



Parents at Ladygrove Park Primary School (PALS) PTA Newsletter

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PALS Newsletter - September 2020

Firstly welcome to all the new families that have joined the Ladygrove Park community this September. At the time of writing we find ourselves in unusual times and hoping everyone is staying safe. It's been an understandably quiet time in the PALS world, but as we return to school we are planning some new events and working out which existing fundraisers we can still proceed with. Our newsletters will be published termly to keep you up to date on monies raised and upcoming events. You can, as always, find out information on our Facebook page, as above. Any new parents are welcome to join this Closed Group to stay in touch. And thank you for reading our first newsletter of the school year!

Please read on to find out about forthcoming events, including our AGM. This year Nicola de Sousa is stepping down from her PALS Secretary position after 2 years, and we would like to thank her for all her help and support during this time. As we look to replace her, please get in touch if you would like to find out more about what this role entails. You can contact us on ladygrovepals@gmail.com

Event Recap

Our fundraising was obviously cut short this year, but we still raised over £3800. Thank you to everyone involved in organising, helping out, and attending our events. We raised money through the following events and activities:

Autumn Term: Bag2School clothing collection; Christmas Cards; Christmas Raffle, Christmas Movie Night.

Spring Term: Break the Rules Day

Throughout the Year: Donations via online shopping (see info below); donations from Ladygrove Co-op; donations from Phoenix Taekwondo for use of the school hall, and second-hand school uniform sales.

All profits go directly to support school - money raised will this year be used to purchase new Chromebooks for student use, PE equipment, and helping with purchase of new outside play equipment.



Halloween Disco!

We might not be able to get together in person, but why not online - we have organised a Virtual Halloween Disco!

Tickets cost £3 per household, and to ensure we are completely contactless you can purchase tickets online via www.pta-events.com/ladygrovepals

There are only 70 tickets available for this event so grab yours before they sell out!

Party Notes:

- ★ The party will take place via Zoom, your meeting ID and password will be sent once you have booked.
- ★ Speaker only is an option for shy children who want to join in but don't want to be seen.
- ★ Ensure you have plenty of space for activities, and the bigger the screen the better!
- ★ **Children must have adult supervision throughout.**

Quick Fundraising Methods

A quick reminder about how you can help raise funds from the comfort of your own home!

Amazon

If you are an Amazon shopper you may already be aware of their “smile” scheme where they donate to a charity of your choice every time you shop. Simply go to smile.amazon.co.uk and select your charity as “Parents At Ladygrove School (Pals) Pta”. Once this is set up, every time you use Amazon via the smile.amazon.co.uk website - or the Amazon app on your phone - a donation to PALS will be generated.

easyfundraising

Another way to make the most of your online shopping is to shop through easyfundraising. It doesn't cost you anything but every time you make a purchase via their website or app they make a donation to PALS. To sign up:

1. Go to: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/QRC311>
2. Enter Parents at Ladygrove School (PALS) PTA in the search box
3. Click Join Us and enter your details and click on Create My Account

My Nametags

We have a fantastic deal with My Nametags so that every purchase you make gets a 20% donation to the school, at no extra cost to you. Simply add our school code 23568 when ordering. My NameTags sell both iron-on and stick-on labels, personalised with a variety of colours and designs.



Stamptastic

If you prefer to stamp your child's name on belongings, we have a similar deal with Stamptastic. At the checkout add our PTA Code OX117GB to the Discount Box and PALS will again receive a 20% donation from the site. Please note the recently updated code if you are an existing customer!

Upcoming Events

Virtual Halloween Disco

This is taking place on Wednesday 28th October, 5.30pm - 6.15pm. Please see above on how to book!

Annual General Meeting and next PALS Meeting

Our AGM will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 12th November, as a remote zoom session, and all parents are welcome to attend. As well as hearing about how we have done over the last year, this is also where you can find out about future events. We would love your feedback and support, and look forward to seeing you on the call. We will also be re-electing our current team - if you are interested in filling our Secretary vacancy please get in touch.

Christmas Cards

Too early to mention Christmas? Children will have the opportunity to design their cards at school, and PALS will co-ordinating the ordering process. So don't rush to buy in the shops just yet when you can have your child's artwork instead! More details will follow later in the term with regards to the order process and deadlines.

Christmas Raffle

In absence of the Christmas Fair we are still hoping to hold a Christmas Raffle. Details to be published nearer the time so please watch this space....

Ongoing Donations

If you work for an organisation that has a match funding policy, any money you raise could be matched by your employer. Companies may match the fundraising total for an event, or for the stall that their employee is working on. If you are able to help us this way, please let us know and we can discuss your companies' requirements.

As a charity we accept donations at any time of year, not just for events. We have been asked by parents if they can still donate, in absence of events. If you would like to make a donation to our charity then please email us on ladygrovepals@gmail.com to get our bank details. Any donations are hugely appreciated!