

## The Kite Academy Trust Newsletter

# Welcome to Hale!

We are proud to announce that Hale School officially became part of the Kite Academy Trust on Tuesday 1st October 2019, and warmly welcome the Hale community to our family of Kite academies. Hale's conversion also coincided with the Trust's 4th Birthday so it was an extra special celebration as children from all our academies, joined by staff and governors, came together at Hale to fly kites. There was a great deal of excitement on the field as the children had fun getting to know each other. One boy commented "This is the best! I haven't flown a kite before and now I can do it!"

Mrs Clare Freeman, Academy Head at Hale, said "It was so lovely to see all the children from the other academies within our Kite family working collaboratively. They were all enjoying the fabulous kite flying weather and we are all looking forward to many more of these shared opportunities in the future."

### *From our Executive Heads.....*

It has been a busy first term for us in our new roles as Executive Heads. We have had the privilege of spending time in each academy which has helped us to get to know them better. We have enjoyed working closely with the Heads of each academy in evaluating their provision and developing their School Improvement Plans. We have done this by looking at data, undertaking learning walks, book scrutinies and talking to both staff and children. Indeed, a highlight of our visits is always the opportunity for pupil voice as it gives us a real insight into school life. The children that we have spoken to have been a delight and are all so proud of their academies. They have some amazing ideas about how we could improve. One of the wonderful things about the Kite family is that each academy is unique and has its own strengths to bring to the group. We look forward to the new term ahead!

*Jenny Rogers & Steve Meakin*





Well done to the children who represented Sandringham at a local Multi Skills competition held at Heather Ridge Infant School. The children represented their academy brilliantly with their demonstration of great sportsmanship and politeness. We are delighted to say that they won the competition!

## #TRANSFORM YOUR SCHOOL LIBRARY



With the help of local Independent Usborne Organiser, Katie Slingerland, Cross Farm has transformed their book corners with an incredible £1000 worth of free books! Over the summer holidays, the children took part in a sponsored reading challenge, followed by a book fair held at Cross Farm. Academy Head, James Titley-Rawson, said, "We are absolutely delighted with the amount of money raised and the new books we have been able to purchase. These books will support our children to find a love of reading by developing exciting book corners in every classroom and give children every possible opportunity to get immersed in high quality texts." £440 of these books were sponsored by families and the remaining £560 donated by Usborne Books – thank you!



Families at Fernhill have been enjoying 'Shine & Dine' sessions—children in each year group invite their families into class for half an hour to share their learning, such as phonics in Year 1 and maths in Years 1&2. Family members then join their children for lunch.





*Wreath-making*

Staff from Holly Lodge and the Kite Central Team enjoyed an evening learning wreath-making skills together. Not only did they enjoy the carols, mulled wine and mince pies but they were very proud of the end product!

## *Family Support Worker – Dates for your Diary*

Come & Ask sessions are held at all Kite academies. Appointments are available from 8am-4pm:

Cross Farm 18/03/20

Lakeside - 12/03/20

Fernhill - 19/03/20

Mytchett - 10/02/20

The Grove 05/02/20

Sandringham - 07/02/20

Hale - 26/02/20

Wyke - 13/02/20

Holly Lodge - 12/02/20

Evening appointments are available at the Kite Family Hub, Mytchett on 12/02/19:

5pm, 6pm, 7pm and 8pm

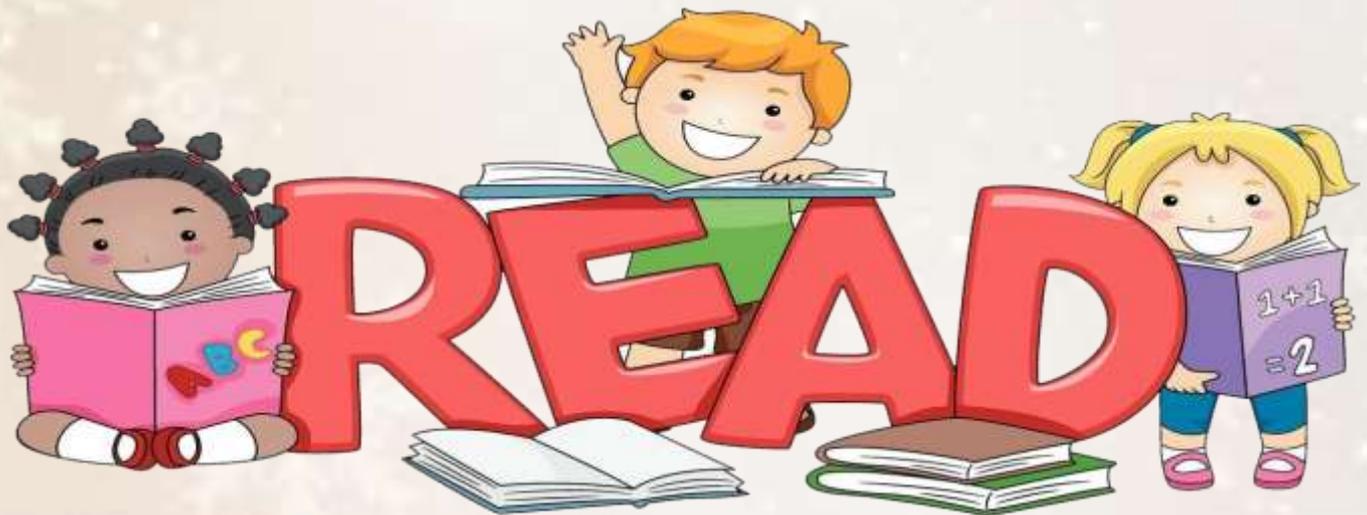


# Opening soon.....



## Family Hub

After a lengthy process, Surrey County Council took the decision to close a number of Children's Centres which included the Centre at Mytchett. The Trust would like to thank the staff of the Children's Centre for the many services they provided and wish them all the very best for the future. As the Children Centre was such a valuable resource for the local community, we are pleased to announce that the Centre will now be home to the Kite Family Hub. Our Family Support Workers will be based at the Hub and we plan to arrange sessions for our families. These will begin in the New Year—*more details to follow!*



The children at Wyke have been busy setting up and enjoying their new 'Swop don't Shop' book stand in school. Children bring a book in from home and swop it for another one from the stand. What a fantastic way to encourage and share the joy of reading!

Earlier this term, Mytchett had a two day Ofsted inspection under the new inspection framework. The inspectors wanted to see the breadth and depth of the curriculum, with 'deep dive' focus on reading, phonics, maths, science and PE. We are both delighted and proud that Mytchett retained their 'Good' rating. *Well done, Team Mytchett!*

## Attendance

Please ensure that you do not book any holiday in term time

The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013, which became law on 1st September 2013 states that Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Unauthorised Absences of 5 days or more incur a penalty fine of £60 per child, per parent.





Despite only having formed at the beginning of October, the choir at Cross Farm have high aspirations! They have entered the Eagle Radio Choir Competition. The children have learnt to sing and sign the song White Christmas and have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in this competition. We have our fingers crossed we may hear it on the radio soon! Our Choir also performed at our Christmas lunch for all the other children to enjoy. To hear our Christmas song please visit our Academy website.

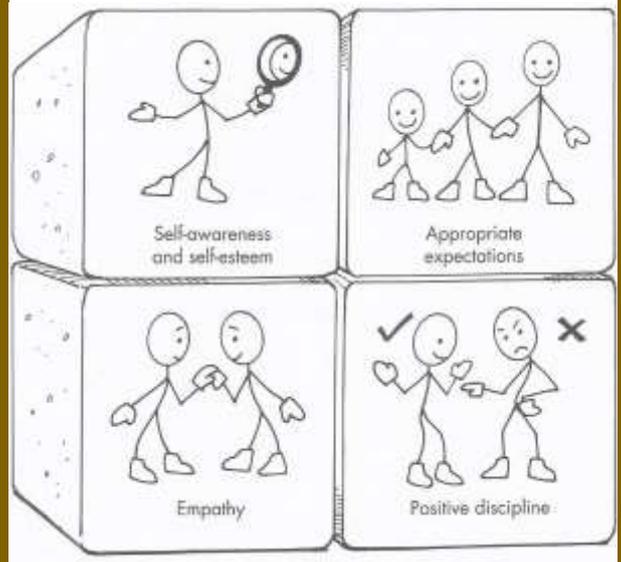
## Family Links Nurturing Programme

(10 weeks)

Tuesday 14th January 2020

12.45-2.45

Fernhill Primary



This term, Eagles class (Year 5) at Mytchett entered a competition run by the International Astronomical Union to name a star and a planet. They chose names and wrote a short paragraph to explain their choices. They then voted for the name they wanted to put forward to the competition, and chose Thistle and Poppy. Eagles class were successful in beating over 1000 other entries to get through to the final of this National competition along with 9 other entries. The final is a public vote, then there may be a star in the universe named by a Kite academy!

It has been a busy term at Holly Lodge! There have been lots of school visits related to the children's learning this term including a visit to Milestones, Windsor Castle, The Living Rainforest and Brooklands museum as well as two residential visits. We even had a visit from a "real live" stoneage man.!



# Admissions Consultation

The Kite Academy Trust is consulting on proposed admissions arrangements for all of our academies for September 2021. The changes being proposed are:

- Published Admission Numbers to include admission at Year 3 for our primary academies
- To remove the criteria "registered as being" (Note 1) [following published guidance]
- To remove "(a)" after references to the Children Act 1989 (Note 1) [following published guidance]
- To include "Children adopted from care outside England will be given second highest priority for a place at an academy" (Note 2) [following published guidance]
- To amend "relative's...address" as an exclusion to "It also excludes any relative's address unless the child lives at that address as their normal place of residence" (Note 6) [following published guidance]
- To amend to "Any child from a multiple birth will be offered a place if one child has already been offered a place and the subsequent child(ren) are ranked consecutively" (Note 8) [following published guidance]
- To amend to process for waiting list administration (Note 9)

Full details of the consultation and the changes are available at [www.thekiteacademytrust.org](http://www.thekiteacademytrust.org)

The consultation will run until 30th January 2020. Comments on the proposed arrangements should be sent for the attention of the Executive Team, by email: [admissions@kite.Academy](mailto:admissions@kite.Academy)

After the closing date, responses will be collated and presented to the meeting of the Trust Board on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Once the Trust Board has considered all the responses, the determined admission arrangements for 2021 will be submitted to the Local Authority and published on the Kite Academy Trust's website.

Thanks to our Executive Head Teacher, Jenny Rogers, the Trust has the use of a brand new minibus for this academic year! We are really pleased to have been given this fantastic opportunity and the minibus is available to be used by all of our academies. We hope that it will mean many more of our children will be able to benefit from attending educational visits, sporting fixtures and shared events across the Trust.



# Christmas Celebrations

across the Trust



Glee Club at Fernhill have been out and about, singing Christmas songs for the local community in Farnborough!

Staff and families at Sandringham thoroughly enjoyed their Reindeer Run in support of the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice.



Mytchett held their Candlelight Assembly—a special celebration of music and peace

At Holly Lodge, the children enjoyed their Christmas lunch, in their Christmas Jumpers after their Reindeer Run!





We have thoroughly enjoyed celebrating the festive season in all our academies and it has been lovely to see so many families and friends at our many performances.

We have had nativities, plays, christingles, carol services and choir concerts. It was a delight to see the hard work and enthusiasm that went into learning lines and songs and we are very proud of all of the children. Thank you to everyone who supported these events and helped to make them such memorable performances, full of Christmas spirit!

The magic of Christmas has continued for the children with Christmas jumper day, fairs, reindeer runs, **crafts, shopping, lunches, parties....and even visiting Santa himself in his grotto!**

*We would like to wish all our families a very merry Christmas and a happy & healthy 2020!*

