



AMHERST NEWS



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STAR OF THE WEEK



3A	Summer J	5B	Year 5 on school trip
3W	Arnav S	5H	" "
3S	Elsie P	5J	" "
4W	Imogen F	6A	Maria D
4SF	Archie M	6P	Shawn M
4C	Blake F	6B	Connie F

OPEN AFTERNOON

Reminder that it is our whole school Open Afternoon next Thursday 2.45pm – 3.30pm. This is an opportunity for your child to share their work with you.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

17.10.19	Whole School Open Afternoon 2.45pm
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
13.11.19	Amherst's 'Grand Design' Launch Party 8pm
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
07.01.20	Start of Term
13.01.20	Clubs Start
17.01.20	PTA Cake and 2 nd Hand Uniform Sale
05.02.20	Year 6 Young Voices Trip O2
14.02.20	End of Term

DATA COLLECTION SHEETS

These will be coming home with children on Monday. Please could you check the information on the sheets and mark any amendments clearly. It is **vital** that each section of the form is completed. All data collection sheets, even if there are no changes, should be returned in the envelope either to the school office, or via your child's teacher by Thursday 17 October.

HARVEST FESTIVAL 17TH OCTOBER



Once again, for our Harvest Festival we are going to support the Loaves and Fishes Food Bank, which is run from St John's Church Hall in Sevenoaks. This charity supports local families by providing them with non-perishable food items each week. It is currently supporting 40 families across the district with the help of local churches of all denominations and Sainsbury's supermarket. The families receive a bag of food every week of the year.

We would greatly appreciate donations of the following food items listed below. Those in bold are urgently required. Please note they do not require pasta as they currently have large supplies of this.

Tinned vegetables (preferably peas/carrots/green beans/sweetcorn). Tinned meat for hot meals (eg. minced beef & onion, stew/casserole, chicken in white sauce). Tinned fruit. UHT milk, Fruit juice (long-life)/fruit squash, Rice, Sauces for rice dishes: curry/Sweet & Sour, Tomato ketchup/brown sauce/mayonnaise, Fray Bentos pies, Tinned ravioli, Tinned macaroni cheese, Tinned hot dogs, Spaghetti/baked beans with sausages, Tinned meat for cold meals (eg ham, luncheon meat, corned beef), Custard (tins or cartons, but not custard powder), Rice pudding (tinned), Coffee/hot chocolate, Sugar, Honey/jam/marmalade.

Please send in any donations you have with your child on Thursday 17th October. If there are any parents who are able to help take the food to the food bank on Thursday 17th October from 1pm please let the school office know. Thank you for your anticipated support.

Miss Jones

SPORT

Sevenoaks Tag Rugby competition

On Thursday 11th October, a team of Year 6 children took part in a Tag Rugby competition at Sevenoaks Rugby Club. Over the last few weeks, the team has attended some training sessions which were run by the Sevenoaks Rugby Club coaches. This coaching culminated in a fantastic competition last night. Amherst won all their matches which were against Anthony Roper, Lady Boswell's, Otford and St Thomas'. As a result of their success, Amherst won their group and the Cup. Every member of the team displayed incredible skills. The children used excellent team work, which enabled them to get more points for tries. They also won many 'fair play' awards as well.

Huge congratulations to Freddie M, Theo L, Luke M, Charlie H, George W, Ethan T, Tessa H, Eva G and Vivien R.

Thank you to all the parents who supported the children yesterday and over the last few weeks.

Mrs
Wheeler.



PTA NEWS

Thank you so much for your support at the Cake & Uniform Sale!

The Uniform stall, in addition to uniform, sold sports equipment (football boots were particularly popular) and dressing up (police officer, evacuee girl and a Victorian child!) – the stall raised £100.81.

Amherst parents continue to be amazing bakers – proven by the speed at which the cakes sold out! Favorite's were ~~xxxx~~the chocolate muffins with sprinkles, apparently, they were 'better than the ones my mum makes!' – we raised £165.10.

Launch Event - ITS OFFICIAL!!!! This year we are fund raising for the 'Amherst's Grand Design' Project. You will have received an invitation to the launch party which promises to be a really lovely evening – please do come

along and hear all about the incredibly exciting year ahead!

Fireworks Night - Tickets are now available to order for the much loved Sevenoaks Round Table Firework Display. For those new to this, entertainment begins in Sevenoaks High Street from 5pm, then there is a torchlight procession at 7pm taking you to the Sevenoaks School field where the display takes place. The fireworks are really impressive and played to music. Deadline for orders is ~~xxx~~30th October and tickets will be with you on ~~xxxx~~1st November. <http://www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta>



Silent Auction - Thank you so much for donations received so far. These include beauty treatments at the wonderful Oakwood Beauty, 4 hours of handyman services and some gorgeous goodies from Holloway's of Ludlow. We continue to be so, so grateful of donations. If you would like to offer a gift, please email Amherst-bazaar@outlook.com. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Match funding - You guys are on fire – a second application came through last week! Thank you so much! We know there is some confusion around Match Funding, how it works and how to go about organising it, so please do drop us a line if you want to find out more.

Dates for your diary –

17th October: Xmas for schools submission deadline
29th October : Amherst's Grand Design Project launch party RSVP Deadline
30th October: Fireworks tickets purchase deadline
8th November : Bangers and Bingo night
13th November: Amherst's Grand Design Project launch party
7th December: Christmas Bazaar
9th December: Mini Bazaar
11th December: Christmas Lunch (adjusted date)

Follow us on social media:

 @EventsPTA
 @amherstptaevents



The Umoyo Community Project

Amherst ex-pupil, Jessica Royle is raising money for The Umoyo Community Project. Please see the following link for more information and how to donate.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/jroyleuop>

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 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>

Teaching Assistant: <https://www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/VacancyDetails.aspx?VacancyId=75262>

Midday Supervisor: <https://www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/VacancyDetails.aspx?VacancyId=75473>

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.

Hayesbrook School, Tonbridge – open mornings 9am, 15/10, 16/10, 17/10 and 18/10. For more info www.hayesbrook.jent.sch.uk

Millfield Prep School – open day, 29/02. Please see website for further details www.millfieldprep.com

Weald of Kent – 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

Sackville School – open mornings, 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.sackvilleschoolHillviewGirlsSchool.com – open evening 17/10, 5.30-8.30pm. Please check website for further details 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
	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
	billyvisondrums@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

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.

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.





INCLUSION NEWS October 2019

TTRS Typing October 14th

Please note that typing for invited children is cancelled for **1 session on Monday 14th October.**

CLICKER 7 – for free

Don't forget, if you would like to access Clicker 7 (a child-friendly and dyslexia-friendly word processing programme) for use at home, just drop me an email with your child's name and class to helen.holmes@amherst.kent.sch.uk and I will send you a unique log-in and password.

Playtime club

If your child finds our long lunch break challenging, please tell them to ask the dinner ladies or their teacher to show them to playtime club, run by Mrs Rees, and open 12.30-1.10. There are games, puzzles, paper and crayons, Lego and a warm welcome.

Young Minds Helpline

Are you worried about your child's or teenager's behaviour or mental health? You're not alone. Call the YoungMinds Parents' Helpline free on 0808 802 5544 (Monday to Friday, 9.30am to 4pm) or email parents@youngminds.org.uk. The website has some great advice, too. Go to www.youngminds.org.uk and go to the 'for parents' tab.

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).

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School website link:
<http://www.amherst.kent.sch.uk/page/?pid=178>

EVENTS IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

BOYS DANCE WORKSHOPS

Over the last decade of producing pantomimes in Sevenoaks, we've noticed a distinct lack of boys auditioning to dance in our shows. A few years ago we had to take the decision to run auditions for younger age groups as 'girls only' because so few young male dancers were trying out for a spot.

Coming now into our second decade at the Stag, we would like to try and change that.

In the Autumn of this year, we'll be inviting primary schools and dance schools to work with us to run a boys dance project, offering our choreographer, Daisy Dean, and dance captain, Patrick Roshier, to local primary schools for a week of free dance workshops aimed specifically at boys.

Following this, we will invite all those boys who enjoy the initial session, to come to a second free workshop at the Stag Theatre, to further explore their interest in dance.

Over the sessions, we hope to ignite an interest in dance training in a group of boys who we can then introduce to local dance schools, so they can try out more formal classes.

If you work in a primary school, or run a dance school, in the Sevenoaks area and would like to take part, please do get in touch.

18 - 22 NOVEMBER
The week of schools workshops will run from 18-22 November

SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER
The workshop at the Stag will be on Sunday 24 November from 10am-1pm, and will be open to any boys aged 9-13yrs, free of charge.

For more information visit www.sevenoakspanto.com

ALADDIN **STAG THEATRE SEVENOAKS**
8 DEC 2019 - 5 JAN 2020
WWW.SEVENOAKSPANTO.COM

Sevenoaks Dance October Half term Workshop

Halloween Half Term Dance Workshop

On Friday 25th October

At Riverhead Infants School

Times: 10am-3pm

Ages 4 to 11 years

Email: amy@sevenoaksdance.co.uk for details

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.

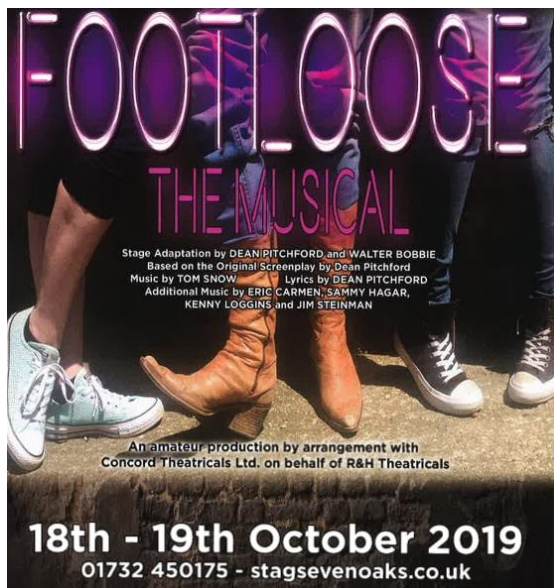
*£8.50 Standard Ticket
*£7.75 Group Ticket (4+)
*£1 from the sale of each ticket goes to the Stag Development Fund

Stag Box Office - 01732 450175
www.stagsevenoaks.co.uk
www.sevenoakssymphonyorchestra.org.uk

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EVENTS IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

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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

TERM 6:

START: Wednesday 2nd September 2020



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 21st Oct Tuesday 22nd Oct Wednesday 23rd 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)