



AMHERST NEWS



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STAR OF THE WEEK



3A	Nathaniel C	5B	Jasper H
3W	Toby W	5H	William S
3S	Robert B	5J	Liliya D
4W	Matthew P	6A	Theo L
4SF	Logan M	6P	George B
4C	Joseph H	6B	Harry W

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

23.09.19	Clubs Start (please see note)
25.09.19	Year 5 Astrodome day
26.09.19	Year 6 Height & Weight day
27.09.19	McMillan Coffee Morning
30.09.19	Year 6 WW2 Day
30.09.19	Year 6 Secondary Application Meeting for parents, led by Mr Reid 7pm
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
29.10.19	Whole School Flu Vaccination
05.11.19	Parents' Evening Years 3-6
06.11.19	Parents' Evening Years 3-6
07.11.19	WW2 Relatives Day
08.11.19	PTA Bangers & Bingo
13.11.19	Year 5 Victorian Workshop
15.11.19	Year 4 Trip to Battle Abbey
29.11.19	Clubs End
07.12.19	PTA Christmas Bazaar
09.12.19	PTA Mini Bazaar
11.12.19	Christmas Lunch
12.12.19	PTA Secrets Room
17.12.19	Whole School to Pantomime
18.12.19	End of Term

HEADLICE

We have had a couple of reported cases of head lice in school, so we would ask that you please check your child's head.

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.

School Clubs Start 23rd September

With the School's Autumn/Spring term clubs starting next Monday, we thought it would be a good opportunity to provide some relevant information for parents:

Morning Clubs

Outside clubs – children should enter the school via the side entrance.

Indoor clubs -children should enter the school through the main reception area.

End of Day Clubs

Outside clubs – parents should collect their child via the side entrance.

Indoor clubs – parents should collect their child from the main reception area.

(Please check clubs sheet for start/ finishing times).

Cancelled Clubs

If a club needs to be cancelled, a 'SchoolComms' message or text will be sent to parents (*externally run clubs will inform you directly*).

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>

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

ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the following children on their recent achievements:



Myrto M – Singing Grade 5, pass with merit.

LOCAL RESIDENTS PARKING

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



SECONDARY SCHOOL - Open Days

If you intend to take your child to Secondary School open days during school time, **please ensure that you email the school office, giving plenty of notice. The office will then inform the relevant teacher.** 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

Radnor House – Open Day Sat 12/10, 10-12pm check website for more details www.radnor-sevenoaks.org

Hillview Girls School – open evening 17/10, 5.30-8.30pm, open mornings 28/9 10-12pm, 1/10 & 2/10 9.15-11.15am. Please check website for further details www.hillview.kent.sch.uk

PTA NEWS

Riverhead Carnival: What a treat to have such glorious weather in September! The carnival was well attended and our lovely Amherst helpers from 4C made sure the children were well stocked up on sugar at our sweet stall - we hope everyone had a fabulous time, and would like to extend a huge thank you to 4C.



Coming up: Autumn term is full of wonderful events and activities. Today, we wanted to talk to you about three of these.

* Our incredibly popular **Bangers and Bingo** night, hosted by the legendary Mr Pound, will be taking place on 8th November. Tickets will be on sale shortly and you will receive a notification to purchase tickets via our PTA Events site - don't forget that they are on a first come, first served basis.

* Our Autumn **second hand uniform and cake sale** will be happening on 4th October. We are therefore asking that parents have a rummage and bring into the office anything which is in good, usable condition, which can be re-used by another pupil. We would love any uniform (does not need to be school branded), sport equipment (football boots, shin pads, hockey sticks, tennis racquets etc) and also any dressing up clothes which would be appropriate for the themed days this year (Victorian Day and World War 2 day).

* 27th September is the **Macmillan coffee morning**. Whilst Amherst PTA are not organising anything specifically for this, what a wonderful opportunity to get together with some other parents, drink coffee, eat cake and raise funds for this incredible cause!

Lastly: We will shortly be sending you some information about your PTA, setting out our aims for this year, and explaining how what we do benefits our school, but for now, if you have any questions or suggestions, we would love to hear from you - amherst-chair@outlook.com

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

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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



BARN DANCE and SILENT AUCTION

to support
EDUCATION IN FULL
Helping individual children at Dunton Green School

7-10pm

Saturday, 5th October 2019

at Donnington Hall, Barretts Road, Dunton Green

Hot food and drinks provided

Tickets from
School Office and Bojangles Coffee Shop

£10 for adults, £5 for a child and £25 family ticket

More information: 01732 458464

Please note: NO steel tipped shoes to be worn

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>

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>

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...WATCH THEIR CONFIDENCE GROW!
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7MS
October Half Term
Multi Sports Course
Chevening Primary School
Chevening Road, Chipstead
TN13 2SA

Monday 21st - Wednesday 23rd October 2019
10am - 3pm
£25 per day

Our fun filled October Multi Sports Course activities will include:

- Football
- Tri Golf
- Tennis
- Gymnastics
- Kwik Cricket
- Plus many more!

Contact
Amanda

07584419283
www.7ms.co.uk
www.facebook.com/7oaksMultiSports

TERM DATES 2019/2020

TERM 1

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

TERM 2

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

TERM 3

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

TERM 4

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

TERM 5

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

TERM 6

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