

A Big Hello and a Little Update

From the Friends – November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

After five years of dedicated service to the school community, we said a fond farewell to Kate Dodds as Chair of the Friends PTA at the latest AGM. Kate, thank you so much for all the energy, time and commitment you have given to the Friends. These are big boots to fill!

We would also like to say a big thank you to the previous committee and the school staff who have provided an invaluable amount of support to the friends.

I would like to welcome Charlotte Mellor, Jessica Dean and Hannah Wood to the committee with myself, Catrin Barrett as Chair. The AGM had a fantastic turn out and we have a wonderful group of parents and carers who have volunteered to help the PTA. Thank you to each and every one of them. We are also grateful for the ongoing support from Mrs. Holloway and Mrs. Lakin.

We are very excited to start planning fundraising events for the school and community initiatives in 2023. We look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Fayre on Thursday 1st December, where the Friends will be providing refreshments.

It's not too late to get involved. If you would like to come along and lend a hand with events we would love to hear from you. Email us at MeolePTA@outlook.com.

Finally, we have a little favour to ask. It would be wonderful if those who shop at Amazon could take a few moments to take advantage of AmazonSmile. AmazonSmile provides a donation of approximately 0.5% of the sale of eligible items to the Friends. The best part is it will cost you nothing! It is easy to do and a brilliant fundraiser for the school. We have provided a step by step guide and some frequently asked questions with this email to make it super easy to sign up.

Warm wishes,

Catrin Barrett, Chair of the Friends PTA



What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support the Friends of Meole Brace C of E Primary School and Nursery at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.co.uk or via the Amazon app, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.co.uk, with the added benefit that Amazon will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to us!

How do I shop at AmazonSmile?

The easiest way to shop with AmazonSmile is via the app. You can also use the web browser, simply go to smile.amazon.co.uk. If you are using the website you must always shop from smile.amazon.co.uk so you might also want to add a bookmark to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile. Instructions on how to set up using the App have been provided.

What if I already have AmazonSmile activated?

That's great! We would be really grateful if you can check the charity you have selected. If you are shop via the app follow the instructions for navigating to the Smile page to check that it is activated on both web browser and in the App.

What is the Catch?

There isn't one. The only small requirement is that you renew your AmazonSmile activation in the app twice a year. The next activation is in February. Don't worry though we will be sending out a message closer to the time to remind you to do it.

What else can we do?

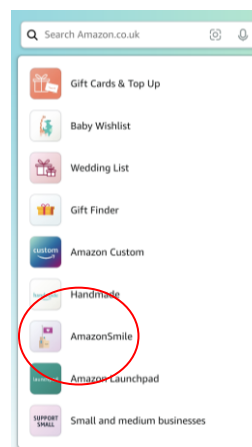
Please pass the message on to friends and family to get as many people as possible raising money for the school for no extra cost!

Step by Step guide for Amazon Smile via the Amazon App

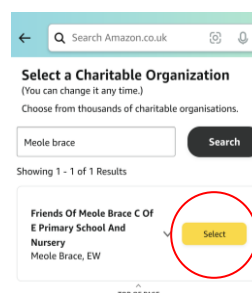
Step 1: You need to navigate to this screen. To get here tap the three lines circled in red below.



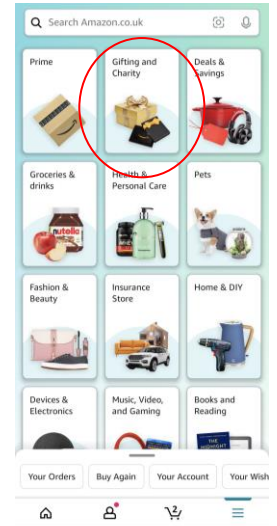
Step 3: Scroll down to AmazonSmile and tap.



Step 5: Select Friends of Meole Brace C of E Primary School and Nursery



Step 2: Click on Gifting and Charity



Step 4: Choose your favourite charity. Type 'Meole Brace' and tap search, it should find the friends account.



Step 6: You are almost there. Keep tapping on the yellow buttons until you see this screen.

