



AMHERST NEWS



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17th January 2020

Star of the Week

3A	William F	5B	Issy C
3W	Evie T	5H	William M
3S	Isla P	5J	Henrik E-M
4W	Connor L	6A	George W
4SF	Eliza A	6P	Kaydie R
4C	Edward O	6B	Bethan J



PTA News

CAKE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

It's time to ditch the diet, for a day anyway! Please don't forget that today is our cake and uniform sale organised by the wonderful 6A (uniforms) and 3S (cakes)!



Tickets for our quiz night are selling fast so if you do fancy joining us, having a lovely social evening with Amherst friends and 'taking on the teachers', please do hop onto PTA Events to book your tickets. We are hearing lots of chat about food, team names. Which we will be sharing in our monthly round up so get your thinking hats on!

<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 -this year's theme is Happiness

14th February: Valentine Raffle

25th February: Pancake Breakfast

Follow us on social media:

@EventsPTA

@amherstptaevents

Forthcoming Events

05.02.20	Year 6 Young Voices Trip O2
07.02.20	PTA Quiz Night 7.30pm
10.02.20	PTA Launch Wildlife Competition
14.02.20	PTA Valentine Raffle
14.02.20	End of Term
25.02.20	PTA Pancake Breakfast
25.02.20	Year 3 Roman Day
27.02.20	Year 3 Roman Day
28.02.20	Year 3 Roman Day
04.03.20	Y6 Parliament Trip
04.03.20	Jeremy Strong visiting school
06.03.20	PTA School Disco
24.03.20	Amherst Music Festival
24.04.20	PTA Cake and 2 nd Hand Uniform Sale

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=77527>

Breakfast Club Assistant

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

Music Achievements

Congratulations to following children who have recent Music examination success:

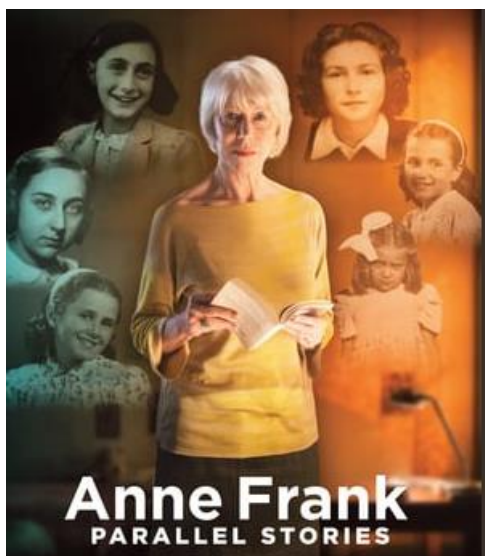
Daniel A - Music Theatre, Grade 1 Distinction

Emilia K – Piano, Grade 1 Merit

Emilia K – Singing, Grade 1, Merit

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.



In recognition of Holocaust Memorial Day *'Oscar-Winning Helen Mirren tells the story of Anne Frank's life through the pages of her world famous diary, a story that has made the tragedy of the Holocaust known to readers all over the world.'*

There is a special showing of this film on Monday 27th January, 19.45pm at The Stag Cinema, this may be of interest to Year 6 children and parents.

For more information and to book online go to:

<https://stagsevenoaks.co.uk/film/anne-frank-parallel-stories/>

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.

A New Beacon Conference – Helping Young People Navigate the 21st Century

"Child and adolescent mental health is very much in the parenting and educational spotlight. We believe it is something about which we are very aware with strong pastoral care and attention to our pupils' wellbeing – whatever their age. We are excited to announce that we will be holding a conference here at The New Beacon on 23 – 24 April with a target audience of parents and education professionals. Our aim is to delve deeper into this very important topic."

Please find below a link giving more information about the conference and details on how to book places:

<https://www.newbeacon.org.uk/news-events/helping-young-people-navigate-the-21st-century/>



INCLUSION NEWS January 2020

BOOKS PLEASE

If your child borrows Barrington Stoke books or Rapid Readers (graphic books) from Mrs Holmes's office please have a look at home and bring them back, and swap for a new one. The bookshelf has a few gaps at the moment.

CLICKER 7 – for free

If you would like to access Clicker 7 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.



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TTRS Typing dates and CONGRATULATIONS

Well done those children who practised at home in the holidays. Please try and practise at home once or twice a week. It makes such a difference. Parents, if you don't have your child's login details please email me and I'll send them to you. We started again on Monday January 13th and most of you made it!

PARENT DROP-INS

I am available most Wednesday afternoons (sometimes Tuesdays) 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).

SPORT

Kent Junior Chess Grand Prix

On Saturday 11th January, the following Amherst players took part in the 4th tournament of the season: Aoife G, Noah T, Violet D, Lucas T, Ben H, Shabd L and Dylan R. It was a tough but successful day, each player played 6 games winning points for themselves and Amherst in the Primary School league. We are currently 2nd out of 35 schools in Kent- only Dulwich Prep is ahead of us! Well done to all our players.

The next GP is at Sevenoaks School on Sunday 16th February. To enter please go to www.kica.org/Event.

English National Schools Girls Chess Championships

On Sunday 12th January, Violet D, Aoife G and Tessa H represented Amherst in the ECF English National Schools Girls Chess Championships at Bramley School. There was 50 teams of 3 in the U11 section. Lots of the top teams were County and International junior players. The girls finished 2nd place, all winning 4/5 games. They now qualify to the National final in April.

This really was an amazing result, well done to them all!



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>

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!

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)

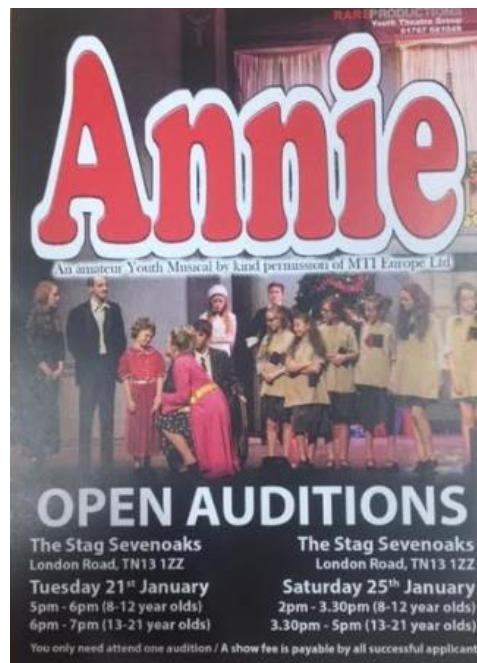
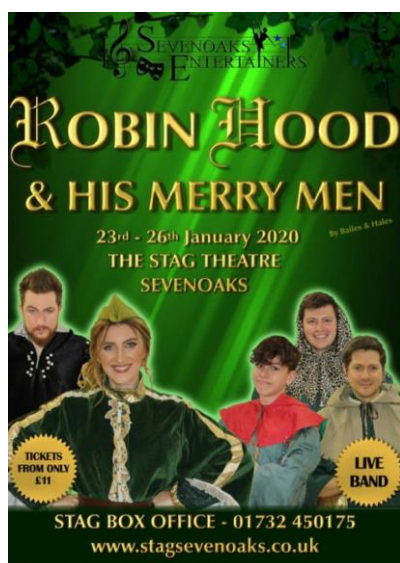
Sevenoaks Junior Hockey Half Term Camps

Please see below dates and links for information regarding their half term clubs:

Thursday 20th February - Junior Skills Masterclass 09:30 - 12:30
(Years 4 - 7) <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sevenoaks-hockey-club-half-term-junior-skills-masterclass-february-tickets-89482545703>

Thursday 20th February - Senior Skills Masterclass 13:30 - 16:30
(Years 8 - 11) <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sevenoaks-hockey-club-half-term-senior-skills-masterclass-february-tickets-89483193641>

Friday 21st February - General Camp Years 4 - 11 all day 10:00 - 15:00 <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sevenoaks-hockey-club-half-term-hockey-camp-february-tickets-89483719>



DEVELOPMENT THROUGH DRAMA

One of the greatest life skills we can give our children is the ability to communicate confidently.

ROLEPLAY is vital to a child's development and increases social interaction, problem solving and communication skills. Through imaginative plays, we explore emotions and feelings which helps to boost **WELL-BEING** and **SELF-AWARENESS**.

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- ANSWER IN FULL SENTENCES
- FEEL GOOD IN THEMSELVES
- IMPROVE CONFIDENCE & ENTHUSIASM
- INCREASE SELF-ESTEEM
- ACT IN PLAYS
- WORK IN GROUP SITUATIONS
- MEET NEW FRIENDS
- DISCUSS SOCIAL ISSUES
- IMPROVE LISTENING SKILLS
- ENCOURAGE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Summer: Mon 20th July - Fri 21st Aug



- Over 40 activities
- Amazing facilities
- Move dates for free up to 14 days in advance
- Book by day or week
- Monday to Friday
- Drop off 8:30 to 9:30
- Collect 16:30 to 17:15
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Introductory Offer
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per week
*Lower price for 4 day Easter weeks

Standard £47
NOW £39
per day



ONLINE: www.ultimateactivity.co.uk **PHONE:** 0330 111 7077
PAYMENT: Credit/Debit Card and Childcare Vouchers

If you have received this flyer from your child's school, this does not mean the school endorses Ultimate Activity Camps.

Events in the Local Community - contd

DRAMA SINGING DANCE

**FEED THEIR IMAGINATION...
...WATCH THEIR CONFIDENCE GROW!**

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FOUNDATION

CFC Foundation Training Camp



Hayesbrook School

Hayesbrook School, Brook Street, Tonbridge, TN9 2PH

Male & Female Football Training Camp

5 – 11 year olds

Day 1
Date: **Tuesday 18th February 2020.** Time: **09:30-15:00**
Registration from 09:00

Day 2
Date: **Wednesday 19th February 2020.** Time: **09:30-15:00**
Registration from 09:00

Course code: FDCTC-HYB-K-1

Providing opportunities for 5 -11 year olds

BOOK ONLINE NOW www.chelseasoccerschools.co.uk
For further details please contact **John Rourke**
E: john.rourke@chelseafc.com M: 07720975201

Term Dates 2020

TERM 3		
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

Term Dates 2020/2021

TERM 1		
Staff Inset:	Tuesday	1 st September 2020
START:	Wednesday	2 nd September 2020
FINISH:	Thursday	22 nd October 2020
Staff Inset:	Friday	23 rd October 2020
TERM 2		
START:	Monday	2 nd November 2020
FINISH:	Friday	18 th December 2020
TERM 3		
Staff Inset:	Monday	4 th January 2021
Staff Inset:	Tuesday	5 th January 2021
START:	Wednesday	6 th January 2021
FINISH:	Friday	12 th February 2021
TERM 4		
START:	Monday	22 nd February 2021
FINISH:	Thursday	1 st April 2021
TERM 5		
START:	Monday	19 th April 2021
FINISH:	Friday	28 th May 2021
TERM 6		
Staff Inset:	Monday	7 th June 2021
START:	Tuesday	8 th June 2021
FINISH:	Wednesday	21 st July 2021