

## **HALE ACADEMY PTA – Committee Meeting**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Present: Stephanie Everitt, Anna Allen, Claire McDonald, Natalie Murphy,  
Lucy Capeling, Ellie Shaw

Apologies: Miranda Lewis



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### **1. New Chair of PTA Appointed**

Stephanie Everitt was officially appointed as the new Chair of the PTA.

Nominated by: Anna Allen

Seconded by: Lucy Capeling.

Steph will take up the position of Chair with immediate effect.

### **2. Finance Update**

During the last academic year we were awarded a grant from the Farnham Institute Charity that was to be put towards IT resources for the school. We had initially planned to use this funding to pay for the installation of WiFi at Hale but the full cost of this has now been covered by the Kite Academy.

The PTA Committee agreed that this money would now be reallocated to providing additional IT resources at the school, which will benefit the pupils. We have approached the school to advise how they believe this funding can be best spent.

We have also been granted an additional grant from the Farnham Institute Charity to fund the purchase of additional maths resources and additional storage for the nursery.

Amazon Smile and Give as You Live are both live but we do not believe the uptake is not as high as we would hope given the number of people who shop online and via amazon in particular.

Using Give as You Live and Amazon Smile is completely free and can help the PTA raise vital funds to support all children at Hale. Please see the information provided with these minutes to find out more.

Suggestions to increase awareness:

- Promote in weekly newsletter and possibly a standalone email.
- Social media posts to tie in with Black Friday and Cyber Monday.
- Update parents on how much this has raised to date.

Overview:

We currently have £8k in the account with £4.5k being allocated to IT resources.

Anna Allen is sorting out the banking mandates so that we can move to an online account as soon as possible.

### 3. P.E. Hoodies:

The school has around 25 brand new red P.E Hoodies that have the 'Hale School' logo on them. As new stock features the 'Hale Academy' logo the PTA will be planning to sell these items at a discounted price of £8 per item (a saving of around 50%).

Details of how and when these items will be sold are still being confirmed but we have been assured by the school that clothing featuring the old branding will be allowed indefinitely.

### 4. Christmas

Christmas at Hale is going to be very different this year but the school is planning to run a mufti day and fun run in conjunction with the PTA.

Money raised will be used to fund an online pantomime that all children will be able to watch in their bubbles. The PTA will also provide a snack and a drink for all children.

The PTA are also willing to pay for crackers / bubbles for nursery aged children if the school is able to run a Christmas lunch this year. We have also set aside funds to purchase a small gift for each child.

### 5. Other Fundraising Ideas:

- Virtual Balloon race: (Claire McDonald to sort).
- Involving the students and challenging each year group to come up with a fundraising event or idea. If they raise a certain amount the staff have to wear school uniform for one day.
- Round Table Santa Sleigh: We have been asked to support this again so may need volunteers nearer the time.
- Class tea towels or something similar – need a reasonable number to make this work financially.
- We have been donated a voucher for Lovelight Photography and will be selling this via a private auction this shortly. (Steph to sort).

### A.O.B:

We are looking to update our constitution document and Steph is looking into this).

Stephanie and Anna agreed to become Trustees.

Steph has list of all 2nd Hand Uniform stock and will be putting that into Dropbox shortly.