



SPRING 2021 NEWSLETTER



December Events Recap

Looking back to December, we would like to share our sincerest thanks to you all for your support and enthusiasm for the events we were able to organise over the festive season. All in all, and given the difficulties we faced, we were able to raise an astounding **£3542!** The Christmas raffle alone brought in **£2126** (up by £826 from last year), so thank you again to all who bought tickets in support of this fundraiser as it really helped to fill a gap from our lack of a fair and other events we would have typically held over the autumn term. As a result of these fundraising efforts, and the generosity of a school family, we have been able to tick off yet more items from the school's wish list!

In addition to our fundraising activities, the children had heaps of fun at the Jack and the Beanstalk panto screened in the school's theatre and got their boogie on at the Christmas discos hosted by the superb DJ Mole who later shared *"That was honestly the best day I've had in ages, I loved it. So good to see happy children in real life again."* Finally, we cannot thank you enough for the generous donations made towards our toy drive in support of [The Salvation Army's Present Appeal](#), which helped to bring joy to so many children right here in St Albans at Christmastime.

Looking forward, we truly hope to plan some fun events and activities this spring for families to enjoy and lift our spirits some! In the meantime, warmest wishes to you all and we hope you are all keeping well during this very trying time.

Alban City School PTA Family

AGM Roundup

We had a great turnout for our AGM on Thursday, 21st January as we warmly welcomed those new to the PTA family and recognised our faithful class reps and officers who agreed to remain in their roles. A huge thank you to treasurer extraordinaire, **Julia Milligan**, for her hard work and number crunching over the past two years. We are happy to announce that **Helen Page** will step into Julia's big shoes! The annual reports from the Chair and Treasurer are now available on the [PTA website](#), and we hope to see you at the next meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, 16th March, 8:30pm** on Zoom.

School's Wish List

- * Additional trolley of 32 Chromebooks ✓
- * Art and design technology equipment ✓
- * Funds for Collins Big Cat readers ✓
- * Bulbs and plantings for gardening beds
- * Food technology equipment ✓
- * 30 electronic spell checkers
- * Comfortable seating for the library
- * Plant trees to offset our carbon footprint ✓

Future Considerations

- * Air conditioning for classrooms
- * Water fountain for the playground



Connect with the PTA!

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Upcoming Events and Activities

Despite obvious limitations, we still have a few ideas up our sleeves to raise funds and have some fun this term, whether we are in school or not! We really appreciate all of your continued support during these challenging times. **Events and dates listed are provisional and may change**, so please do stay tuned!

* **Sunday, 14th February – Sunday, 21st February:** Get in on some competitive and geographic fun with fellow classmates and family members in our eco-friendly **Virtual Balloon Race** launching on Valentine's Day! You'll have a chance to win prizes including £500 cash, an Apple iPad, National Book Tokens as well as prizes from the PTA for Alban City's top winners! Watch out for our flyer with all the details.

* **Tuesday, 16th March, 8:30pm:** Join us on Zoom for the next PTA Meeting.

* **Friday, 19th March:** One for the parents, we're bringing another **Comedy Quiz Night** to the comfort of your homes following the success of last summer's event!

* ~~Thursday, 25th March:~~ Show us your wild and wacky hairstyles on **Crazy Hair Day!** 
Rescheduled for summer term!

* Watch this space for an exciting **Easter Competition!**

* Stock up on summer uniform over the Easter holidays at our online **Nearly-New Uniform Sale.**



These days, we sure are shopping online more than ever before! Did you know that you can raise funds for Alban City School while you shop online? That's right! You have access to all of your favourite online shops such as **John Lewis, Boden, Amazon, Not on the High Street, Boots, M&S, Clarks, Argos, Waterstones, Just Eat, Booking.com** and many more! [Signing up](#) takes less than a minute and the mobile app is a cinch to use. Since the start of our partnership, our cause has raised £3200 solely from shopping through the easyfundraising portal. Head over to the [PTA website](#) for all the details and to get started today!



Big congrats to January's **100 Club** winners! The lucky numbers are:



1st Prize
£89.70



2nd Prize
£48.30



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Our Fantastic Class Representatives

Apple: Jenni Malcolm

Lime: Paula Williamson

Sky: Julie Fernandes-Tansley and Marta Skotnicka

Aqua: Sam Busher, Reena Chibber and Fliss Dundon-Smith

Scarlet: Amanda Currie and Karen Goodfellow

Crimson: Lucy Cooper, Annie Hopkins and Kerry Westrope

Amber: Carlie Bell, Dorota Hrstic and Julia Milligan

Vermillion: Heather Birt and Ana Catarina Martins

Saffron: Sophie Ashcroft, Carly Dawes and Abbie Hollick

Gold: Nicole Ho, Amy Leary and Ayanna Rezulska

Sage: Rebecca Balmforth and Lizzi Hodgkinson

Forest: Mia Stankovic

Amethyst: Philippa Kerr and Vanessa Sharp

Magenta: Sophie Attree and Susie Williams

...and Trusty Officers

Chair: Lizzi Hodgkinson (Amber/Sage)

Treasurer: Helen Page (Sky/Gold)

Communications: Julie Fernandes-Tansley (Sky/Vermillion)

Secretary: Amy Leary (Aqua/Gold)

Auditor: Susanne Lam (Forest)

Many Hands Make Light Work

No end of work goes into organising our events, so please do [get in touch](#) if you can lend a hand, or if you have ideas for a new event and are happy to organise it. Our goal is to share the load amongst a greater number of people, which will not only share the joy, but also make what we do more sustainable.

Fill our Pockets!

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