

Welcome back!

Term 5

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MESSAGE FROM MR REID

I hope you have all had a **good Easter holiday** with a chance to relax and recharge the batteries. With restrictions easing on Monday 12th April, I'm sure like me, you took the **opportunity to meet up with friends and family** that may not have been seen for a long time. **My children loved seeing their grandparents** who we had not seen since August. I worked out that this is the longest period I have not seen my parents in my lifetime. Although it was bright and sunny, it still felt very cold at times sitting in a garden chatting!

THE LOST SPELLS

The children and staff have enjoyed the **first week** of our latest whole **school book project 'The Lost Spells'** by Robert McFarlane and Jackie Morris. I look forward to seeing the wonderful writing and artwork that will appear on display in the following weeks.

WELCOME

Welcome to **four new families that have joined us in Year 3**. I hope your children have had a positive first week at Amherst making friends and enjoying their learning. Starting at a new school can feel daunting for parent and child and I hope you have been made to feel welcome.

CLUBS

It was wonderful this week to see some of our clubs starting again with our fuller club timetable starting next week. Although outside, **Mr Clarke** did an admirable job with Year 3 Choir and Amherst Choir. His **determination** to get extra curricular music provision back on track is **fantastic**.

Thank you to all staff for their commitment to our extra curricular programme. It may not be our usual fifty clubs a week but it is a start. We know how much the children enjoy and value attending clubs.

ZOOM PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Next week you will be attending a Zoom parent consultation. This will provide your child's teacher the opportunity to give you information about how they have settled following their return to school since 8th March.

- The slots are ten minutes long and **good timekeeping is essential** for **parents** and **teachers**.
- Please **ensure you log on in plenty of time** (allow time for any technical issues or not being able to find the Zoom link).
- **The teacher will admit you** from the waiting room when it is your turn.
- **Please could you ensure you click on 'Leave Meeting'** at the end of the consultation.

I hope the consultations are successful but please be understanding if there are any technical issues.

I hope you all have a good weekend.





NOTICES

LUNCH MONEY

We would appreciate if you can check your child's lunch money balance on www.schoolgateway.com and ensure payment has been made for the coming term. Costs for the new term are as follows:

- Daily - £ 2.35
- Weekly - £ 11.75
- Term 5 - £ 65.80 (28 days)
- Term 6 - £ 77.55 (33 days)
- Total Term 5 & 6 - £ 143.35

VACANCIES

We have the following vacancies in school at the moment. Please click to see more information on the KENT TEACH website.

[Midday Supervisor Assistant—Part Time](#)



PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Please be reminded of your parents evening in the coming week.

You should have received a **confirmation email with the zoom link details** for meeting your child's class teacher.



UNIFORM

Due to it being still cold outside we do require children to please bring a coat to school everyday.



GLUE STICKS

Please can you ensure your child has a glue stick at school for next week.

Many thanks



BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

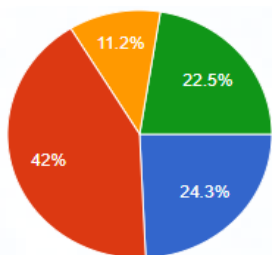
We have some spaces available in our Breakfast and After School Clubs.

If you are interested in requesting a place for your child please see the school website for more information and complete the booking forms by clicking [here](#).



TOKYO

We have travelled **1788 miles** up to date —**FANTASTIC** achievement everyone!



- Year 3
- Year 4
- Year 5
- Year 6



OUR GOAL IS ...

5,945 mi

Distance from Sevenoaks to Tokyo



REMEMBER to please submit your miles!

[Click here](#)

PTA

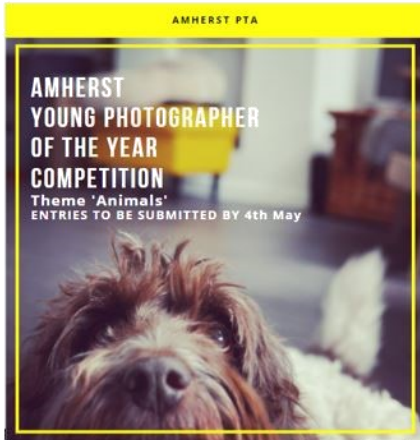
Welcome back from what we hope was a wonderful Easter break! We were certainly pleased to see the sun put in an appearance!

Your PTA had a meeting this week where we discussed plans for the rest of the year. We are keen to keep momentum going, especially with the children now back at school, and want to try and run events for them and their families as we would ordinarily, so they don't miss out our traditional Amherst fun, but in a Covid safe way.

So we have lots of plans which we will be sharing with you shortly!

For now, please don't forget that our **photography competition** closes on 4th May and if there are any last minute entries for the **cookbook**, we would love to receive them as we start putting this together next week!

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



1 overall winner of the title and trophy

1 winner in each category

11 Categories

Photos of all types of animals are welcome!

Competition opens 31st March and closes 3rd May.

£4 per photo entry (to be paid via pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta)

Winners will be judged by person's independent to the school

Unlimited entries per child

Entries to be emailed to amherst.competitions@gmail.com

Dazzling Duos - Any Photos of two or more animal

Amazing Action - Action shots, any photo that captures movement of the animal.

Funniest Photo - Any photos of an animal doing something funny or being silly!

Dreamiest Eyes - All animals have beautiful eyes - we are looking for ones that melt our hearts.

Best Friends - Has your pet got a best pet friend or are you their best friend? Send in a picture of them sharing a lovely moment with their best friend.

Best dressed cool dude - Has your animal got it to be the 'best dressed cool dude'?

Most Hilarious Facial Expression - We would love to see all the different facial expressions of any animal please.

Waggiest Tail (dogs only) - From puppies to oldies, from sausage dogs to Great Danes, any dog photos are welcome.

Grumpiest Cat - This one is for all cats, not just the grumpy ones ☺

Going Wild - Any wild outdoor animals – a walk in the park is a good place to spot those

All Sorts - Any animal great and small which might not fit any of the other category, furry or not, wild or tame – we want to see them all!!

2ND HAND UNIFORM

Thank you for supporting our second hand uniform sale this week— a fantastic **£250.00** was raised / donated to the school.

We welcome any second hand donations of **jumpers** (with logo) and **ties**.

Many thanks





STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to all our STARS of this week!

3A	Albert R-C
3S	John A
3W	Alex F
4C	Jonah C
4SF	Georgia C
4W	Isla S

5A	Connor L
5B	Sebastian H
5J	Daniel A
6B	Zoe H
6D	Hattie R
6P	Tamara B

MUSIC

Congratulations to Poppy-Grace D-L with her exam results: MERIT— Grade 1 Piano

GHESS

This week we played a **friendly tournament** with some very exciting games.

Well done to all who took part: Ben H (1st), Lucas T, Dylan D, Poppy Grace DL and Avani T.

EVENTS / COMMUNITY

Cheerleading in Sevenoaks for 4-18 year olds

Dear Parents,

We are holding cheerleading classes at Trinity School in Sevenoaks from 5-6pm on a Friday evening for ages 4-18 and would love for you to join us.



- We offer high quality training in all aspects of Cheerleading, Fusion Cheerleading is a small friendly academy where all pupils are taught in a caring, encouraging and professional environment.
- Cheerleading is a great inclusive team sport that combines physical endurance and strength-based activities, developing coordination, flexibility and mental skills.
- It is a fast-growing sport in the UK providing many boys and girls with a safe community where they can build confidence, leadership skills and self-awareness.
- All teachers are fully qualified and DBS checked.
- All pupils perform in regular internal showcases as well as performing in other events throughout the year.

If your child isn't already signed up and you would like to book a FREE trial , please follow this link to our website:

<https://www.fusioncheerleaders.co.uk/book-online>

EVENTS / COMMUNITY

Please click on the pictures below to access the links / booking forms or to find more information:



Open Events at The Hayesbrook School

We are currently planning our **open events for Year 5 boys** and will be holding the following taster sessions at The Hayesbrook School:

Friday 2 July 2021 – Year 5 Taster Session – 2 – 4pm

Friday 9 July 2021 – Year 5 Taster Session – 2 – 4pm

Friday 16 July 2021 – Year 5 Taster Session – 2 – 4pm

Booking is via our school website - please click [here](#) to book.

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Soccer Schools May 2021

For Boys & Girls aged 4-13

Prices from £22

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[ChelseaSoccerSchools.co.uk](https://chelseasoccerschools.co.uk)

community.enquiries@chelseafc.com

01932 596193

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FOUNDATION



1 JUNE – 2 JUNE

Course	Venue	Time	Code
Soccer School 4 to 9 years	Hayesbrook School, Brook St, Tonbridge TN9 2PH	Morning Session: 09:30 – 12:00	SS-HYB-K-4

3 JUNE – 4 JUNE

Course	Venue	Time	Code
Soccer School 4 to 9 years	Homewood School, Ashford Road, Tenterden, Kent, TN30 6LT	Morning Session: 09:30 – 12:00	SS-HWS-K-13

The
Big Ask

Hello and welcome

Hi, my name is Rachel de Souza and I'm the Children's Commissioner for England. My job is to speak up for children in England, stand up for their rights, and make sure that the people in power listen to what children need and want.

It's time to give something big back to young people like you after COVID — and **we need your help** to do it.

This is the largest ever survey of children and young people in England. We'll use what you tell us to show the government what you think, and what children need to live happier lives.

This survey will only take you **5-10 minutes**.



Dame Rachel de Souza

EVENTS / COMMUNITY



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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**.

WE GUARANTEE YOUR CHILD WILL DEVELOP EXCELLENT SOCIAL SKILLS THEY WILL NEED IN EVERYDAY LIFE.

- SPEAK & MOVE CONFIDENTLY
- 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

Our internationally acclaimed Drama Academy benefits tens of thousands of children around the world each week. Each class follows a curriculum designed by worldwide experts.

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U13	HIGH PERFORMANCE ACADEMY	FRIDAY 6PM – 8PM STARTING 23 APRIL
U11	HIGH PERFORMANCE ACADEMY	TUESDAY 6PM – 8PM STARTING 27 APRIL
U9 & U13	GIRLS CRICKET COACHING	THURSDAY 5PM – 7PM STARTING 29 APRIL
U11	HARDBALL DEVELOPMENT COACHING	SATURDAY 9AM – 10:30AM STARTING 01 MAY
U11	SOFTBALL CRICKET COACHING -	SATURDAY 9AM – 10:30AM STARTING 01 MAY
U6	ALL STARS CRICKET INTRODUCTION	SATURDAY 9AM – 10:30AM STARTING 01 MAY

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