



AMHERST NEWS



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Star of the Week



3A	Annabel A	5B	Ben H
3W	Isla S	5H	Issy M
3S	Matthew H	5J	Summer K
4W	Henry O	6A	MJ S
4SF	Emily G	6P	Oliver B
4C	Carla F	6B	Hunter D

Welcome Back!

I hope you have all had a good Christmas break and managed to have some time to relax. This term's school value is Determination. This character trait is often needed at this time of year, whether it is getting up on time in the dark mornings or sticking to a New Year's resolution. We talked in assembly this week about how the true test of determination is to keep going when you find things difficult. It does not take much determination to keep doing something you enjoy or find easy. We discussed pushing ourselves out of our comfort zones when we are learning. We are always the most proud of the things we did not think we could do. I foolishly mentioned to the children my new running routine, which has resulted in them now checking if I am doing it! On a different note, I would like to say thank you for all the generous gifts and thoughtful messages of appreciation that staff (including me!) received at the end of last term. It is always great to receive positive feedback and know that everyone's hard work is appreciated and recognised. We are lucky to have such a supportive school community. We are all looking forward to another positive and hardworking year at Amherst.

Mr Reid

Forthcoming Events

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
25.02.20	Year 3 Roman Day
27.02.20	Year 3 Roman Day
28.02.20	Year 3 Roman Day
04.03.20	Jeremy Strong visiting school
06.03.20	PTA School Disco

Sickness Absence from School

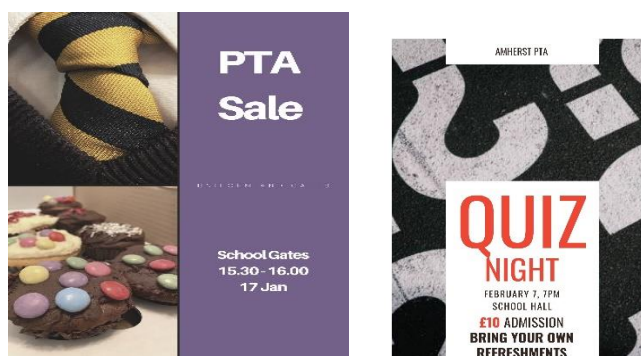
The school adopts a 24-hour absence policy from school following any sickness. Therefore, if your child has been vomiting, they should not return to school until a 24-hour period has passed, and they feel well enough to return.

PTA News

A very Happy New Year to you all!

Don't worry if you are all January-bluesy, we have some exciting stuff coming up to bring a bit of cheer.

First up, 17th January is our cake and uniform sale – a huge thank you to 6A (uniforms) and 3S (cakes) for organising!



We will be holding a quiz night on 7th February – 7pm at the school. 10 people per table, £10 per ticket, bring your own food and drink (rumour has it that Riverhead parents utilized the wonder that is Deliveroo for some of their tables!!!) Tickets numbers are limited and can be purchased at: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta>

We have some other exciting plans lined up for the next couple of months so check back in to hear more next week!

Dates for your diary:

- 17th January: Cake and Uniform Sale
- 7th February: Quiz Night
- 10th February: Photography Competition Launch
- 14th February: Valentine Raffle
- 25th February: Pancake Breakfast

Follow us on social media:

@EventsPTA

@amherstptaevents

School Vacancies

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

Breakfast Club Assistant <https://www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/VacancyDetails.aspx?VacancyId=77368>

Late Arrivals to School

If you are bringing your child to school late, please can you ensure that you accompany your child into the school building and sign them in at reception. Thank you.

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.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Tallula K who has gained a DISTINCTION for her Grade 1 Tap exam.

Music Achievements

Congratulations to the following children on their recent success:

Eleanor H - Grade 1 Flute DISTINCTION
Ava T - Grade 2 Recorder DISTINCTION
Eleanor H - Grade 2 Recorder DISTINCTION
Annie T - Grade 6 Treble Recorder PASS
Elizabeth S - Grade 2 Flute DISTINCTION
Hattie R - Grade 2 Flute PASS
Isabelle P - Grade 2 Piano PASS
Emilia K - Grade 1 Piano MERIT
Carina M - Grade 1 Singing with DISTINCTION
Emilia K - Grade 1 Singing with MERIT
Georgina G - Grade 1 Singing PASS
Alex E - Prep Test Singing
Lexie G – Prep Test Singing
Daniel B – Grade 2 Piano with MERIT
Rachel B – Grade 1 Piano PASS

Regular Items & 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.



Stationery

Please could you ensure that your child brings to school the relevant stationery items they may need for lessons including Glue Sticks!



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>

Secondary School Visits

If you are planning to take your child to a secondary school visit, please email the office. Also please note that lunch will be served from 12.00 - 12.30pm. If your child would like a school meal of their choice, they would have to be in for morning registration. If not in early morning, we will only be able to serve them a pasta lunch if they return before 12.30. Please see websites for more information and bookings.

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

Sackville School – open mornings, 8/2, 5/3. Yr5 taster 25/3. For more info please see website www.sackvilleschool.com

Events in the Local Community



St Gregory's Multi-Sports

If your child is aged between 7 and 12 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: Wednesday 19th Feb Thursday 20th Feb Friday 21st Feb

TIME: 10 am – 3 pm

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

Please make payment direct to Account 63242160 Sort 30-98-77 using your child's name as the reference

WHAT TO BRING: A packed lunch, plenty of fluids and snacks. It's also advisable to pack some sun cream and a sun hat.

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)

Fundraising for 'The Little Princess Trust'



Well done to Zoë H in 5H. Zoe chopped off her long locks before Christmas and donated them to 'The Little Princess Trust'. An amazing £650 has been raised so far! The Trust make wigs for young girls who lose their hair whilst receiving cancer treatment. The donation page is still open: https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/paula-hatfield2?error_code=4201&error_message=User+cancel+ed+the+Dialog+flow&fb_event=9f265b8&prompt_event=32ab7cd#



Term Dates 2020

TERM 3

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 Dates 2020/2021

TERM 1

Staff Inset: Tuesday 1st September 2020

START: Wednesday 2nd September 2020

FINISH: Thursday 22nd October 2020

Staff Inset: Friday 23rd October 2020

TERM 2

START: Monday 2nd November 2020

FINISH: Friday 18th December 2020

TERM 3

Staff Inset: Monday 4th January 2021

Staff Inset: Tuesday 5th January 2021

START: Wednesday 6th January 2021

FINISH: Friday 12th February 2021

TERM 4

START: Monday 22nd February 2021

FINISH: Thursday 1st April 2021

TERM 5

START: Monday 19th April 2021

FINISH: Friday 28th May 2021

TERM 6

Staff Inset: Monday 7th June 2021

START: Tuesday 8th June 2021

FINISH: Wednesday 21st July 2021