



HALE ACADEMY

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Is it too early to be talking about Christmas? Due to the Government guidelines, we have had to take the difficult decision this year not to do any nativity plays or concerts. Obviously at the moment parents would not be able to come into the school building and we would not be able to have more than one year group in the hall, but Christmas is not cancelled! Staff, backed by our wonderful PTA, are determined to make this year as special as we can so we have lots of different events planned. We are hoping to put our tree up outside this year so all our children can see it, we plan to observe Christmas Jumper Day, we are planning Santa/reindeer runs around the playground, we are going to have a 'Dec the Hale day' where children decorate their classrooms. We are also planning to film each class singing a Christmas song that we will send to all of our parents. Add this together with class parties and we will ensure the children feel all the build up to such a special time of year. More information on dates and times will come nearer the time.

It is looking like Christmas shopping may be more online this year than ever before; can I please take this opportunity to remind you that there is a very simple way that you can help raise money for the school without any cost to yourself. The PTA have just set up an Amazon Smile account which means for every purchase you make on Amazon we receive a donation. This is running alongside the Give as you Live account which also lets you donate to the school without costing you a penny. I have added the links below, at this time when fundraising is extremely challenging we would be very grateful for your support.

Give as you Live: www.giveasyoulive.com/join/haleptafarnham

Amazon Smile: <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1167294-0>

As you will be aware there have been lots of bubbles popping in our local secondary schools, we try to learn as much as we can from these situations and change our provision accordingly. From Monday, the children who have school dinners will no longer eat in the dining hall (even though this was with staggered timings and at a 2M distance). We are going to trial the children having a hot lunch served in a recyclable takeaway box in their classroom with their peers. Staff members will bring the lunches into the classrooms and it will be the same hot meal options as they would have had, these will still be booked in the same way through SCOPAY. If you do have any further questions, please email the school office on admin@Hale.Kite.academy

Thank you so much for everyone's kind donations today to the Children in Need charity, it is humbling to see how generous our families have been for such an amazing cause. The children have enjoyed a uniform free day and have looked incredible in their Spots and Stripes. The money is now in 72-hour quarantine, and we will announce how much we have raised in next week's newsletter.

Have a great weekend.
Clare Freeman

Polite Notice

We have had reports of some near misses with pedestrians and cars outside the school by the Year 6 block. Please set an example to our children and always use the crossing to cross the road. Thank you



Star of the Week



Nursery	Owen & Ivy
Yr R London	Wojciech
Yr R Surrey	Alice
Y1 Bristol	Eli
Y2 Aberdeen	Jack
Y3 Princeton	Danny
Y3 Stanford	Sophie
Y4 Durham	Cian and Keira
Y4 Warwick	Jaspar
Y5 Harvard	Ana-Maria
Y5 Yale	Bethany
Y6 Cambridge	George
Y6 Oxford	Melissa

Dates for your diary

2020 - 2021 Academic Year

w/c 16th Nov Anti-Bullying Week

Mon 16th Nov **Wear Odd Socks and Crazy Hair Day** for Anti-Bullying Week

w/c 23rd Nov NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe lessons

Thurs 26th Nov Year 6 WW2 dress up day

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS - Mon 21st December - Fri 1st January

Copies of letters can be found on the school website:

<https://www.hale.kite.academy/parents/year-group-letter/>

Anti Bullying Week—w/c 16th November 2020



Don't forget, to launch our anti-bullying week on Monday 16th November, the school council have decided in addition to the mis-matched socks they would also like everyone to come in wearing CRAZY hair.

The children still need to be in their full school uniform, but we look forward to seeing some fun hair styles and mis-matched socks. This start will be followed with different activities in their classrooms over the week and a whole school piece of artwork.

The Community Fridge and Cupboard at Hale

Community Centre is available to everyone in Farnham who is interested in helping reduce food waste. We have loads of donations from local supermarkets and companies: at the moment we have pizzas, meatballs, butter, peppers, onions, fruit, stir fries. In our cupboard we have pasta, sauces, Pot Noodles, breakfast cereals, chocolate biscuits, beans, tomatoes, soup, cleaning products, nappies. In the freezer we have homemade meals and soups along with lots of other goodies.



The Community Fridge and Cupboard is open every day from 10am - 12pm so do please come and see what we have that you could use before you do your shopping. This is about reducing the amount of food that goes into landfill which is perfectly edible and is something we can all take part in. Stock changes daily so please do come and see what you could give your family for tea. It is all free.

From HALE PTA

Christmas Trees

If you have shown an interest in buying a charity Christmas tree this year from Farnham Round Table and if you want delivery by 5th December, they need your order confirmed and paid for by Friday 20th November.

It will still be possible to organise School referral at payment confirmation stage. Thank you for your support

Please follow this link to get your tree!

<https://farnhamroundtable.org.uk/charity-christmas-trees/>



Blue Peter is the longest running kids TV show in the world and they have just launched Blue Peter on YouTube! They are uploading videos that are suitable for 5-11 year olds, including world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking, inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. They also feature ways of getting a Blue Peter badge, behind the scenes footage and extra content about the presenters Adam, Lindsey, Mwaksy, Richie and Henry the Blue Peter dog.

<https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter>

Please supervise your child when using YouTube



Turn your Christmas gifting into Christmas GIVING, by generating a free donation for us when you shop with Amazon!

We're delighted that Hale PTA is now part of Amazon Smile's charity list. This means that your everyday purchases could help us raise funds for projects to support our children's learning.

A huge thank you to everyone who has already signed up! If you haven't yet, it's really simple to do:-

Step 1: Join AmazonSmile

If you aren't already an AmazonSmile member, sign up at smile.amazon.com or via <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1167294-0> using a web browser (mobile or desktop). You'll sign in with your Amazon credentials, and the site will walk you through the process.

You will be asked for the charity you wish to support – search for **Hale Pta** (be careful not to pick Hale Parent Teachers Association as this is linked to another school!).

Step 2: To shop via the mobile app: open the Amazon Shopping App on your phone.
If you don't already have the app, download it from the Apple App store or Google Play.

Step 3: Open settings within the app.

Open settings by tapping the three horizontal lines at the top left and tapping Settings.

Step 4: Tap Amazon Smile (if you cannot see this option, you may need to re-install the app on your phone).

Step 5: Tap the button for "Turn on AmazonSmile"

You'll need to follow the three-step set up process. Note that Amazon requires you to turn on notifications to be able to use AmazonSmile on your phone.

Step 6: Confirm that AmazonSmile is active before your next purchase

Look for AmazonSmile at the top of the app as you browse. You'll also see your chosen charity on the confirmation screen.

Can I use my existing amazon.co.uk account on Amazon Smile?

Yes, you use the same account on amazon.co.uk and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, wish list and other account settings are also the same.

If you have any queries please email: pta@hale.kite.academy

Thank you in advance for your support and happy shopping!

Hale PTA





Generate donations for us from your Christmas shopping!

Support our vital work when you shop at over 4,000 retailers using Give as you Live Online. Join our community and start raising today!



www.giveasyoulive.com/join/haleptafarnham

Simply visit the link above to get started

A Cold or Coronavirus?

When should I keep my child at home?

My child is feeling unwell with
a runny nose, a sore throat, or is sneezing

but they don't have

- a high temperature
(two readings over 37.8°C in a four hour period)
- a new, continuous cough
(observed over a period of an hour)
- a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

These are not normally
symptoms of coronavirus

Seek advice from a pharmacy,
dial 111 or see your GP

Your child can attend school

Consider giving them some
paracetamol or ibuprofen to make
them feel a bit better

My child has

- a high temperature
(two readings over 37.8°C in a four hour period)
- a new, continuous cough
(observed over a period of an hour)
- a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

This could be a sign
of coronavirus

Do not send your child to school

Arrange a test

**Everyone in your household
must self-isolate**

**Children should only return to
school once they have received a
negative test result or 10 days
after they first showed
symptoms**

**If anybody else in your
household has any of these
symptoms, do not send your
child to school**

Follow the PHE guidance

If your child displays any of
the above symptoms whilst
in school, you will be asked to
collect your child.

You should then arrange a test
and self-isolate according
to the [PHE guidance](#)