



Message from Mr Reid

Last week I emailed **Will Grill, author of Shackleton's Journey**, to let him know about the success of our recent whole school book project. I included a link to the gallery of amazing photos on the school website. I would like to share with you his reply that I received on Monday. We were very privileged to be sent a sneak preview of his latest project!

Hi Mr Reid,

Good to hear from you, hope all is well! I'm good thank you, on the way to finishing off another adventure story for Flying Eye.

Yes I do remember, it was 2016 when you first emailed me! Am so thrilled you're revisiting Shackleton, and that Wolves was well received too. Lovely to see the work they've been making - the displays look beautiful and the writing is great! I've really missed this side of things this year so thank you for showing me. Looks like the teacher has done a wonderful job getting the children to try different artistic styles... I just had a look at the year of work you first sent me and struck by that too, it makes the whole process so worthwhile - especially on a day like today when the writing and drawings have been eluding me! Little do they know that seeing their drawings and writing spurs me on, I'm often jealous of the art children make.

Thanks again for reaching out, I hope school life is returning to normal - fingers crossed 2021 will be a different year. Please say hi to the children and teachers for me, here's a sneak peak of what I'm working on now if they are interested. (For your school's eyes only! Some B&W roughs for a new book out next year, all to do with Burmese logging elephants coming to the rescue in WW2)

All the best, Will



Christmas Lunch

On **Wednesday** we all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas lunch. It was great to see so many children and staff in Christmas jumpers, hats and other headwear.

The kitchen team did a fantastic job and the food was delicious.

It was lovely to see and hear the children having so much fun.



Staffing

As some of you will already be aware, we sadly **say goodbye to Mrs Barratt today** who is leaving Amherst to begin an exciting new chapter in her life. Mrs Barratt has worked at Amherst for 10 years and has been a wonderful teacher and valued member of our leadership team. Many children have benefitted from her hard work and expertise as a teacher. She has always built and maintained excellent relationships with her pupils ensuring they are highly motivated to learn and make good progress. We will miss her very much and wish her every success for her future plans.



Finally, I wish you all a very happy Christmas and thank you for all the positive feedback and support during what has been a challenging term. It really makes a difference. I look forward to **welcoming children back on Wednesday 6th January.**

Please view [Mr Reid's End of Term Christmas Message here.](#)



CHRISTMAS @ AMHERST

THANK YOU

A BIG THANK YOU from all the teachers and office staff as we are truly spoilt by all the gifts and your generosity in the last week.

Enjoy a few of the moments we shared in school over the last few weeks!



Merry Christmas
from all of us
@ amherst





STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to all our stars of this week!

3A	Jensen M
3S	Theo H
3W	Henry F
4C	Sia D
4SF	Lauren D
4W	Shalom O

5A	Bronagh M
5B	Joelle P
5J	Martin J
6B	Isabella A
6D	Finn S
6P	Emilia B & Lucas T

MUSIC

Congratulations to the following children on fantastic music exam results:

William R - Electric Guitar - Grade 1 - Merit

Annie T - Flute - Grade 4 - Distinction

CHESS

On **Wednesday** we played our last tournament of the year with the usual mix of exciting chess and good spirits. Well played to all of you: Ben H, Dylan D, Harrison P, Poppy Grace DL and Owen P.

We will continue online in Term 3.

Thank you to everyone who has played during 2020, and Happy Christmas!

OTHER

Congratulations to Lia F and Jaden W who raised £15.00 for Cancer Research!

PTA

The children absolutely loved their SWEET BAG treat this week!

Thank you to 3W for organising this event.

To all parents—thank you once again for all your amazing support this term.

Please read our **December 2020 Newsletter** if you have not already done so: [Newsletter](#)



Virtual Lego Club

Are you a future creator, inventor or engineer? Show us your creations!

From January 2021, Sevenoaks School are inviting schools to get involved and take part in the Virtual Lego Club. With new themes every month.

How do I get involved?

Parents can sign their child up to the challenge by emailing Outreach@sevenoaksschool.org

They will be sent out the theme each month, a link to resources and where to tag their creations online.

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OUTREACH

We are excited to be launching a **Virtual Lego Club** in 2021. We would love to get as many of your pupils involved in as possible. There will be a new theme set each month and parents will be given access to resources to support their learning. To register, we ask parents to email us at Outreach@sevenoaksschool.org.