



AMHERST NEWS



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13th March 2020

Star of the Week



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| 3A | Lilian K | 5B | Lewis O |
| 3W | Elizabeth O-G | 5H | Abi K |
| 3S | Sol H | 5J | Ben H |
| 4W | Olivia W | 6A | Maya K |
| 4SF | Kit T | 6P | Myrto M |
| 4C | Ben H | 6B | Arthur P |

School Grounds Opening time

We would like to remind parents that staff are not on duty on the playground until **8.30am**. Parents should therefore not bring their children to school before this time unless they are attending a school club.

Forthcoming Events

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| 17.03.20 | History Troupe Assembly |
| 18.03.20 | Year 4 Science Museum |
| 19.03.20 | Year 5 'The Highwayman' visit |
| 20.03.20 | Clubs Finish |
| 24.03.20 | Amherst Music Festival |
| 24.03.20 | PTA Cake and 2 nd Hand Uniform Sale |
| 25.03.20 | Parents Evening |
| 26.03.20 | Parents Evening |
| 27.03.20 | 'Wear a Hat' Brain Tumour Awareness Day |
| 31.03.20 | Love 2 Dance at 'The Stag' |
| 31.03.20 | Year 3 Easter Performance |
| 01.04.20 | Term Ends |
| 16.04.20 | Term Starts |
| 17.04.20 | PTA School Disco (new date) |
| 23.05.20 | Year 6 Movie Making Presentation |
| 23.4.20 | Year 5 'Holes' Show |
| 01.05.20 | PTA Golf Day |
| 01.05.20 | Year 5 British Museum Trip |
| 05.06.20 | School Triathlon |
| 07.05.20 | PTA Cake and Uniform Sale |
| 08.05.20 | Bank Holiday (Friday) |

Music

Violin Assembly

On Thursday, Mrs Kiely and her pupils performed in an assembly for the whole school. The children were brilliant, playing a range of pieces, and should be really proud of all their hard work preparing for the performance. Many thanks to Mrs Kiely for organising and leading this assembly.



Music Achievements

Congratulations to following children who have recent Music examination success:

Juda N - Piano, Grade 1, Merit
 Alice B - Piano, Grade 1, Pass
 Annie T - Flute, Grade 3, Pass

Parents' Evenings

Parents' evenings will take place on **Wednesday 25th March from 3.40pm-8.00pm** and **Thursday 26th March from 3.40pm-6.30pm**.

The booking system opens on **Wednesday 18th March at 7:00pm**. Please login using <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk/> and enter event the code **hwwwn**.

Sport

Water Polo Competition

Report by Mrs Wheeler

On Wednesday 11th March, twelve children from Years 5 and 6 participated in a Water Polo competition at Sevenoaks School.

This is the first time that this event has taken place and it was a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn the skills and rules of this exciting sport.

Considering that the children had not played Water Polo competitively before or as a team, they were absolutely amazing.

Both the Year 5 and Year 6 teams developed their skills and teamwork rapidly as they played more matches. They demonstrated incredible stamina, strength and determination and both teams managed to win some of their matches by significant margins.

The Year 6 team came second overall in their competition. The Year 5 team missed out on a medal position but won most of their matches!

It was wonderful to observe the enjoyment that the children displayed during the competition and many of them have expressed an interest in joining the Sevenoaks Water Polo club. (Please contact Mrs Wheeler if your child would also be interested in joining this club)

Huge congratulations to: Leo G, Louis R, Joseph NB, Abi F, Ava S, Elizabeth S, Olivia S, Megan T, Eva D, Arthur P, Oliver L and Maxwell T.

Thank you to all the parents for transporting and supporting the children.



Sports Relief 2020

Report by Mrs Wheeler

Thank you to all the children and parents who came along on Thursday morning to our Fun Run to raise money for Sports Relief.

We had a fantastic turn out and it was wonderful to see parents, grandparents and younger siblings joining in too. Some children ran several miles around the school field and a few children even managed to complete all their laps running backwards!

We raised lots of money for a great cause.



Kent Junior Chess Grand Prix

Reports by Helen Peters

On Sunday the following Amherst players spent the day at Bishop Justus School playing in the 6th Grand Prix tournament of the season: Tessa H, Ben H, Mick H, Isaac

H, Dylan R, Shabd L. They all played 6 games, winning individual points and points for Amherst. We are now 6th in the Primary School table out of 41 schools, but we are still the top state school. To enter the next GP please see www.kjca.org.

Kent U11 team

Tessa was also playing chess on Saturday for the Kent U11 team, who won their South of England zone and are through to the national finals. Well Done!

Netball

Report by Miss Jones

The school netball team played three of their league matches this week with great results for the team. The first match we played was against Otford and our team scored some amazing goals to win 8-1. The second match was against Lady Boswell's. This was such a great, competitive game between two very evenly matched sides where the final score was 6-6. The last match, against St John's, meant the team had to push their fitness levels a bit harder and keep playing right to the end whistle. The final score was 6-2 to Amherst. We are really looking forward to Saturday's tournament. Thank you to all of the families who supported us with your verbal encouragement and please feel free to do the same on Saturday. Some of the children who played are in the picture below but some had already gone home so sorry if you are not there. The children who played were: Lily S, Vivien R, Connie F, Caoimhe M, Anais K, Ellen J, Eva G, Charlie T, Georgia L, agitate M, Christina H, Isabella H.



Tennis - Sevenoaks School Doubles

Report by Adam Reavely

A huge well done to all who took part in the Mini Orange Sevenoaks School Doubles events on Saturday 7th of March.

The girls pairings were as follows: Isabella C and Alex E, Bronagh M and Alice M, Olivia W and Ava D.

Bronagh and Alice qualified to the knockouts along with Olivia and Ava resulting in an Amherst V Amherst B semi-final. An incredibly close semi saw Alice and Bronagh fight back after Olivia and Ava took a commanding lead to take the win in a close, nail-biting affair.

Alice and Bronagh then went on to pick up the silver medal facing a very strong Granville team with Olivia and Ava just missing out on the bronze in the 3rd place play-off.

Issy and Alex picked up a couple of wins in the round robin stage, but unfortunately, it wasn't quite enough to qualify- they did however get to have lots of fun playing doubles champions whilst the knock-out rounds were completed.

The boys followed with Shabd L and Dimitris M pairing up along with Max R. Shabd and Dimitris came incredibly close to qualifying after 5 matches played, but lost out on the head to head against New Beacon A. Max and Matthew picked up a couple of wins in their box which was a great achievement as it was Matthew's first proper competition. Thanks to Max for supporting him!

Well done to all involved. As always, it was a real pleasure to watch all of you compete and give your very best efforts throughout the events. You were a real credit to the school!



Boys U11 Hockey Report

Report by Miss Steptowe

On Wednesday the 11th of March, our boys U11 hockey team took part in the UKSA schools hockey tournament at Burgess Hill. Throughout the competition, the boys were up against some difficult opposition but held their own and played really well as a team.

There were a few close matches during the group stages in which we won one game, drew one and lost two. This put us through to the plate semi-finals which we narrowly lost to Ardingly College in the final few minutes.

The boys should be really proud of what they achieved on Wednesday. Even though they were up against tough competition, they never gave up. We came away sixth in the tournament overall.

Well done to Charlie. T, Theo. L, Ethan. T, Freddie. S, Jacob. C, Harry. W, Juda. N, Jasper. H and Zeph. M.

Music Lessons

Music lessons are available for many instruments at Amherst.

The tutors currently teaching at Amherst are –

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| 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.

PTA News

We are so sorry.....

About the last minute cancellation of the disco. Whilst we all know these things cannot be helped, we also know that your children will have been really disappointed, so thank you all for your patience and understanding. The very good news is that our disco is now rescheduled for 17th April – all other details remain the same!



Other upcoming events set out below.... Have a wonderful weekend!

Closing
31st March



1st May



7th May



5th June



Follow us on social media:

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*****INCLUSION NEWS March 2020*****

TTRS Typists

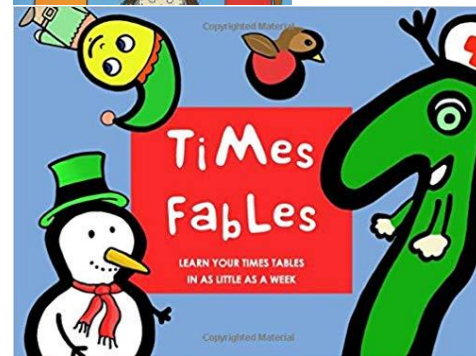
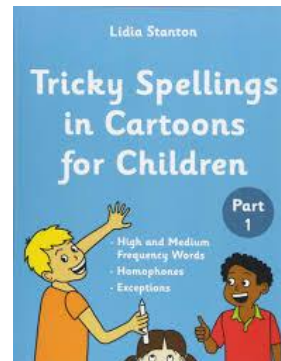
Please not clubs end on March 20th, so the last TTRS this term will be Wednesday 18th March. Please try to keep practising at home.

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.

BRILLIANT BOOKS for SPELLINGS and TABLES

First, 'A delightful collection of witty and easy to remember visual hints (mnemonics) to help the child recall tricky spellings.' By Lidia Stanton, it costs under £10.



And second,

many children find it hard to learn their times tables. This little book by J. Wilson makes it really fun, by teaching the times tables through stories that have been specially developed with visual learners in mind.

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. *Helen Holmes, Inclusion Manager* (helen.holmes@amherst.kent.sch.uk).

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.

Sackville School – Yr5 taster 25/3. For more info please see website www.sackvilleschool.com

Radnor House – Yr 7 Taster Day – 24th June 8.30am-3pm. For more info and to register for the event contact www.radnor-sevenoaks.org/senior-school-taster-day

Events in the Local Community

RIVERHEAD NEEDS YOU!

Saturday 21st March

9.30am -11.30am

Meet at Alison's Garden (corner of the entrance of the Miller & Carter public carpark) to litter pick and clear weeds etc on the pavements in Riverhead.

Wear gardening gloves and suitable clothing and bring any useful tools eg brooms, hoes and spades. Some spares provided by the Parish Council.

Refreshments will be provided

Caroline Penollar
Parish Clerk
Riverhead Parish Council

Easter Tennis Camps and Chipstead Lawn Tennis Club

Monday 6/4 – Thursday 9/4

9am-12pm 3 hour (5-9 years)

3.30-5.30pm 2 hour (10-16 years)

Cost 3 hr £45 members/£50 non-members/2 hr £40 members/£45 non-members

Cost is for all 4 days, individual days are possible.

Westerham Sea Cadets TS Gallant Open Weekend 21-22 March 2020

Come along and see what we do!

10-12 years? – *Join our Juniors*

Meet either Tuesday or Thursday Evening 18.45-21.00

12-18 years? *Join our Cadets*

Meet Tuesday and Thursday Evening 18.45-21.00

We are at Westerham Sea Cadets, Drill Hall, Westerham, TN16 1RL. Tel: 01959 565 006 or sea-cadets.org/westerham



Easter 2020

Family Fun Days

Monday 6 April, 10am to 2pm
Swanley Park, New Barn Road, Swanley BR8 7PW

Tuesday 7 April, 10am to 2pm
Rickards Hall, 72A High Street (no Eden Valley Museum which is 72 High Street) Edenbridge TN8 5AR

Wednesday 8 April, 11am to 3pm
Eynsford Village Hall, High Street, Eynsford DA4 0AA

Thursday 9 April, 10am to 2pm
Small Village Hall, High Street, Leigh TN11 8RL

FREE

No booking required but children must be supervised by a parent or carer at all times.
For more information, please call 01732 227000 or email communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk

Funded by Sevenoaks District Council, delivered by Play Place, supported by town and parish councils



Play Place



CFC Foundation Advanced Soccer



Hayesbrook School
Hayesbrook School, Brook Street, Tonbridge, TN9 2PH
Male & Female Football Advanced Soccer School
5 – 11 year olds

| Day 1 | |
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| Date: Tuesday 14 th April 2020. | Time: 09:30-15:00 |
| Registration from 09:00 | |
| Day 2 | |
| Date: Wednesday 15 th April 2020. | Time: 09:30 – 15:00 |
| Registration from 09:00 | |
| Day 3 | |
| Date: Thursday 16 th April 2020. | Time: 09:30 – 15:00 |
| Registration from 09:00 | |
| Course code: ADSS-HYB-K-1 | |
| Price £57 | |

Providing opportunities for 5 -11 year olds

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For further details please contact John Rourke
E: John.rourke@chelseafc.com M: 07720975201



CHIPSTEAD JFC ARE HOSTING A MINI SOCCER COURSE (UP TO YR 3) & GOALKEEPING COACHING (YR 3 to YR 8) AT CHIPSTEAD RECREATION GROUND

MAY & JUNE 2020 (6 WEEKS NOT HALF TERM)

PLEASE SEE ALL DETAILS VIA THE LINK BELOW:

<https://chipsteadfc.org.uk/courses/mini-soccer-courses/>

Instructions:

1. Parent to Register on the site.
2. Add your Children individually as "Members"
3. Book the Course - Under Courses/Events

Any problems, please email caroline@davies@gmail.com or via the "Contact Us" link on the website.

Term Dates 2020

TERM 4

FINISH: Wednesday 1st April 2020

TERM 5

START: Thursday 16th April 2020

BANK HOL: Friday 8th May 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