



# AUTUMN 2023 NEWSLETTER

## Dates for Your Diary

### COFFEE MORNING

Friday, 17th November  
8:45am-10:00am

### PTA MEETING

Tuesday, 21st November  
8:00-9:00pm (on Zoom)

### NON UNIFORM DAY

### BRING A BOTTLE FOR THE TOMBOLA

Friday, 1st December

### CHRISTMAS FAIR & CHRISTMAS JUMPER SALE

Saturday, 2nd December  
2:00pm-4:30pm

### TOY DRIVE SUPPORTING THE SALVATION ARMY

Thursday, 7th December  
8:30am-8:50am



### ODYSSEY TAKEOVER

January (pending volunteers)

### PTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, January 16th  
7:30pm-8:30pm (at school)

### FILM NIGHT

### RECEPTION AND YEAR 1

January/February (pending volunteers)

## A Warm Hello from the PTA

We can't believe we are building up to the Christmas Fair already! Before half term we squeezed in a Macmillan Coffee Morning, a Nearly New Uniform Sale, a spooky Halloween Disco and a Crazy Hair Day - so thanks to all the amazing volunteers who made this happen. While you might see lots of parents and carers "front of house", what you might not see are all the other people that offer an hour here and there to help out, like Julie who stepped in to help produce this newsletter; Julia who took minutes at the last meeting; and Andy who has helped with a few flyers. They might not have formal roles on the PTA, but help out here and there, when they can, and it really does help to keep all our amazing fundraising events going.

As well as general helpers, we are also on the lookout for a new Chair (or Co-Chairs). Danielle and Lucy will be formally stepping down at the AGM in January after 2 years as Co-Chairs but are looking to hand the reins over during December for a transition period. This is a crucial role that needs to be filled in order for the PTA to continue raising funds. While there are key functions of the role that need to be done, such as meetings and financial decisions, it is possible "to do things differently" if you have other ideas to previous Committees. In addition, we are on the lookout for an Administration Officer and Communications Officer to support the team. These roles will need filling by January 2024 and we would love to provide some handover in advance of this. Jean (Treasurer), Karin (Bookkeeper) and Michelle (Meetings Secretary) will still be in place for another year to provide some consistency.

So if you're interested in any of these Committee positions or generally helping out a bit, do drop us a line at [pta@albancityschool.herts.sch.uk](mailto:pta@albancityschool.herts.sch.uk) for an informal chat.



We have 72 entrants this year in our [100 Club](#) lottery, sharing a prize pot of £720 over the next 10 draws!

Congrats to our October winners!



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# CHRISTMAS FAIR

FESTIVE MUSIC, FUN  
GAMES, ACTIVITIES &  
TASTY REFRESHMENTS

Saturday 2nd Dec

14.00 - 16.30

@Alban City School

UNDER 12S FREE  
ADULTS £1 ENTRY

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& HOWLEY

## Christmas Fair: Help Needed!

Can you sprinkle some magical fairy dust on the Christmas Fair? This festive event is just around the corner - **Saturday, 2nd December** - and we're really excited by the plans currently underway, with festive games, crafty activities, scrummy refreshments and Christmassy music from our fabulous School Choir - we think it's going to be a wonderful school get-together!

But **we do need our parents and carers to volunteer an hour of their time** to help out on a stall. If each family can spare just 1 hour, our rota will be full and the fair will run smoothly for everyone to enjoy. So, please [sign up here](#) and we're sure Santa will put you on the Nice List.

All funds raised this year will be directed to music and sports enrichment activities.

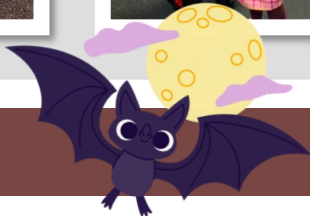
## Christmas Jumper Sale



After the success of the first Christmas Jumper Sale, we will be running this again at the Fair on Saturday, 2nd December. If you have any jumpers or tops that are too small - for you or the kids - please donate at the Nearly New Uniform bin (at the entrance near Lime Class).



## Crazy Scary Fun!



Last term saw some very scary and very crazy goings-on at school. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped Danielle and DJ Mole entertain Years 4 through 6 at the Halloween Disco. And thank you to all the parents and carers who supported Crazy Hair Day with wacky styles and generous donations. **We have raised an amazing £1400** across both events.

## easyfundraising

Organising your weekly supermarket delivery? Purchasing Christmas gifts for family? Booking a trip this winter? EasyFundraising turns your online purchases into **free donations** for us, at no extra cost to you! [Sign up](#), shop now and raise!

## Fancy a Cuppa?



We love our Friday Coffee Mornings! They're a fab way to welcome new parents and carers to the school across all the year groups and a good chance for a natter post drop off. October's Coffee Morning in support of Macmillan Cancer raised £150 and also introduced lots of new Reception parents to the school.

Want to help the PTA but don't have much time? Why not [sign up to help](#) run a coffee morning? Thanks to Kate, Eleonora and Natalie who are organising the next one on Friday, 17th November.

## BRADFORD & HOWLEY

A huge thank you to [Bradford & Howley](#) for their continued support and sponsorship of our fundraising events!

## Welcome, New Reps!

We would like to welcome our new Reception class reps - Lucy, Rachel and Lu - for Apple and Lime.

[Visit our webpage](#) for a full list of officers, class reps and shop staff who make it all happen for the PTA!

# WISH LIST SUCCESS!



- £15k contribution to the school's much anticipated air conditioning project
- Rental of the Normandy Road site for Field Friday
- Resources for the 10th year anniversary 'felt heart' art project
- Seeds, plants and planters for class gardening projects
- An amazing set of ukuleles to support the music curriculum
- A Flamenco dance teacher for Spanish Day
- Refreshed guided reading books and banded phonics books
- New books for both the library and lending libraries outside of classrooms
- Subsidised school trips for Year 6 Leavers and the annual panto at Alban Arena



## Current Efforts

We continue to raise funds for music and sports enrichment activities across the school this term.

Plus our [EasyFundraising](#) money is now being directed towards technology enrichment activities!

A sincere thank you to all in the school community as we couldn't have fulfilled these wishes without your involvement, support and generosity.



The background features several festive jumpers: a green one with a reindeer, a red one with a tree, and a light green one with stripes. There are also strings of colorful Christmas lights scattered around.

**NEARLY NEW**

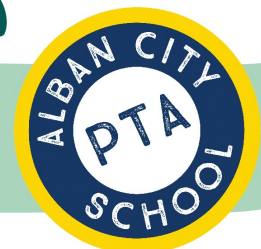
**CHRISTMAS  
JUMPER  
SALE**

**At the  
Christmas Fair  
Saturday 2nd Dec**

**MORE  
INFO  
COMING  
SOON**

From snazzy sequins to alpine scenes, we would love your donations of last year's festive jumpers which we will be selling at bargain prices!

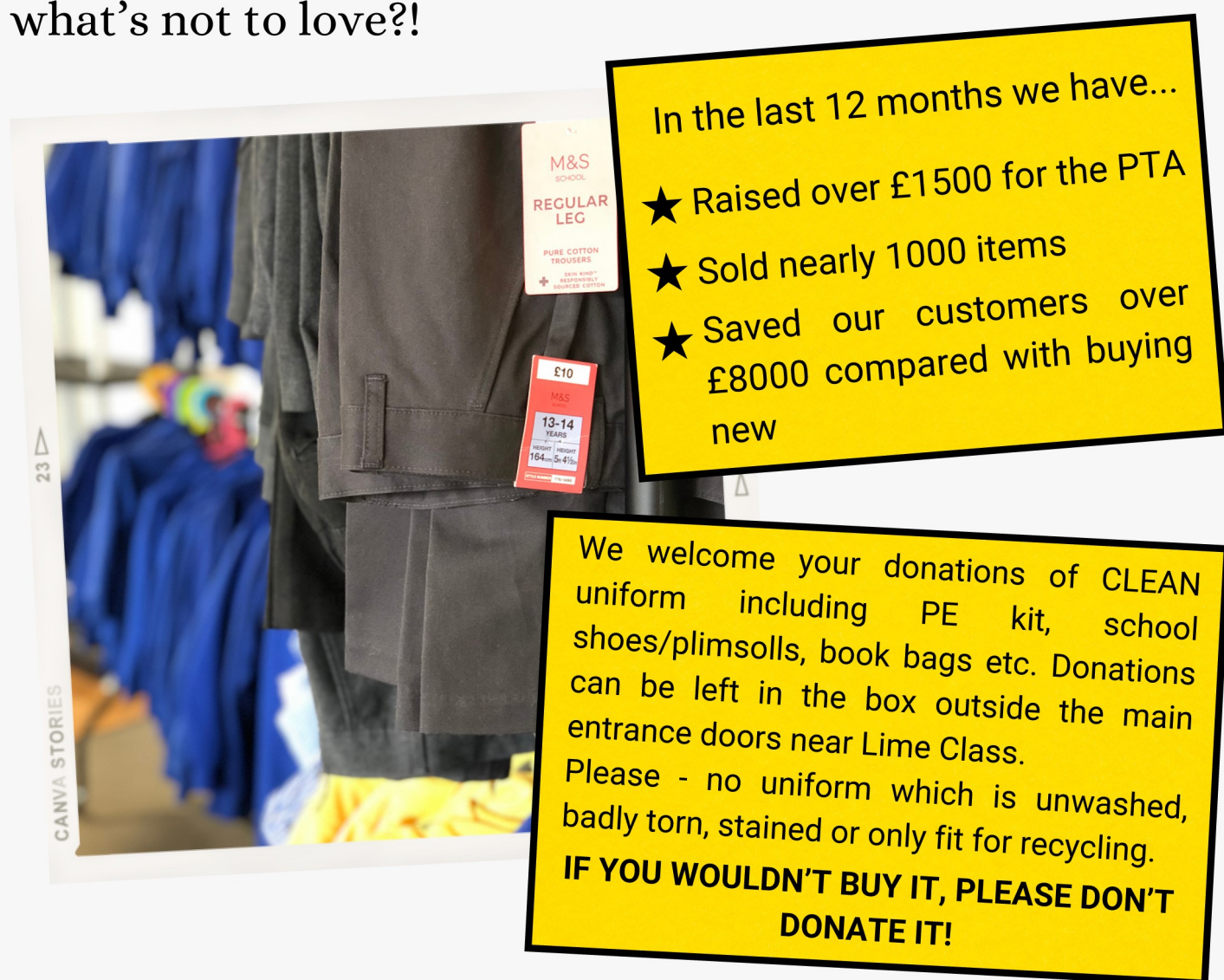
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# ACS PRELOVED UNIFORM



Our ever-popular uniform shop is all stocked up with hundreds of quality preloved items ready for purchase. It's super easy to buy via our online shop, and our wonderful team of volunteers will have your orders ready for collection from the office within a few days. Save money, textile waste and fundraise for the school - what's not to love?!



In the last 12 months we have...

- ★ Raised over £1500 for the PTA
- ★ Sold nearly 1000 items
- ★ Saved our customers over £8000 compared with buying new

We welcome your donations of CLEAN uniform including PE kit, school shoes/plimsolls, book bags etc. Donations can be left in the box outside the main entrance doors near Lime Class. Please - no uniform which is unwashed, badly torn, stained or only fit for recycling.

**IF YOU WOULDN'T BUY IT, PLEASE DON'T DONATE IT!**

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# Connect and stay in touch!

Visit our website and follow us on social media to stay in the know about future events and activities. Email us if you have a question, would like to volunteer or have a great idea on how to raise money for our wonderful school!

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## Corporate Social Responsibility

Does your company have a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) policy in place? Gizem, one of our class reps, has just secured one full working day to dedicate to the PTA as part of her company's "Cares Day" program. It's worth enquiring with your employer as we would greatly appreciate your time and assistance with any number of PTA projects!



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Alban City School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is a [registered charity](#) in England and Wales, #1198271.