

Welcome back to school!



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MESSAGE FROM MR REID

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back for the start of a new year. They have all arrived with such enthusiasm and excitement.

Welcome to all our new families in Year 3 and other year groups. Year 3 have made a fantastic start to their time at Amherst. It can feel a little overwhelming when beginning at a new school. Year 6 have been brilliant Buddies, helping show their Year 3 Buddy all the routines and looking after them at break time and lunchtime. Thank you Year 6!

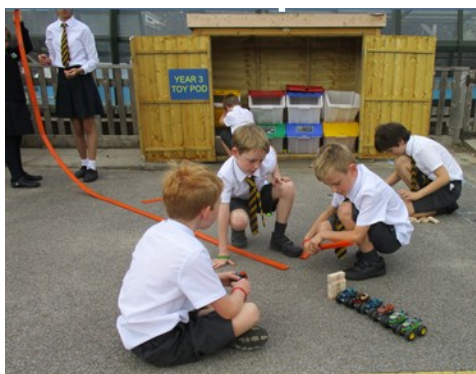
Returning to school this year with less restrictions has really highlighted to me how much we have missed over the last 18 months. To see children, including brothers and sisters, playing together across the year groups has been a pleasure to observe. I have also been reminded just how important whole school assemblies are to the life of a school. That sense of unity and consistency is hard to achieve unless we are altogether.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Wells (who worked on the front desk in reception) who left at the end of last term. Mrs Wells has been a wonderful member of our team for many years. She was an ex Amherst parent and also a key member of the PTA. We will miss her lots and wish her good luck for the future.

Welcome to all new staff who have joined the Amherst team. We have four new teachers Mrs Bourke Y3, Miss Smith Y4, Miss Harvey Y6 and Mr Brown Y6. Mrs Billing has joined us as a new Inclusion Manager. Mrs Elliott has joined the Admin team to work on the front desk in reception on Thursday and Friday. Five new teaching assistants have joined our team Mr Easton Y3, Mrs Gilbert-Trask Y3, Mrs Cowland Y4, Miss Runting Y4 and Ms Kitto Y5. We hope they all enjoy working at Amherst as much as we do.

Your children will probably be tired after their first two days back.
I hope you all have a good weekend.



WE are Back!



NOTICES

LUNCH MONEY

Please ensure you make payment (via www.schoolgateway.com) for your child's lunches for the term.

Costs for the new term are as follows:

Daily - £ 2.35

Weekly - £ 11.75

Term 1 - £ 84.60 (36 days)

Term 2 - £ 82.25 (35 days)

Total Term 1 & 2 = £166.85

CLUBS ENDS

We are currently finalising the extra-curricular clubs for this term and will shortly send out more information.



CONSENT

Please see our consent requests on www.schoolgateway.com :

- Urgent Medical Treatment consent
- Photo consent
- Walking Home consent
- Local Area Visits Consent



VACANCIES

Please click on [Kent Teach](#) to see our list of vacancies:

- Breakfast Club Assistant—part time
- Midday Supervisory Assistant— part time
- Teaching Assistant—full time



AMHERST JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB



The new Amherst Junior Football Club season starts on the common on **Saturday 11th September 2020..**

Juniors (years 2-4) please arrive at 08:20 and your session will run to 10:00.

Seniors (years 5-6) to arrive at 09:55 with their session running from 10:00-11:30.

SIGN UP

If you have already signed up, electronic registration forms will have been provided by e-mail and should be completed in advance together with the £40 direct bank transfer. If your child is interested in joining AJFC and you are yet to receive, please e-mail amherstfc@gmail.com

WHAT TO BRING

All children will need shin-pads and should bring water bottles with sessions consisting of drills and some friendly matches.

HELP

Finally, the club only exists with the help of parents so please e-mail or see us on the common if you are willing to help look after your child's team – no experience is needed as we will partner you with an existing AJFC coach. We are particularly light on Year 3 and Year 4 parent volunteers!

AJFC Committee

PTA



PTA & AGM Meeting
Tuesday, 7th September
at 8pm
at the Bullfinch Pub,
Riverhead

EVENTS / COMMUNITY

Scouts
3rd Sevenoaks



**3RD SEVENOAKS SCOUT GROUP
BRINGS YOU**

RIVERHEAD CARNIVAL

19th September 2021 | 12-4:30pm
Chipstead Common, Witches Lane

**Arena Display, Coconut Shy, Beer Tent & Burgers,
Bouncy Castle, Local Business Stalls,
Egg Throwing Contest,
Dog Show, Giant Slide, Music & DJ**

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