



AMHERST NEWS



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STAR OF THE WEEK



3A	Ruairi B	5B	Andrew G
3W	Daniel S	5H	James C
3S	Harry D	5J	Anna-Lotta M
4W	Dylan D	6A	Vivien R
4SF	Lucy A	6P	George F
4C	Daniel B	6B	Freddie S

WELCOME BACK!

Firstly, welcome to all new parents who have joined us in Year 3 or other year groups. We hope your first week at Amherst has gone smoothly and not been too overwhelming! Change can be both exciting and daunting for children and adults. Our new Year 3 classes have had an excellent week and settled superbly. We have all been impressed with their enthusiasm and keenness to be part of Amherst.

3A



3S



3W



ACHIEVEMENTS



Congratulations to the following children on their recent achievements:

Annie T – Music Theory Grade 5 Pass

Zoe H – Descant Recorder Grade 1 with Distinction

Annie T – Flute Grade 2 with Distinction

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

10.09.19	PTA Meeting
12.09.19	Kent Test – Year 6
15.09.19	Riverhead Carnival PTA Stall
17.09.19	Meet the Teacher 4.00pm Year 5 5.00pm Year 6 6.00pm Year 4
18.09.19	Year 3 Parents' Evening 3.40pm – 6.30pm
19.09.19	Year 3 Parents' Evening 3.40pm – 8.00pm
23.09.19	Clubs Start
27.09.19	McMillan Coffee Morning
30.09.19	Year 6 WW2 Day
04.10.19	PTA Cake & 2 nd Hand Uniform Sale
10.10.19	School Photographs
11.10.19	Year 5 Museum of Kent Life Trip
11.10.19	PTA Bangers & Bingo
29.10.19	Whole School Flu Vaccination
05.10.19	Parents' Evening Years 3-6
06.10.19	Parents' Evening Years 3-6
29.11.19	Clubs End
07.12.19	PTA Christmas Bazaar
09.12.19	PTA Mini Bazaar
12.12.19	PTA Secrets Room
17.12.19	Whole School to Pantomime
18.12.19	End of Term

SCHOOL VACANCIES

We currently have the following vacancy at Amherst School. Please follow the link to the Kent Teach website:

Midday Supervisor: <https://www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/VacancyDetails.aspx?VacancyId=74471>

PTA NEWS

DATES for your diary:

PTA AGM MEETING: Tuesday 10 September (8.00pm)

RIVERHEAD CARNIVAL: Sunday 15 September (12.00–4.00pm)

The PTA will have a stall at the carnival – please come and say hello and support our fundraising!

A HUGE THANK YOU to all parents who contributed to PTA events in 2018/19.

Please join us in thanking all of the PTA lead team who make this achievement possible, with particular thanks to those who are stepping down – Chair Debbie Trigg (to become co-Secretary), Vice Chairs Sandy Shirras and Michelle, Treasurer Bradley Shirras, and Secretary Charlotte Lynch (to become co-Vice Chair) – you have been amazing.

A new school year brings a NEW PTA and we are happy to announce the new lead team:

Chair	Suse Goodwin
Vice	Caroline Frazer
Vice	Charlotte Lynch
Vice	Jeni Browne (Marketing/Newsletters)
Treasurer	Steve Harrison
Secretary	Pia Harold
Secretary	Debbie Trigg

PTA EVENTS AND PARENT REGISTRATION

Firstly, welcome to all our new parents, we hope you will be very happy at Amherst and will enjoy and participate in the events organised by the PTA.

To ensure all parents stay informed of events for the children and all our fundraising efforts, please visit our website www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta and ensure you register as soon as possible. **Note: this is vital for existing parents also so that your child is registered to their new class.**

IF YOU WANT TO SUPPORT THE PTA:

MATCH FUNDING

Company matched giving is a very simple way of raising money for the school. A large number of businesses and organisations offer their employees a chance to raise funds for the charity of their choice through matched donations or pledges, with the potential to give our fundraising a massive boost! We encourage you to check if there are any charitable schemes offered by your workplaces that may be beneficial to our fundraising, please contact amherst-treasurer@outlook.com for further information.

EASYFUNDRAISING

easyfundraising turns your **online shopping into free donations**. How? Just start your online shopping first at easyfundraising, then shop as normal – our easy fundraising link is <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> code (Amherst School PTA – Sevenoaks)



We are commencing the new AJFC season on Saturday 7th September [2019](#).

The registration will start at 09:00 am with training sessions for all years (years 2-6), please come along with your registration form to the Amherst school field.

After registration years 5&6 will head down to the common and years 2-4 will train within the school, they will be put into groups where there will organise some drills and friendly matches, we will aim to finish at around 11:00 am. Could all children please be wearing shin pads and bring water bottles.

We are also after some assistant coaches to the teams, if anyone would like to help out then please come and see us in the hut at registration, AJFC committee

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Please could any requests for absence from school for **Medical** or **Secondary School** visits be emailed through to the office address. We will then forward these to the teachers. Please do not send notes to school in your child's bag.

Holiday Absence requests should be submitted via the 'absence request form' on the school website (under parents section).

AMAZON GIFTING



To help generate much needed income for the school we have set up an Amazon Gifting link. If you are purchasing on Amazon please follow the link below or the link on the homepage of the school website. The school receives a small percentage for each transaction, so the more people that use it the greater the monthly donation! Please share with friends and family. <http://bit.ly/amherstschool>
School website link: <http://www.amherst.kent.sch.uk/page/?pid=178>

LOCAL RESIDENTS PARKING

Please consider our neighbours when dropping off and picking up your child from school.



MUSIC LESSONS

Music lessons are available for many instruments at Amherst. The tutors currently teaching at Amherst are –

Clarinet	Andrew Harper	07912 304 256
	andrewharper44@hotmail.com	
Cello	Catherine Brooker	
	catherinebrooker@ymail.com	
Violin	Jo Kiely	01732 465743
	joanna.kiely@btinternet.com	
Violin/Viola/Flute	Penny da Silva	07763 204109
	pennydasilva@hotmail.co.uk	
Flute/Fife/Recorder/Piano	Mark Underwood	07985 563063
	mcunderwood@me.com	
Flute/Recorder	Philippa Henderson	07525 836419
	philippahenderson@gmail.com	
Drums	Billy Cunningham	07751 881706
	billysondrums@gmail.com	
Guitar	Tom Murray	
	tomrmurray@hotmail.co.uk	
Singing	Wendy Chown	07785 968647
	wendychown@outlook.com	
Piano	Connie Brooks	01622691212
	customerservices@kent-music.com	
Piano	Simon Proctor	01622691212
	customerservices@kent-music.com	
Brass	Ian Fasham	
	ian@littleturret.co.uk	
Piano/Oboe	Sarah Harper	07501 332102
	sarahlucyharper@yahoo.com	

Please contact these tutors directly if you are interested in lessons. Please note that any child can only sign up for one instrument lesson during school time. Instrument hire is available from Guy Saunders on 01732-740755 and further details can be obtained from his website at: www.saundersmusic.co.uk.

REGULAR ITEMS AND REMINDERS

No nuts in School!

We have children in school who have severe allergies to nuts.



Please do not send any form of nuts in for children's snacks or packed lunches. Please also note that nuts should not be brought along to any event held in the school. Thank you.

Communication

If you wish to speak to your class teacher urgently at drop-off or collection time, please enquire at Reception or the School Office. Please do not go directly to the classroom. Teachers are often available at the gate at the end of the day, when often a quick word is all that is needed.

Weekends

Please note that school is not open at weekends. Whilst there may be music tutors, builders etc. in the building they are not authorised to allow admittance to the school.

INCLUSION NEWS SEPTEMBER 2019

Welcome to the new term!

I hope all your children are settled into their new classes and, for year three and others across Amherst, their new school. If you have any worries about your child's wellbeing – whether emotional or educational – please feel free to come to my parent drop-in (normally Wednesday afternoons; sometimes Tuesdays), or alternatively phone or email me, and I will do my best to help. Just call the office for an appointment.

Playtime club

Mrs Rees runs 'Playtime Club' every lunchtime. This is aimed towards those children finding our long lunch break challenging, for whatever reason. If your child is expressing worries about the playground at lunchtime, please tell them to ask the dinner ladies or their teacher to show them to playtime club, open 12.30-1.10. There are games, puzzles, paper and crayons, Lego and a warm welcome.

Child with ASD? New CYGNET course starts this month

A new cygnet course begins this month for parents of children with ASD or who may have autism that is as yet undiagnosed. This is a great, supportive course and helps parents feel less alone and very supported. The first session is on 11th September (there's a flyer on the school board in the entrance area).

TTRS Typing

Typing for invited children will be starting a week before other clubs, on **Monday 16th September**, at 8.10AM in the ICT suite.

Barrington Stoke books

If anyone has borrowed and finished with any of these books, paperbacks printed on yellow/cream paper, could they please return them to me at school, or better still come to my room and swap for a new one. I lent 2 or 3 books to individual readers, and I need them back!

Parent Drop-ins

I am available most Wednesday afternoons from 2.30 to 3.30 for a chat about any concerns you might want to share in an informal way. Just phone the school office for an appointment.

Thank you. Helen Holmes, Inclusion Manager
(helen.holmes@amherst.kent.sch.uk).

BBC1's hit show 'Eat Well For Less?'



is BACK!!and looking for households to take part!

Email: eatwell@rdftlevision.com or Call: 0117 970 7682

Any information which you give us will be processed in accordance with our Privacy Notice, a copy of which is available on request



EVENTS IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Bessels Green BAPTIST CHURCH
250th Anniversary Fun Day
DOG SHOW
Saturday 14th September 2019

Register your dog at the information tent at 2pm

Prizes for: Waggiest Tail, Cutest Eyes, Best Mover, Best Trick, Scruffiest Dog, Dog the judge would most like to take home.

For more information please contact BGBC on info@bgbc.co.uk or call 01732 454921

Sevenoaks Young Readers Festival 2019

Saturday 21st September

Brought to you by Sevenoaks Bookshop. Pop-up bookshops and author signings at every venue! Book tickets now at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/sevenoaks-literary-festival>

RIVERHEAD CARNIVAL
Sunday 15th September
12 noon - 4 pm
Chipstead Common
Free Entry
Dog Show

Sponsored by: Frank's Barbers, The Bullfinch and Sevenoaks Animal Feeds and Capital Van Hire

www.3rdsevenoaks.org.uk
3rd Sevenoaks (Riverhead & Dunton Green) Scout Group

CFX SUMMER NETBALL 2019
COACHING FOR EXCELLENCE
YR4 NETBALL PLAYDAYS 2019
14th & 21st September 2019
11.00 am - 2.00pm
St Michael's Preparatory School, Olford Court, Row Dow, Olford, TN14 5RY

An opportunity to have fun and learn about netball in a safe and friendly environment with highly qualified coaches. CFX selectors will be available to view your child's progress and development throughout the two session training program.

Following the Playdays your child may be invited to join CFX Netball Club.

Group training for YR4's will commence on Friday 27th September 2019, 6.00-7.30 pm at St Michael's Preparatory School.

Two session Playdays program fee
£42.00 per player

Program Includes:
✓ Movement, ball management, shooting, attacking, and defending skills.
✓ Teamwork, leadership, and match play.

Each day you will need:

✓ A packed lunch, (no nuts), 2 litres of water.
✓ Please wear, dark netball kit/shorts, white top, sweat shirt. Netball training shoes must be worn, no fashion trainers.

For Further Information
Please Contact our Club Administrator
Pierina Smith: chneiball@gmail.com
Final Registration Closes Wednesday 11th September 2019
There are limited places please book early to avoid disappointment
www.chneiball.com

EVENTS IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY - contd

Moniques After-School Club

We operate from Bessels Green Baptist Church, Sevenoaks, TN13 2PS. We offer high quality after school care for children 4-11, in a safe, caring and friendly environment. Homework support given as well as fun and diverse activities offered. Opens every weekday during term time until 6.30pm. DBS checked and experienced staff, good OFSTED judgments (May 2016). For more info, or to book a visit please contact Rosie on 07925 591477@rosiestcyr.moniquesasc@outlook.com.

Jigsaw Drama School

'Drama, Singing, Dance'

Jigsaw has been providing high quality performing arts classes for more than 20 years, giving your child a place to belong! Visit www.jigsaw-arts.co.uk for more information, or call 02084474530 to speak with a member of our team and book a two week trial today! Classes all over Kent, Surrey and Greater London.

TERM DATES 2019/2020

TERM 1

FINISH: Thursday 17th October 2019
Staff Inset Friday 18th October 2019

TERM 2

START: Monday 28th October 2019
FINISH: Wednesday 18th December 2019

TERM 3

Staff Inset Monday 6th January 2020
START: Tuesday 7th January 2020
FINISH: Friday 14th February 2020

TERM 4

START: Monday 24th February 2020
FINISH: Wednesday 1st April 2020

TERM 5

START: Thursday 16th April 2020
FINISH: Friday 22nd May 2020

TERM 6

Staff Inset: Monday 1st June 2020
START: Tuesday 2nd June 2020
FINISH: Tuesday 21st July 2020
Staff Inset: Wednesday 22nd July 2020