



# AMHERST NEWS



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## STAR OF THE WEEK



3A	Ben S	5B	Carina M
3W	Harry K	5H	Leon K
3S	Lucas T	5J	Joseph N-B
4W	Ivy W	6A	Tallula K
4SF	Samuel S	6P	Tom S & Freddie M
4C	Cheska G	6B	Olivia S

## 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.



## PARKING

The school car park is for staff use **ONLY** unless you have permission to use one of the disabled bays. Please do not park your car on the premises. Also, please consider our neighbours when dropping off and picking up your child from school and please park responsibly on neighbouring roads, and adhere to all parking restrictions.



## School Clubs Important Information

### Drop off/collection information:

#### 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 could parents ensure they check clubs starting and finishing times and arrive promptly when collecting their child.**

#### 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*).

#### Cross Country Club

If it is raining in the morning at 7.45am, the club will be cancelled.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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 <sup>nd</sup> 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

## 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).

## BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Please would parents ensure that they inform Riverhead After-School Club and Moniques directly, if their child takes part in a school club and needs to miss part of their after-school sessions.

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 VACANCIES

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

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

## ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the following children on their recent achievements:



- Emma Gough – Initial Rock & Pop Drums, Entry 3 Graded exam in Rock & Pop, with Distinction
- Emilia Barnes – Grade 1 Flute with Merit
- Lucy Bartlett – Grade 1 Flute
- Josie Honey – Grade 2 Flute
- James Honey – Grade 2 Violin
- Lily Smith – Grade 1 Violin

## PTA NEW

Well, it looks like Autumn is well and truly here – anyone got a spare ark??? The start of Autumn signals a festive countdown, and our PTA are already starting work on planning our Christmas Bazar. We will be keeping you posted along the way.

## CLOTHES AND CAKE!!!!!!

A reminder that our Uniform and Cake Sale is on 4<sup>th</sup> October. We would be incredibly pleased to receive your donations of uniform, sports equipment and dressing up – in particular, WWII and Victorian clothing – please just drop these into the office. Thank you so much to 6A (uniform) and 3A (cakes) for organising this.



## PTA Events Registration:

We know that the return to school marks a busy time for parents, but we really do need you to register on the PTA Events website – <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta>

Once registered you will need to register your child as part of their class so please:

- go to MY ACCOUNT
- Click on the Class Mailing Lists tab
- Click on the Click Here in the yellow box
- Your class password is: PTA+class name eg PTA5J
- Select 'share my details with the class' and 'agree to receive emails from the class'

## Dates for your diary:

**Uniform and Cake Sale – 4<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Xmas for schools submission deadline – 17<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Bangers and Bingo night – 8<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Christmas Bazaar – 7<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Mini Bazaar – 9<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Christmas Lunch – 9<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Secrets Room – 12<sup>th</sup> December**

**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](mailto:amherst-chair@outlook.com)

## SPORT

### Sevenoaks Triathlon

On Wednesday 25th September, four lucky children were picked to take part in the first ever Sevenoaks Triathlon competition at Sevenoaks School.

It was an amazing event and the children gained a huge amount of experience from it. Each competitor completed a 200m swim, cycled for 1 km and ran 1200m. The children thoroughly enjoyed the competition and demonstrated superb stamina and perseverance. The following quotes from the children show what they thought of the event:

Rory F - 'It was hard but really enjoyable'

Caoimhe - 'The cycling was the easiest.'

Anais - 'A tough competition but a once in a lifetime experience.'

Freddie - 'Tiring but exhilarating.'

Huge congratulations to all the team. Thank you to all the parents who supported and transported the children.

Mrs Wheeler.

## MUSIC



### Strings Day at Walthamstow Hall

Children from Years 5 and 6 attended a Strings Day at Walthamstow Hall this week, rehearsing in sections before coming together at the end of the day for a concert which included *Naughty* from Matilda the Musical. The children also played some orchestra-themed games, one of which ('Hide the Resin') we must now introduce into our school orchestra afternoons! Children interested in learning a string instrument, including Cello, Violin and Viola, should contact the relevant music teacher using the details listed below.

**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](http://www.wealdgs.org)

Radnor House – Open Day Sat 12/10, 10-12pm check website for more details [www.radnor-sevenoaks.org](http://www.radnor-sevenoaks.org)

Sackville School – open mornings 28/9, 8/10, 8/2, 5/3. Yr 6 taster day 30/10, sixth form evening 31/10. Yr 7 entry assessment 2/11, yr9 pre CE assessment 2/11. Yr5 taster 25/3. For more info please see website [www.sackvilleschoolHillview](http://www.sackvilleschoolHillview)  
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](http://www.hillview.kent.sch.uk)

## MUSIC LESSONS

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

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

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](http://www.saundersmusic.co.uk).

## 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**

## REGULAR ITEMS AND REMINDERS

### 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:helen.holmes@amherst.kent.sch.uk)).

## EVENTS IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

**SEVENOAKS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
**Family Concert**  
**Toy Stories**  
**Stag Theatre**  
**Sunday 13th October 2019 - 4pm**

Come and join us for a 75 minute programme including Leopold Mozart's Toy Symphony and excerpts from Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker. Celebrated West End actor David Leonard will narrate the story of The Magic Box with orchestral accompaniment.

Book early to avoid disappointment.

\*£8.50 Standard Ticket  
\*£7.75 Group Ticket (4+)  
\*£1 from the sale of each ticket goes to the Stag Development Fund

Stag Box Office - 01732 450175  
[www.stagsevenoaks.co.uk](http://www.stagsevenoaks.co.uk)  
[www.sevenoakssymphonyorchestra.org.uk](http://www.sevenoakssymphonyorchestra.org.uk)

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## BARN DANCE

### and SILENT AUCTION

to support

**EDUCATION IN FULL**

Helping individual children at Dunton Green School

7-10pm

**Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> 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





## St Gregory's Multi-Sports

If your child is aged between 6 and 11 years of age and enjoys a range of sports such as **Football, Tennis, Netball, Rounders, Cricket, Basketball, Badminton, Dodgeball** and more, perhaps he/she would like to attend St. Gregory's Multi-Sports course.

**WHERE:** St Gregory's School, Reynolds Lane, TN4 9XL

### **WHEN:**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct    Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct    Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct**

**TIME:** 10 am – 3 pm

**COST:** £15 per day. If two or more siblings then £12.50 each per day.

**WHAT TO BRING:** A packed lunch, plenty of fluids and snacks.

### **WHAT NEXT:**

If you are interested in enrolling your child, please complete and sign the reverse.

You will receive booking confirmation of your child's place via the text or email. Please book early to avoid disappointment - places are limited.

**CONTACTS:** Noel Bradbury nbradbury@sgschool.org.uk (If you have any queries or further questions)

**7MS**  
October Half Term  
Multi Sports Course

Chevening Primary School  
Chevening Road, Chipstead  
TN13 2SA

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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

Missed sessions or unattended days will not be refunded, you may be offered a make up session in extreme circumstances.

## 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>

## TERM DATES 2019/2020

### TERM 1

<b>FINISH:</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> October 2019</b>
Staff Inset	Friday	18 <sup>th</sup> October 2019

### TERM 2

<b>START:</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> October 2019</b>
<b>FINISH:</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> December 2019</b>

### TERM 3

Staff Inset	Monday	6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020
<b>START:</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> January 2020</b>
<b>FINISH:</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> February 2020</b>

### TERM 4

<b>START:</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> February 2020</b>
<b>FINISH:</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> April 2020</b>

### TERM 5

<b>START:</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> April 2020</b>
<b>FINISH:</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020</b>

### TERM 6

Staff Inset:	Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> June 2020
<b>START:</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020</b>
<b>FINISH:</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> July 2020</b>
Staff Inset:	Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2020