



## The Reading Hut



The playground buddies have worked hard on developing the reading hut in the school playground. Children are invited to read in here at break times and enjoy the books on offer.

## Use of WhatsApp groups

As we develop children's understanding of internet safety, we also need to model positive behaviours as adults. Class WhatsApp groups are set up by St Aidan's parents/carers to stay connected and support each other. They bring opportunities to build the St Aidan's community but inappropriate use has the potential to impact negatively on families, the school and the wider school community. Please consider the following guidance when using class WhatsApp groups:

1. **IS IT KIND?** Be kind and courteous. Healthy debates are natural but kindness is required. Take care before you hit send.
2. **IS IT APPROPRIATE?** Is WhatsApp the right channel to raise concerns or express these views? If you or your child has an issue with the school, staff or pupils, please address it with the school directly.
3. **IS IT INCLUSIVE?** Treat everyone with respect. No hate speech, bullying or degrading comments.
4. **IS IT PRIVATE?** Respect everyone's privacy. Being part of these groups requires mutual trust: please don't share private information.
5. **PHOTOS:** please make sure you have permission before posting or forwarding any images of children/families.

## Anti-Bullying Week

Thank you to the School Council who organised a launch assembly for anti-bullying week, which they delivered to children in Reception to Year 6 last week.

Everyone started the week with 'Odd Socks Day' and completed a range of activities to support our anti-bullying theme throughout the week, ending with Children in Need on the Friday where we raised £305.64.

Thank you to everybody who contributed to this fundraising event.

## Autumn Term Dates

Here's a reminder of the important dates coming up:

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022** – Nativity

Performance for Reception & Year 1 at 9.30am

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022** – Nativity

Performance for Nursery & Year 2 at 9.30am

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022** - Christmas Fair and

Disco (*see page 3 for timings*)

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022** - Last Day of Clubs for Autumn Term

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022** - Children's Christmas Lunch

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022** - Christmas Service at 11am (*all welcome but limited seating at Holy Trinity Church*)

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022** - Term finishes at 1.30pm

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023** – INSET Day (school closed to children)

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023** – Spring Term begins at 8.45am

## School Uniform

Just a reminder that children are asked to wear school logo jumpers and t-shirts at school as part of our school uniform. These should not be replaced with other jumpers or t-shirts.

## Punctuality

School starts for all children from Reception to Year 6 at 8:45am when the bell is rung in the playground. Please ensure that your child is on time for school; it can be stressful for children to join their class after everyone has started their learning.

A text may be sent out to parents of children who arrive late for school. This will be followed up if it becomes a regular occurrence.

### Thank you to our garden team

Thank you to the fabulous garden team who have worked so hard this term and provided so many valuable experiences to children.

### Update from the PSA

#### Christmas party and kids' disco, Friday 9

##### December

The two discos (KS1 5-6pm, KS2 6.15-7.15pm) are for St Aidan's children only. The party is for parents, carers, wider family and friends. We are not advertising it to the wider community, but please do bring along other guests.

Tickets (£3 each for everyone) will go on sale at drop-off all through next week and the week following, and will also be available on the night. Disco tickets include a hog-dog, party tickets include a mince pie.

Each class has now been assigned its stall to run at the party and your class reps will soon be asking for your help on the day if they haven't already done so.

##### Looking for Santa

One extra element, that will make our event really sparkle with Christmas cheer, is the presence of Santa. Please consider volunteering: we will provide the suit and your grotto; all you have to do is to oversee (not in any organisational way) the kids' lucky dip, along with the Yellow class parents.

Also, Santa does not have to be a man; just a person with warm and happy vibes. If this is you, please contact the school office or [tasha.may@live.com](mailto:tasha.may@live.com)

##### David Andrew sponsorship

The Christmas boards have gone up! Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to host one. In return for our displaying 50 boards, David Andrew will donate £1000 to the PSA.

We have also been thrilled to learn that David Andrew will be donating to the PSA 10% of their fee from the letting instruction of a former St Aidan's parent. A big cheque for £924 was presented to us last week. This long-standing pledge from David Andrew is for anyone with a property to let or sell, who simply mentions St Aidan's when instructing them.



### Christmas card project

Thank you to all the parents that have purchased items from their kid's Christmas card designs.

The total raised for the St Aidan's School PSA was £810.90

Big thanks to Carrie Vacher for organising this for us.

Products ordered by half term should all have been delivered by now and the final orders placed before the 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline will be delivered directly to school in the next week.

For any missing or incorrect items, please contact the organisers directly on 01642 489000

/ [info@classfundraising.co.uk](mailto:info@classfundraising.co.uk).

### Buy or rent a Christmas tree and help St Aidan's

We have signed up to the schools scheme offered by Christmas on the Hill. Buy a tree from them using our unique code, and they make a donation to the PSA.

The bigger the tree, the larger the donation.

You can find more info about the scheme here:

<https://www.christmasonthehill.co.uk/schools>

Our unique code is **ST Aidans22**

Please share this code with your friends, family, neighbours and colleagues so that they can use it too.

### Can you offer a match-funding boost to our Christmas fundraising event?

If you work for a plc or other large company, it's possible that they offer a match-funding scheme to double their employees' charitable fundraising. If you can offer this very welcome boost to our fundraising at the Christmas Party on 9 December, please make yourself known to Susie

May: [susie.m.may@gmail.com](mailto:susie.m.may@gmail.com)

### Fundraise as you do your Christmas shopping!

#### [Easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

Register on this website and a percentage of your spending with the participating retailers (too many to list here) will be donated by the retailer to the PSA. It costs you nothing!

On the website, go to 'find a cause', and type in '**St Aidan's Voluntary**...' We will come up as 'St Aidan's Voluntary Controlled Primary School, Stroud Green'. From that point it's easy to create an account. The site will offer you the 'donation reminder bar', which helpfully pops up when you're shopping on a site that donates.

#### [Smile.amazon.co.uk](https://www.smile.amazon.co.uk)

The PSA is also registered with Amazon Smile, which works similarly to easyfundraising. You can find us there as 'St Aidan's N4 Parent School Association'.

Simply make your Amazon purchases through this URL (it will still recognize your existing Amazon account) and every purchase you make will benefit the school.



ST AIDAN'S  
**Christmas  
Party**

**9th DECEMBER**

**SCHOOL HALL**

**KIDS XMAS DISCO & FREE HOTDOG**

*Key Stage 1: 5-6pm*

*Key stage 2: 6.15-7.15pm*

**BALL COURT**

*Bar, food, mulled wine, mince pies,  
bottle tombola, Santa's lucky dip,  
St Aidan's school choir and more...*

**5 - 8 pm**

**ENTRANCE £3**

# St Aidan's PSA Meeting Agenda and Minutes

## Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022

### Agenda:

1. Election of PSA Trustees
2. Upcoming events:
  - i. Christmas Party & Disco
  - ii. Santa visit to KS1 classes
  - iii. Christmas crafts
3. New year (and onwards) events:
  - i. Quiz – Thurs 2 Feb
  - ii. Auction – Fri 24 Mar
  - iii. Possible playstreet – pencilled in for Fri 21 April
  - iv. International celebration – Thurs 18 May
  - v. Summer Fair – Sat 24 June
  - vi. Ongoing class cake sales
4. Finance & Sponsorship
  - i. Gift Aid reclamation
  - ii. David Andrew Sponsorship
  - iii. Match funding
5. Spend requests
6. AOB

### Minutes:

#### Apologies:

Mari Gasparova

David Sansom

#### Voting-in of Trustees:

Susie May

Kerryn Rossander

Ali O'Dell

Elaine Gutzmore

Michael Speed

Kate Stevens (when she arrives)

All voted in and to be registered with the charity commission.

#### Christmas fund-raiser:

Tom who previously dj'd has volunteered to dj again for 2 x discos – KS1 and KS2. Disco ticket price includes a hotdog. £3 for disco entry, £3 for adult entry to the fair

#### Class responsibilities:

Front gate: Blue class (and Nic has offered to do waffles which can be sold, perhaps outside Red class so as to run power outside of red class

Food: Purple class

Bar: Indigo class (Louisa & Angela to do mulled wine)

Cakes & mince pies: Green class

Bottle Tombola: Orange class, will be 2 x 'star' prizes – Champagne

Santa's Lucky Dip: Yellow – a Santa to be recruited

Reindeer food – Red class

Disco hot dogs – Blue class

Christmas Playlist – Jim Hinson

Gazebos – from Crouch End festival (as borrowed for summer fair) – will need at least 4 x gazebos

Former year 6 pupils are keen to come – and potentially could be offered a fair-related responsibility

School choir will be singing between the two discos between 6 and 6:15

Santa visit for KS1. Small gifts to be sourced. The school to organise Santa and when to hand out gifts to children.

Class crafts – need to start working on during the last 2 weeks of November.

#### Next Year's Fund-raising Events:

Upcoming events next calendar year: idea is to run a fund-raising event each half term.

Green class cake sale coming up this Friday (18<sup>th</sup> Nov)

Cinema evening for children with food and drinks for parents in the playground – first half of the summer term (suggestion)

#### Finance and Sponsorship:

David Andrew sponsorship - houseboards – still need 9 x more addresses. In return for house-boards David Andrew will donate £1k.

Match Funding – we have a parent whose employer can offer this.

#### Spend Requests:

Already spent last year but not raised at the last mtg – storage pouches that are fitted onto the back of chairs of key stage 1 classrooms £644.40

Science resources: £250 for additional resources for this term – for KS1 & 2.

2 x guillotines £323.98 (aka precision trimmers)

Nativity Costumes: £100

Staff Christmas party – drinks & canapes: £975

#### AOB:

Class crafts to be sold during the last week of term

Children in Need day – 18<sup>th</sup> Nov, non-uniform day, children to bring £1.

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# CHRISTMAS GROTTO

*join the fun!*

**10** | **SATURDAY**  
**DEC** | **1.30PM - 5PM**

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