



Amherst School Newsletter No. 13

## Message from Mr Reid

With the beginning of Advent this week, **Christmas** has **begun at Amherst**. The **tree** is up in reception and each classroom has its own tree this year also. **Carols** have been heard from the hall as the choir (2m apart) have started singing again. Year 4 have been working so hard to rehearse and record their **Christmas production**. My **office** has become a storeroom for Christmas hampers and Toy Pod deliveries!

Tomorrow will see the first (and hopefully the last) virtual Christmas Bazaar.

**Thank you** to all the members of the PTA that have done an exceptional job to create the online Christmas Shop and all the other virtual events for tomorrow.

I hope many of you have ordered a **German Market box** to arrive at home and create a wonderful festive atmosphere in your garden.

I am looking forward to completing the **live raffle draw on Zoom tomorrow** which will be a new experience (please note the revised time of 1.30pm)! Good luck if you have entered, the hampers look amazing.



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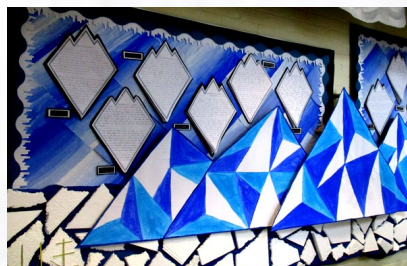
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## Shackleton's Journey

Yet again the whole school book project has produced incredible written and artistic outcomes from all year groups. The high level of engagement and quality of work has been fantastic. Normally you would all have the opportunity to see the wonderful displays at Open Afternoon but this year that is not possible.

Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



Please click on the link to view further pictures of the year group displays: [Gallery](#)

Have a good weekend.

# Important THIS week!

## AMHERST CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - TOMORROW!

Please see page 4 for all the information or [click here](#).



## CLASS PHOTOS

Class photos is now ONLY available to be ordered online—please click on [www.getphotos.co.uk](http://www.getphotos.co.uk)



## PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Parent Consultations will be taking place via **telephone appointments**.

Year 4 — 9 Dec & 10 Dec

Year 6 — 7 Dec & 8 Dec



## FLU IMMUNISATION

Please complete the online consent form marking whether you consent or decline consent before **04.12.2020** — [click here](#)

- To access the consent form you will need to enter your child's school unique reference number (URN) which is **136499**.
- Please note the online consent form will close at **midnight** on the above date and your child will not be vaccinated in school — **late consents** cannot be accepted.



## CAR KEYS FOUND - Thank you!

A local resident, who lost her car keys on the common, was delighted that half of Amherst School's children was helping her to look for it.

The keys were found by Lucas T and she wanted to thank everyone who helped!



## CHRISTMAS TREES

If you are considering buying a real Christmas tree this year, **Stonepitts Farm** will donate £2 to Amherst School for every tree purchased with an additional donation to The Stag Theatre Charity.

You will need to produce a copy of this article when purchasing your tree. Please refer to their website for further details and directions [click here](#)



## COVID-19



**Tier 3 restrictions** apply across Kent from **Wednesday 2 December**.

Please remember to maintain social distance at drop off and pick up.

Children must not attend school if they have a **high temperature**, **loss of taste/smell** or a **new continuous cough**, or if a member of their household has COVID symptoms and is awaiting test results.

Further information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>



# STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to all our stars of this week!

3A	Lilly May S
3S	Leo F
3W	Jack T
4C	Laura P
4SF	Robert B
4W	Chloe B

5A	Alice M
5B	Daisy M
5J	Riley P
6B	Kai K
6D	Esme L F
6P	Natalie M

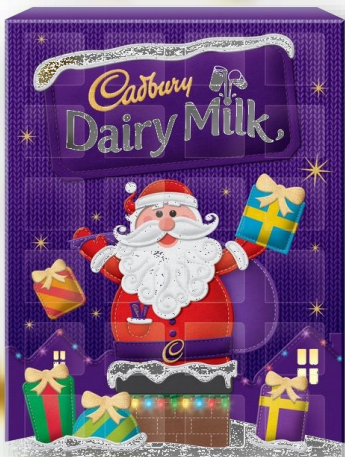
## MUSIC

Congratulations to the following children on their music exam results:

Summer J—Clarinet Grade 2—Merit



## ADVENT CALENDAR WINNERS



Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Jack R	Laura P	Rosie F	Anna-Lotta M
Jessica N	Lucas T	Dylan R	Evie S
Henry A	Daisy W-E	Peter W	Lewis O
Tom M-M	Caitlin J	Rina N	William S
Lucas I-C	Matthew H	Matthew P	Max R
Sophie F	Edward H	Poppy G	Annie T
Felicity B	Paige W	Alice M	Hattie R

## YEAR 4 - NORMAN SHIELDS



Victoria



Hannah



Rufus



Edward



Shalom

## CHESS CLUB

On **Wednesday** we played in the 2nd Primary Schools Team Battle against seven other schools from the South East. There were 81 players, and 300 games played. **Six valiant Amherst players** entered, all contributing to our very respectable **5th place**. Many congratulations to Ben H, Lucas T, Dylan D, Owen P, Mick H and Poppy Grace DL. Next Wednesday (9th Dec) we have a friendly Amherst-only tournament at 5pm.



# PTA NEWS



## Our virtual Christmas Bazaar is here!

Year 6 games, Christmas Grand draw by Zoom, a German Xmas market experience and Silent Auction – we hope you will join the fun!!

A **VERY, VERY HUGE thank you** to our Amherst School Office team who will be working all Saturday to sort out the Amherst Fair shop donations, ready for our parents for pick up on Saturday afternoon (and next week)!

Have a wonderful weekend,



Your PTA Team



**VIRTUAL****5 Dec '20**

## AMHERST CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

*Live all day* **SILENT AUCTION – BID** online until 8.00pm

**8.00am** **Year 6 games** live on Saturday morning

**1.30pm** **Grand Draw Zoom** with Mr Reid.

**2.00pm** **COLLECTION** of **Virtual Fair** (online shopping)

**3.30pm** **COLLECTION** of **Hampers** & Grand Draw prizes

### YEAR 6 GAMES

- The games **answer sheet** will be emailed tomorrow.
- If you would like to make a **donation** to the year 6's for their incredible initiative, please visit the [PTA Website](#).
- Remember to use the **answer sheet** given to you in class
- Please bring answer sheets to school on **MONDAY** morning.

### GRAND DRAW ZOOM

Mr Reid is inviting you to join the **LIVE** Amherst School Grand Draw / Christmas Raffle via ZOOM on:

- Time:** Today - Dec 5, 2020 **1.30pm** London
- Zoom Meeting ID:** 722 0930 7659
- Passcode:** LuQ0h6
- Join the meeting [here](#).

### SILENT AUCTION

**BIDDING** is now live at – please click on the link below ...  
<https://auctionofpromises.com/AmherstPTASA2020>

The auction will close at **8.00pm** , Today

### COLLECTION

The school will be open from 2.00 until 4.00pm for the collection of online shopping, hamper and grand draw prizes. **One person** per collection and **social distancing** please.

**2.00 – 3.30** – Parents have been informed separately of collection times.  
**3.30 – 4.00pm** – Hamper and Grand Draw

## AMHERST GERMAN CHRISTMAS MARKET EXPERIENCE

Orders will be delivered to your door on Saturday morning!

## LIVE LINKS

Please click on the links below:

[PTA WEBSITE](#)

[SILENT AUCTION LINK](#)

[GRAND DRAW ZOOM MEETING](#)

