these collections going forward. This role involves liaising with school for dates and storage area at school, and advertising to parents.

Aldryngton Facebook group

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.