

Everyone with a son or daughter at Aldenham is automatically a member of ASPA, the Aldenham School Parents' Association. ASPA organises regular social and fund-raising events throughout the year providing an opportunity for parents to get to know one another and enjoy themselves at the same time. There are two ASPA committees: one for the Prep School, one for Martineau's and the Senior School. Both committees work closely together. We are always happy to welcome new members and any extra support you can give is always appreciated, whether it involves attending meetings to offer ideas, joining the organising committees, offering a little help on the day, or just coming along to enjoy yourself.

Throughout the year we put on a variety of social events. The Fireworks Evening, to be held this year on Monday November 5th starting at 6.00pm is the highlight of the Autumn term, complete with barbecue, hot dogs, mulled wine, and of course a magnificent fireworks display. Last term we organised a very successful Summer Ball, transforming the Dining Hall into Hogwarts – our chosen theme for the evening. We also run a 100 Club and stage occasional Quiz Nights. ASPA committee members play their part in welcoming parents at the new parents' evenings held in September by the individual houses. ASPA Prep had a very successful and busy year too, with a Summer Fair, Ladies Pamper Evening, Christmas Calendar and a Valentine Disco.

The money raised from ASPA activities is used to provide additional items which benefit all Aldenham pupils. Last year we gave £8,000 towards buying new cricket nets and provided some prizes for individual pupils at Visitation Day. In recent years, money raised by ASPA has gone towards providing extra drinking fountains in the school grounds and the installation of a PA system in the Chapel.

For our next fund-raising project we are aiming to raise £10,000 towards a new grand piano for the Music department.

Thanks go to Tracey Krieger, Angela Eagan, Sue Ellis and Denise Eagell who stepped down in Spring 2007 after serving three years as committee officers (chairman, treasurer, assistant treasurer and secretary). A new committee has been elected and we look forward to continuing the good work of ASPA in the months and years to come.

2007 Committee members:

Deborah Nicholes (chairman)	Alison Worsley (secretary)
Lesley Azam (treasurer)	Linda Lewis
Caroline Ritchie	Norma Bird
Gail Schuhmacher	Maria Kraushar
Shama Ismail	Denise Eagell
Fiona Oommen	Jacky Saunders