



**ALDERLEY EDGE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL**



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## **PTA Autumn Update – October 2021**

Hi All

The autumn nights are drawing in and we're almost halfway through our new (& last) term of 2021!

It has certainly been an unsettling and unpredictable couple of years and we wanted to write to you to provide an update on a couple of things and also ask for your support, so that we can make our children's school experience even more enjoyable.

As you may be aware from the school newsletter, the PTA committee have now stood down and we would like to offer a huge thanks to everyone involved over past years- hosting great events, being creative in adopting virtual events, making a real difference to children at key events and also raising a significant amount of money to be invested in a whole range of things, particularly the impending Multi Use Games Area! There are certainly some big shoes to fill but we wish everyone well and hope we can build and grow on previous successes.

With that in mind, we would like to introduce ourselves as your new PTA committee: Sophie Marsh (Chairperson), Gordon Duffus (Vice-Chairperson), Bethan Hughes (Treasurer), Joanna Cook (Secretary), Nina Ahrens (Deputy Secretary), Becky Williams, Kate Duffus, Laura Walker, Terry Walsh, Helen Rylance, Lucy Bowden, Lucy Wildig and Wendy Wilson. Anna Baker will still be a committee member to lead on the MUGA activity.

The new committee are full of energy and enthusiasm for the year ahead and in recognition of the past couple of years are really keen to not only continue raising funds that benefit the children and the school but to also reunite children, parents and teachers by sharing opportunities to create great memories, (and have some fun in the process)!

We will shortly be updating the display board in the playground so that you can put faces to names and will also include your class reps, so please do come and say hello or feel free to grab us if you have any ideas!

There are a couple of easy fundraising ideas that we would like to draw to your attention to, some of which you may already be familiar with:

- **Easyfundraising**- Once you've signed up to support us on easyfundraising you can raise free donations for us every time you shop online. Simply search for the retailer and visit them via easyfundraising. **The retailer will pay a donation to Alderley Edge Community Primary School PTA** on your behalf when you checkout – (your shop will cost exactly the same!)
- **Amazon Smile** – Register Alderley Edge Community Primary on your existing Amazon account for every purchase you make and **Amazon Smile will donate 0.5% to the school PTA fund as a charitable donation** (at no additional cost to you). You can add via your existing app by selecting Amazon smile, entering the school's details and following the instructions- it takes less than 60 seconds!
- **National Schools Lottery** – previously a great success and the more people that enter the more prize money available, with weekly draws and for £1 per ticket. You can pay by direct debit (and can cancel at anytime), purchase tickets on a monthly basis or buy tickets on a rolling 1, 3, 6 or 12 month basis. There is also a £25,000 national jackpot available - you need to be in it to win it! You can sign up here:  
<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/alderley-edge-community-primary-school>

- **15<sup>th</sup> October – Break the Rules day!** We would love to see the children breaking the rules (within reason!), and for one day only, for 50p per rule broken (list attached) children can come to school in fancy dress, non -school uniform, paint their nails or rock their crazy bed hair for the day – this has been a great success previously so let's have some fun (and we'll send reminders nearer the time!)
- **5<sup>th</sup> November – Fireworks display....**We know this has previously been a brilliant event, not just for the school but for the local community as well, so we're exploring options to bring this to life.....watch this space!

The autumn term is arguably one of the busiest with Harvest festival, Halloween, Bonfire night, not to mention Christmas (!!)

and where possible we will share with you a proposed calendar of events for the term ahead which may take some time as we find our feet, in the meantime please do share your ideas with us, look out for future updates and get involved in bringing future events to life.

If you haven't already, please join our school social media channels for further update and reminders:

- Facebook: [www.facebook.com/AlderleyPrimaryPTA](http://www.facebook.com/AlderleyPrimaryPTA)
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Thanks in advance for your support,

The PTA Committee