



Parents at Ladygrove Park Primary School (PALS) PTA Newsletter

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PALS Newsletter - Term 5 - May 2022

Our event planning is starting to return to pre-covid ways, with our recent Easter Hunt and now looking forward to the Summer Fete. If you'd like to get involved, even in a small way, please get in touch using the email address above.

Past Events

Easter Hunt

It may have been a long time coming but thank you to everyone who attended our Easter Hunt! Special thanks to those who helped out, everyone's contribution is greatly valued. It was amazing to see so many children - 143 in total - enjoying themselves, hunting for clues across the field and playgrounds, and claiming their Easter egg at the end. While the children explored, parents enjoyed the sunshine and our refreshments stall. We are so pleased to have raised £416 profit from this event, which will help fund the new playground markings.

Dates for the Diary

Non-Uniform Day, Thursday 9th June

In preparation for the Summer Fete we are holding a non-uniform day across school on Thursday 9th June. In return we are asking for donations of any of the below to be given to a PTA committee member on school gates that morning.

- ★ Sweets for the Sweet Tombola stall (sweets preferable to chocolate that can melt!)
- ★ A bottle of wine for our "Wine or Water" tombola
- ★ Suggested donation of £1 that we can put towards buying additional sweets

PTA committee members will be at both the Tyne Avenue and Avon Way entrances to collect items, or to take donations via our card readers. Cash donations can be made at the entrance or given to your teacher on your way into class.

Summer Fete, Saturday 18th June, 2pm-5pm



We are delighted that our Summer Fete will return this year! We are planning lots of different activities - plus fairground rides, refreshments, bar and local stalls to browse. We have a packed agenda for the arena, including dance, martial arts and choir performances. Entrance will be £1 on the gate (children go free) and we look forward to welcoming everyone.

In addition we will also be hosting an animal experience session, which can be pre-booked for only £3 per child. This involves a 15 minute session with Quirks Animal Roadshow, finding out about reptiles, rabbits and other animals, and even some animal handling. More information on how to book this will be on our Facebook page and in the school newsletter nearer the time.

As always, we need helpers to run this event, as without them it simply cannot take place. We are looking for people to support the many stalls we have planned, and/or to set up the event during the morning, and tidy away at the end. If you are able to volunteer either an hour or hour and a half of your time on the day, this would be greatly appreciated. This is a great way to meet new parents and of course support fundraising for the school. To volunteer please email us on ladygrovepals@gmail.com

**** We are looking for people who are happy to have a Davis Tate board advertising the Summer Fete displayed outside their house. You don't need to be in catchment, could be anywhere in Didcot and surrounding villages. If you are happy to have a board please email us with your address. Many thanks!****

Ongoing Fundraising

Second-hand Uniform Sales

A reminder that we have lots of school uniform, across all sizes, for only 50p per item. Second-hand uniform will be on sale at the Summer Fete in June, however if there is anything you need in the meantime please contact us on ladygrovepals@gmail.com. Please note that due to the volume of clothing we currently have (and limited storage space), for now we can now only take donated uniform that has a logo.



The graphic features the Ladygrove Park logo at the top left. Below it, a purple banner reads 'YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY'. Three numbered steps are listed: 1. JOIN OUR LOTTERY (with a £1 note icon), 2. BOOST SCHOOL FUNDS (with a bar chart icon), and 3. WIN CASH PRIZES (with a money bag icon). A red banner below says 'It's As Easy As' followed by three fingers. A list of benefits includes: Tickets cost just £1 a week, The easy way to help us raise funds, Local cash prizes every week, and Chance to win the £25k jackpot. At the bottom, it says 'To start supporting, visit: yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for: Ladygrove Park' and a small note 'Supporters must be 18 years of age or older'.

School Lottery

Anyone can take part in our School Lottery, parents, friends and family are all welcome. Every ticket bought raises funds for school as well as giving you the chance to win. It costs only £1 per row of numbers per week, and each week there is a draw to win the overall £25,000 jackpot, plus a cash prize available only to those signed up for our school. To enter, go to yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for Ladygrove Park.

We would also like to thank all our winners who have very kindly opted to donate their winnings to PALS.

Donate while you Shop

Treasure Map Trails

These maps are great for exploring, making you look beyond the shopfronts and enjoy our surroundings - there are maps available for Abingdon, Oxford, Banbury, Windsor and many more. Due to our affiliation, PALS will receive a donation of 30% of your spend. Simply use our referral link <https://treasuremaptrails.com/?ref=ladygrovepark>

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.

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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.



Stampastic

If you prefer to stamp your child's name on belongings, we have a similar deal with Stampastic. At the checkout add our PTA Code OX117GB to the Discount Box and PALS will again receive a 20% donation from the site.