

MESSAGE FROM MR REID

There has been **great excitement** in **Year 6** after the announcement yesterday that their production this year will be **ALADDIN**. It was wonderful to hear the buzz of anticipation in the Year 6 assembly this morning as Mr Barratt explained the audition process. It was great to hear a few songs being played that I know will become very familiar over the coming weeks.

I am thrilled that we are able to do a production this year, as sadly last year it was not possible. But as you will understand it will **not** be in quite the same format as previous years. The biggest difference due to year group bubble restrictions, is that the production will only involve Year 6. For parents in Years 3 and 4, our summer production is normally a whole school event with Years 3, 4 and 5 singing as the chorus. We will not be able to have an audience attending but have **booked a professional company to come and film the performance** that will then be shared with all Year 6 parents.

The beginning of the production for Year 6 will be a welcome lift for staff and children and something to really focus on over the coming weeks. I always find that the **summer productions brings out the best in all children**. I am continually impressed by the level of talent and confidence that the children demonstrate. I know the Year 6 production is a key element of their Amherst experience and I'm sure this year will be a huge **success**.



Abseiling



Archery



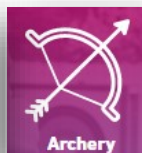
High ropes



Crate challenge



Zip wire



Archery



Geocaching

Year 6 also have a fantastic activity week planned in place of their residential trip to Hilltop. I am so pleased we have been able to put together four days of outdoor and adventurous activities at two local centres. The confidence and experience gained through those types of activities are a key part of their transition to secondary school.

Experience of working effectively as a team and being put out of your comfort zone will **really help** in those first few months of **Year 7** in a new school.

I hope you all have a **good weekend** and manage to dodge the showers!

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NOTICES

NEW MENU

We are hoping to launch our new menu very soon. We were recently treated to lovely new puddings.



COVID SYMPTOMS

If anyone in your household develops one of the following coronavirus symptoms, the **whole household should isolate**, and the symptomatic person should arrange for a COVID test.

- a **high temperature**
- a **new, continuous cough**
- **loss or change of their sense of taste or smell,**

Please find more information on COVID testing [here](#)



VACANCIES

We have the following vacancies in school at the moment. Please [click here](#) to see more information via KENT TEACH website.

- **Breakfast Club Supervisor**—Part-time
- **Midday Supervisor**—Part-time
- **Receptionist**—Part-time



Year 5 Dates Coming Up:

Please reserve the following dates in your diary:

- **1 June 2021**
Kent Test Registration opens
- **9 June 2021**
Kent Test Information evening with Mr Reid
- **15 - 17 June 2021**
Parent Consultations

Year 5

ABSENCE REPORTING

Please remember to complete our [Absence from school form](#) on the school website if your child is unwell.



ARRIVAL @ SCHOOL

Please make sure your child arrives on time for school:

YEAR 3 & 4

08.30am—8.45am
(class starts at **8.45am**)

YEAR 5 & 6

08.45am—9.00am
(class starts at **9.00am**)



TOKYO

We have travelled **316 miles** this week which brings our total to **3618 miles**!

PLEASE REMEMBER to please submit your miles - [Click here](#).

OUR GOAL IS ...

5,945 mi

Distance from Sevenoaks to Tokyo



Only 2327 miles to go!

STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to all our STARS of this week!

3A	Lexi F
3S	Charlie H
3W	Lucas T
4C	Johnny V
4SF	Henry S
4W	Joshua M

5A	Henry O
5B	Arnav T
5J	Edward O
6B	Mia E
6D	Annie T
6P	Ava S

Chess

The first inter-school tournament of the summer is on Wednesday 26 May at 5pm. There are ten schools competing, and we need as many players as possible to enter from Amherst.

If you would like to enter, click on '1st Summer Kent Primary Team Battle' and 'Join'. Our tournament this week was a closely fought and exciting competition. Congratulations to all who entered: Violet D(1st), Ben H(2nd), Owen P(3rd), Lucas T, Dylan D, Poppy Grace DL and Harrison P.



YR 6 LEAVERS' HOODIE

Parents, please see today's email confirming your child's name is correctly spelled on the leavers' hoodie. Please email any changes to the school office no later than Monday 24th May 2021.

office@amherst.kent.sch.uk



PTA

What a week of PTA busy-ness!

Pizza making

Last Saturday a lot of Amherst families were able to enjoy delicious home-made pizzas & garlic bread while also learning how to make a yummy tomato sauce. **Thank you** to Clare M who run the very successful event for us, your patience is legendary!

Pick & mix sweet Bags

A special treat at the end of the term, kindly organised by 3S.

Don't forget to **order** your child's pick & mix treat **by midnight Monday, 24th May**.

The treats will be handed out to the children at the end of their school day on Wednesday, 26th May.

To order [click here](#)



Special edition Personalised

Team Amherst water Bottles

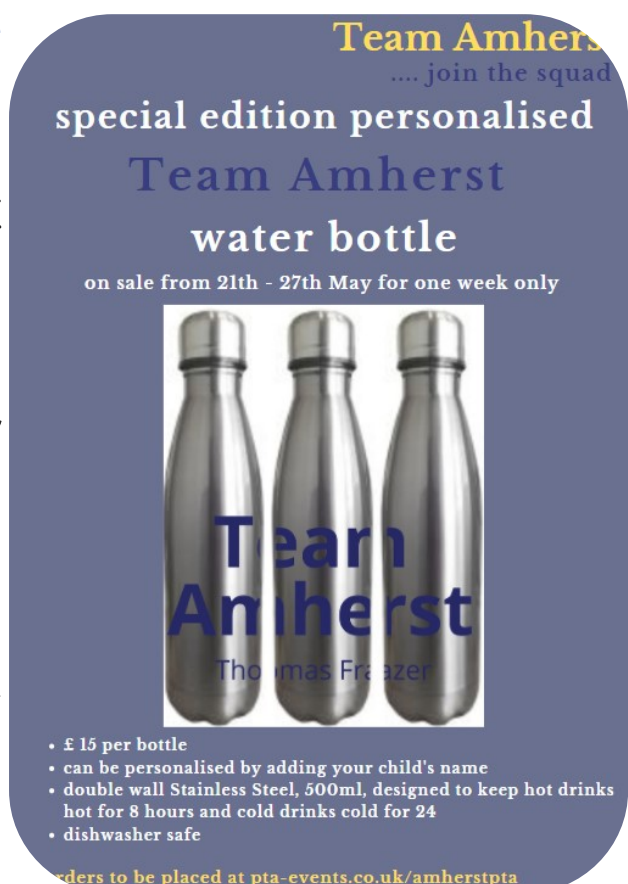
We are so excited to bring you our very own **special edition & personalised Team Amherst water bottles**.

The sale is for **one week only** and we will not order any surplus, so please do **place your order by midnight, 27th May**.

To order [click here](#)

Have a wonderful weekend and as always, thanks so much for your amazing support!!

Your PTA team



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please click on the images to find more information:



Calling All Swimmers!
Continue or begin your swimming journey

Sevenoaks Swimming Club is one of the largest and most successful Clubs in Kent & the South-East Region.

The experienced and dedicated coaching team has helped swimmers achieve multiple county, regional & national titles and records and achieve international selection. All with the support of a dedicated volunteer team (#RedArmy) to create a fun, safe and friendly environment!



Free Trials
2/6/21



FREE TRIALS FOR ALL LEVELS

Spaces available in Learn to Swim, Academy & Competitive Squads!

Contact us at membersec@sevenoakssc.org
or visit us at sevenoakssc.org, Twitter & Instagram



SENNOCKE CENTRE

SEVENOAKS SCHOOL SPORTS CENTRE

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please click on the images to find more information:



Kent Children's Centres

Tonbridge & Malling and Sevenoaks Children's Centres

Half Term Activities
29TH MAY - 4TH JUNE 2021

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC
MAKE A HEALTHY PICNIC
TOGETHER AND THEN TAKE IT SOMEWHERE TO ENJOY!
1ST JUNE & 2ND JUNE @10AM VIRTUAL GROUP VIA MS TEAMS

SUNCATCHERS
LEARN HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN SUNCATCHERS
3RD JUNE & 4TH JUNE @10AM VIRTUAL GROUP VIA MS TEAMS

PARK HUNTS
GO ON YOUR OWN BEAR PICTURE HUNT IN YOUR LOCAL PARK
SWANLEY AND EAST MALLING STARTS 2ND JUNE & TONBRIDGE FROM THE 29TH MAY

SING AND STORY
2ND JUNE @ 1PM AND 3RD JUNE @10AM

BABY TIME
1ST JUNE @ 1PM VIA MS TEAMS

WEDNESDAY WISDOM WORKSHOP
2ND JUNE @9.30 - DENTAL HEALTH

To book email
TMCC@kent.gov.uk or
SwanleyChildrensCentre@kent.gov.uk
Phone 03000 418 008
DEADLINE FOR BOOKING 27TH MAY

Kent County Council
kent.gov.uk



Stay safe and well

SAFETY
LEAFLET
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Reducing fire risk in your home

www.kent.fire-uk.org/homesafety



Kent Fire & Rescue Service