



## Message from Mr Reid

### Year 4 Christmas Film

The children and teachers have worked so hard to rehearse, **perform and record their Christmas production**. Well done to all of them for producing such a brilliant film whilst still following all the protective measures. Year 4 parents will have received an email today with the link to watch the film. We hope you enjoy it.



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### Virtual Christmas Bazaar

**A huge thank you to all members of the PTA for helping organise such a successful virtual Christmas Bazaar!!**

When the event was first discussed in September I never imagined that so much could be achieved virtually. The online **Christmas Shop, Year 6 Games, Hampers, live Zoom Grand Draw and German Winter Market in a Box** were all so successful and inventive. I know many hours of hard work enabled this event to happen, thank you to you all. **All funds raised will go towards the Grand Designs building project which is still proceeding.** A final thank you to the amazing Admin team that worked all Saturday to enable collection of orders and hampers.



### Parent Questionnaire

You will have received an email yesterday asking you to **complete a parent questionnaire**. Please could I encourage you to take the time to complete it. It should only take five to ten minutes. We are asking the standard Ofsted questions but also this year some COVID specific questions. It would be great to receive feedback on how the first lockdown was managed and also the return to school since September. All feedback, positive and negative is welcomed!



**Reminder that the last day of school this term is Friday 18th December.**

The children return to school on **Wednesday 6th January**.



I hope you all have a good weekend. There will be **great excitement** in the Reid household tomorrow as we are putting up our Christmas tree!

# Important THIS week!

## SECRETS ROOM

All children had the chance to visit our PTA's SECRETS ROOM today. They chose two gifts for their parents / grandparents / carers.

If you have not yet contributed to this, please do so via the [PTA WEBSITE](#)



## CLASS PHOTOS

Your children have been given their class photo orders to bring home this week.



## VACANCIES

We are looking for a full time **teaching assistant** on a fixed term basis.

The advert closes on Tuesday 5 January at 9am, with interviews the following week.

Please apply on the **Kent Teach website** by [clicking here](#)



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## CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Children can wear **something red** / **Christmassy** or even their **Christmas Jumpers** with their school uniform on Wednesday 16 December.



## PTA SWEET SALE

One for the children ... please remember to order your sweet bags, delivery is on the 17th December. Please [click here](#)



## NORMAN DAYS

Please remember to **come dressed and ready in your Norman outfits** on the following days:

4C— Monday 14 Dec

4W— Tuesday 15 Dec



## 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.

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 Alex P

3S Sara I

3W Abigail C

4C Annabel A

4SF Lucas T

4W Joshua O

5A Noah W

5B Megan R

5J The Whole Class

6B Khloe A

6D Edie G

6P Hannah T

## PTA

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE** who joined us last Saturday for our German Market and virtual Christmas Bazaar fun! We have loved hearing all of your feedback – it seems like you all had a great time and the year 6 games proved to be so very popular!!!!

**WELL DONE TO OUR RAFFLE AND AUCTION WINNERS** Please do come and collect your winnings from the office if you have not already.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR** – if you have not already brought in your donations (you will have received an email on this) please do as your purchasers are waiting for their goodies! And purchasers who were missing any items – we are working to get these to you ASAP!

### FESTIVE SWEET SALE

We are signing this year off with one final event – a special for the children (socially distanced, of course!). Please place your order via

[www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta)

- £1.00 per bag
- Order deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> December
- Sweets will be given to children on 17<sup>th</sup> December



### PTA UPDATE

We are going to be sending out our full update next week so please do have a read of our newsletter when it arrives, but for now, **thank you again** for your support.

**WE CONTINUE TO BE AMAZED by JUST HOW INCREDIBLE OUR COMMUNITY is.**



## CHESS CLUB

On **Wednesday** we played a tournament with eleven players from all four year groups.

There were some nail-biting moments and some good checkmates, and above all players were friendly and encouraging to each other.

**Congratulations** to first-placed Ben H for an extraordinary run of 10 wins, with Poppy Grace DL second and Arnav T third. **The last tournament before Christmas is next Wednesday (16th) at 5pm.**

