## AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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# Message from MR Reid

It has been a successful week with all year groups enjoying their first full week.

It was wonderful this morning to hold whole school achievement assembly in the hall.

Star of the Week has so much more status when the

reason for the award is read out to the whole school. There were **twelve very** happy and proud children standing in front of the school receiving their badges. This weekly assembly provides the opportunity to read out twelve reasons detailing all the good things we want to see. It reaffirms our school values and creates a spotlight on good behaviour and positive attitudes to learning.

Swimming lessons commenced this week for all classes. The pool is in excellent condition resulting in a significant investment (approx. £25,000) over the last six months. The pool has been:

- lined to stop it leaking,
- new handrails fitted,
- new solar cover,
- new boiler installed and
- a new pump.



It is such a great resource to have and the children thoroughly enjoy the swimming lessons. We offer to all our staff (teachers and TAs) the opportunity to be lifeguard trained. We train all our teachers to be able to deliver high quality swimming lessons by completing ASA Module 1 and 2.



Finally well done to all Year 6 children that sat the Kent Test on Thursday. I'm sure they are relieved it is now completed!

I hope you all enjoy a good weekend!

## **NOTICES**

#### LUNGH MONEY

Please ensure your make payment (via www.schoolgateway.com) for your child's 17th September, Friday 1.30—2.30pm 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

#### 2ND HAND UNIFORM SALE

PTA 2nd Hand Uniform Sale is



#### CONSENT

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

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





#### CHOIR AUDITIONS

Year 4-6 children wishing to sign up for Amherst Choir auditions can now do so at the Reception.

The choir rehearses each Thursday after school (3.30-4.40pm) and children need not prepare anything for an audition—just to come with an enthusiasm for singing!

Year 3 singers are invited to join the school's Training Choir (via the clubs lists to be sent out soon) and may audition for Amherst Choir in the summer term.

#### TABLE TENNIS TRIALS

Children should sign up at reception if they want to trial out for the squad. Please sign up for one of the following dates:

Tuesday 14 September 3.30—5.30pm

Thursday 23 September 3.30—5.30pm



#### YEAR 3 PARENTS EVENING

Bookings open at 7.00pm tonight:

- 3B & 3W-Mon 20/09 & Wed 22/09
- 3MW- Fri 17/09 & Mon 20/09

Please book your consultation via www.schoolinterviews.co.uk— the code to use was sent to parents via email.

#### MEET THE TEACHER (Year 4, 5 & 6)

Tuesday, 21st September 2021 Yr 4—4pm / Yr 5—5pm / Yr 6—6pm

#### REPORT ABSENCES

All absences should be reported via our website before 09.00am in the morning. Click on the link and complete the quick form— NO need to email/call anymore: **Daily Absence Form** 

Future Absence Form



#### AMHERST JNR FC

The new Amherst Junior Football Club season starts tomorrow Saturday 11/09/2021

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.

### OPEN EVENTS FOR YEAR 6

Please click here to view secondary schools' open events. This document was shared with us in July and dates might have changed.

Please contact secondary schools directly.





Congratulations to all our STARS of this week!

3B	Leo G
3MW	Nell C
3W	Joey S
4C	Alex F
4SF	Dylan K
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5A	Luca H	
5J	Toby W	
5S	Amy C	W
6B	Henry O	
6H	Blake F	
6SB	Zac S	33



Mrs Billing is our newly appointed Inclusion Manager (SENCO).

You are welcome to book 15 minute parent drop in meetings on TUESDAYS from 1.30—3.30pm through the school office.

### SENCO PARENT DROP IN

15 MINUTE APPOINTMENTS TUESDAY 1.30PM - 3.30PM

PLEASE ARRANGE THROUGH THE SCHOOL OFFICE

### PTA

A **BIG thank you** to our out-going PTA LEAD team who handed over the reigns this week. They have done an absolute phenomenal job and we can't thank them enough for their time and dedication!











**THANK YOU** TO OUR **NEW PTA LEAD TEAM, together** with a <u>strong body of class reps</u> who have stepped up to take the lead for

#### TEAM AMHERST 2021 / 2022:

- PTA Chair Ursula du Toit
- PTA Vice Chair Susie Brunning (from January 2022) and Sam Goddard
- PTA Treasurer Jo Ruff
- PTA Secretary Sally Elliott
- PTA Newsletter & Marketing Lea Trussler

Fun times ahead!

### UNIFORM



We were contacted by our uniform provider to apologise and explain how they were affected by the pandemic during the summer. Covid outbreaks and disruption to supplies chains were unavoidable and they hope to resume normal service soon.

# EVENTS / COMMUNITY





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

Kindly Sponsored by:
Frank's Barbers, Sevenoaks Animal Feeds, The Bullfinch,
Batchelors Butchers, Spot Vehicle Hire





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**

Sunday 19th September Walthamstow Hall



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 & Instagran

