



AMHERST NEWS



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STAR OF THE WEEK

There is no star of the week this week.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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
05.11.19	Parents' Evening Years 3-6
06.11.19	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

BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Please would parents drop-off and collect their children using the **side** pedestrian gate and crossing provided. **Do not** use the main car park entrance and walk across the car park. Thank you.

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).

SCHOOL VACANCIES

We currently have the following vacancies 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>

Teaching Assistant: <https://www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/VacancyDetails.aspx?VacancyId=74663>

Crossing Patrol: <https://www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/VacancyDetails.aspx?VacancyId=74755>

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PTA NEWS

PTA AGM meeting

Last Tuesday was the well attended AGM and first PTA meeting of the school year 2019/20. It was a relaxed but very productive meeting during which a new PTA LEAD team was elected.

- Chair – Suse Goodwin
- Vice - Caroline Frazer, Charlotte Lynch & Jeni Browne
- Treasurer – Steven Harrison
- Secretary – Pia Harold & Debbie Trigg

We are in the lucky position of already having a **Christmas Bazaar Committee**: Charlotte Lynch has kindly agreed to organise the event for the second year.

The minutes of the meeting will be published on both the Amherst School and PTA Events websites. We are currently in the handover process for all the different roles and responsibilities. It is a lot to learn for the team but a very exciting new adventure too - watch this space!

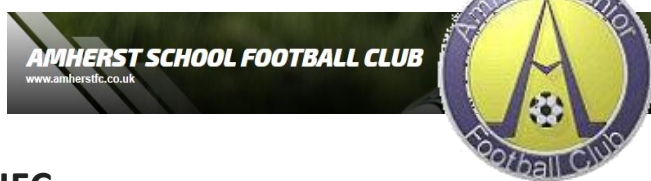
Riverhead Carnival – Sunday, 15th September from 12 – 4pm

This is our first PTA event for this school year. The parents of 4C will be running a sweets stall at the Carnival. The preparations are well on their way and the weather forecast looks promising.

Look out for them, say hello and support our fundraising please!

Next upcoming PTA events

- 4th October – Cake sale and 2nd hand uniform sale
- 11th October – Bangers & Bingo



AJFC

Thanks to all who attended and registered last week, we are having our second assessment day this Saturday 14th September 2019. The registration will start at 09:00 am with training sessions starting at 09:15 for all years. If not already done so then please come along with your registration forms to the Amherst school field (this is attached to the email or you can visit the website - link at base of email). After registration years 5&6 will again head down to the common for some training matches and drills, years 2-4 will train within the school field, we will aim to finish at around 11:00 am. Could you please ensure that all children are wearing shin pads and bring water bottles. Kind regards, The Secretary

SECONDARY SCHOOL - Open Days

If you intend to take your child to Secondary School open days during school time, **please ensure that a note is sent to the class teacher prior to the visit.** Please see websites for more information and bookings.

Weald of Kent – open evening Thurs 3/10, 5.30-8.30, open mornings 9-10.30am, Tues 29/10, Wed 30/10, sixth form open evening, Wed 16/10 5.30-7.30pm. Please check the website for further information and location of events www.wealdgs.org

MUSIC

Spot Mr Harper on TV!

Our clarinet teacher, Andy Harper, will be performing as part of the BBC Symphony Orchestra in this Saturday's *Last Night of the Proms*. This will be televised live on **Saturday 14th at 7.15pm on BBC Two.**

Brass Lessons

Just a reminder that our brass teacher, Mr Fasham, has quite a few spaces left for lessons. He is able to teach the full range of brass instruments, including the trumpet, trombone and euphonium. Mr Fasham is a hugely experienced orchestral musician, playing with the London Mozart Players (<http://londonmozartplayers.com/ian-fasham/>) and other prestigious ensembles. These instruments might particularly appeal to children in Year 4, given their time learning the recorder last year.

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	billyisondrums@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).

EVENTS IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

DRAMA SINGING DANCE

FEED THEIR IMAGINATION...

...WATCH THEIR CONFIDENCE **GROW!**

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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

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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>

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