



Welcome to

The Thomas Alleyne
Supporters' Association
(TASA)

Our School's PTA

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1) Introduction from our Chair

My name is Sarah Carter and I currently have 3 children at Thomas Alleyne. I have been Chair of the current TASA committee since we relaunched in January 2012. TASA is our school's PTA.

TASA (Thomas Alleyne Supporters' Association) the school's PTA is about much more than simply fundraising. It exists to provide closer links between home and school and it is an excellent way to bring staff, parents and friends and family together socially in support of the school, working towards a common goal. It is fun too - just ask any of the Committee members or TASA helpers.

All parents and members of the school community are encouraged to get involved, even if they only have a small amount of time available. TASA is extremely conscious of the ethos and diversity of our school, and we try very hard when organising and planning events to respect this. Not all of our events are run as fundraisers.

As parents, grandparents, staff and governors you are all automatically members of TASA and, although you may not want to attend meetings or may not be able to commit to every meeting, you are all very welcome at any time.

All meetings are held at the school in the Conference Centre and start at 6.30. Meetings usually last an hour but can go on longer if we have lots to discuss and are planning events. All dates are planned well in advance and are on the school website.

If you cannot attend meetings but would like to still help at our upcoming events or in other ways please contact me, either via email, carters@tas.herts.sch.uk or by phone 07977 551550

We are also on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Thomas-Alleyne-School-Association-TASA/365754380136655> and Twitter @TASA3 where you will find more information on events. You can also find up to date information about us on The Thomas Alleyne website, <http://www.tas.herts.sch.uk/ParentsandCommunity/ThomasAlleyneSchoolAssociation>

2) A word from our Headteacher

“We are incredibly proud of our vibrant and committed PTA, The Thomas Alleyne Supporters’ Association (TASA). The TASA members have made a fantastic contribution to our school - over the last year they have helped at a multitude of school events and organised some amazing fundraisers including a Winter Fayre, two pamper evenings and a Summer Extravaganza. Without the support of our TASA members none of these important and enjoyable activities could take place.

The money raised from TASA events is used to enhance Thomas Alleyne's for all members of the school community. The TASA team has worked closely with our Student Parliament to identify the areas that the students would like the funds spent on. As a result of this we have been able to improve the open area in D-Block through the purchasing of new furniture chosen by the students. This area has been transformed into a popular area for students to socialise in during their break and lunchtimes.

We hope that you are able to support our school by joining TASA. Your support can come in a variety of forms; if you have the time then your attendance at our meetings would be fantastic. If you are unable to attend meetings, then spending a couple of hours supporting an event by either helping or attending is extremely welcome. We look forward to welcoming you into the TASA team this year.”

Mark Lewis
Headteacher

3) Fundraising

In our first year we;

Held our first Car Boot Sale at the school - May 2012

Ran a refreshment stand at the School's annual Sports day - July 2012

Raffled a signed football from Stevenage Football Club - July 2012

TASA SoS (Smarten our School) Day - September 2012

Pamper Evening - October 2012

Winter Fayre with hog roast - December 2012

Three Charity Bag collections

Pamper Evening - March 2013

Forthcoming Events

TASA Summer Extravaganza

Saturday 13th July 2013

12.00 p.m to 4.00 p.m

at

The Thomas Alleyne School

Come along for an afternoon of family fun! There will be many stalls offering items for purchase, Face painting, Beat the Goalie with 'Boro Bear', Fire Crew, Bouncy castles, Games, Cream teas, Real Ales, Motorbikes from Vincent Motorcycles, Raffle and many more activities.

Live Performance by Nadeem Leigh, recently on BBC The Voice

TASA Ladies Pamper Evening

Thursday 10th October 2013

6.00 p.m to 10.00 p.m. at The Thomas Alleyne School

TASA Winter Fayre

Saturday 30th November 2013

12.00 p.m to 4.00 p.m. at The Thomas Alleyne School

4) How we spend money raised



We are guided by what the school needs from us and to find that out we always consult with the Headteacher and the School Parliament.

From the funds TASA raised recently we purchased seating for students to use in D Block and are currently raising funds to purchase more of this furniture for another seating area in C Block.

When presented to the Student Parliament they said "*This seating area is being regularly used by students and it has really improved this communal area. We would like to thank all the TASA members who organised the fundraising for these items*".

5) How can you help?

- We regularly hold events and are always looking for volunteers to help at these.
- Attend events and show your support for the school.
- Join the committee; meetings are only one hour once a month and your attendance give you and your family a voice in what we do.
- Keep and clothes, bedding and paired shoes ready for our regular clothing collections. Details will be sent to you when the next one is.
- Keep uniform when it is too small for your child and donate it to us for our Recycled Uniform Shop.
- Make purchases through EasyFundraising.com;
Easy Fundraising is the easiest way to raise money for The Thomas Alleyne School. Shop with any of over 2000 well known retailers listed on [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and a percentage of what you spend is passed to The Thomas Alleyne School at no additional cost to you. Retailers include Amazon, M&S, Vodafone, eBay, Tesco, Viking and many more. Please register to support us today.
<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thomasalleyneschool>

Finally

Enjoy your child's time at The Thomas Alleyne School. We all do and we know that by joining TASA and volunteering just a little bit of time we are making their time there even better. If you have any questions or want to help please contact Sarah on carters@tas.herts.sch.uk anytime.

