



PARENTS ASSOCIATION
LOXWOOD SCHOOL

PALS NEWSLETTER: AUTUMN TERM 2024

Welcome!

The PALS team have been busy delivering a variety of events over the past year and we would like to share our special thanks to Rebecca McDowell and Alex Brayshaw for their incredible work as they stand down from their roles.

We would like to thank everyone from old and new parents, grandparents and teachers who took time out to attend our recent AGM. It was a huge success with loads of new ideas to bring to the table.

We have voted in our new committee for PALS:

Chair: Jasmine Hollis

Vice Chair: Rachael Malloy

Secretary: Alisha Russell

Treasurer: Pippa Court

How can I help?

By being involved!

Events: Fancy running an event with fellow parents from your class? Or join the Christmas Fair or Summer Fair Committees.

Meetings: Your opinions matter. Come along and add your ideas to the group.

Share your skills: Are you great at marketing or have a wide network of potential sponsors? We need you!

Volunteer: Don't have time to organise events but want to help? Then please sign up to volunteer at events. They can't run without you.

Current Positions

Second Hand Uniform Shop

We urgently need someone, or a shared position, to step forward and run our second hand uniform shop. Last year sales made over £500.00 and it is a great way to recycle and reuse uniform that has been outgrown. All uniform is kept in the PALS shed.



What is PALS?

PALS stands for Parents Association Loxwood School and every single parent, grand parent and primary carer are members of the charity with the primary focus to raise funds for Loxwood Primary School. We organise a whole calendar of different events, run the secondhand uniform shop and ultimately fundraise to fill the gaps in government funding.

Did you know?

Last year PALS donated over **£17,000** to Loxwood School buying a full suite of computer equipment so the school can now teach the IT curriculum. We also funded the annual class setup, tapestry, leavers year books as well as buying crackers for the Christmas lunch and ice creams for a summer treat!

Playground Pirate Ship Fundraiser

An all weather pirate ship designed for inspired play throughout the school year.

Cost: £12,000

Money Raised So Far: £6,000

Money Needed: £6,000



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MAIN EVENT: CHRISTMAS FAIR

6th December 4pm - 7pm

The Christmas Fair is an Autumn Term staple. Kicking off the festive season, everyone is invited to the school for carols, festive games and stalls. Not to mention the return of Elfridges, Santas Grotto and much, much more...

Donations

This event runs off your kind donations. So this half term is a perfect time to go through the toy cupboard, pick up that unwanted gift or pop to the charity shop to buy the following:

Friday 8th November – Teddies

Friday 15th November – Elfridges (any gift sets, toys, wrapping paper or sellotape)

Friday 22nd November – Chocolates/Wine

Friday 29th November – Mince Pies

There will be a donations box by the school gate at drop off and pick up for the items.

Please no items containing nuts.

Christmas Jumpers

This year we will be including a Christmas Jumpers & Festive Wear Stall at the Christmas Fair. Providing the perfect opportunity to buy your Christmas outfit ready for Christmas Jumper Day on the 19th December!

Have outgrown jumpers, Christmas PJs, sparkly tops or festive outfits? Then pop them in the donation box at Reception.

Raffle Prizes, Sponsorship & Craft Stalls

Do you run a local business or know someone who does? Would you be willing to donate a raffle prize, have a stall or want to advertise in the Christmas Fair digital programme? Then please email palsloxwood@gmail.com for more details.



Token Sales

Pre- Purchase Your Tokens:

20th November

29th November

At morning drop off and afternoon pick up.

Cash and card accepted.

Year Group Hampers

Organised by the amazing Class Reps, please donate an item for the Year Group Hampers in the following colours:

Reception: Blue

Year 1: Yellow

Year 2: Red

Year 3: Orange

Year 4: Purple

Year 5 Green

Year 6: Pink

Dates for Your Diary

28th November: Wreath Workshop

6th December: Christmas Fair

January: Beat the Blues with a Vandershoodle Cake Raffle

11th & 12th February: Valentine's Disco

28th February: Quiz Night