

MESSAGE FROM MR REID

I would like to start today's message by thanking the children and staff for doing so well this week by carrying on as normal despite the disruption.

I am hopeful that clubs will start week beginning **Monday 4th October** as I am aware how much the children and staff enjoy attending them.

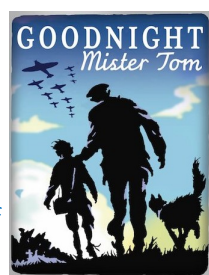
THE NEW SYSTEMS OF MANAGING COVID CASES IN SCHOOLS HAS TAKEN A LITTLE GETTING USED TO THIS WEEK. It is quite a psychological shift for all of us which includes staff, parents and children. It is **interesting to reflect** that under the old self-isolation rules seven out of our twelve classes would now be completing remote learning at home.

The children have had so much disruption to their learning over the last two years. I am pleased that despite the cases we currently have, **most children are still attending school** and receiving a full curriculum.

I HAVE HAD THE PLEASURE OF VISITING MOST CLASSES OVER THE LAST TWO WEEKS TO SPEND SOME TIME OBSERVING HOW THE CHILDREN HAVE SETTLED ON THEIR RETURN TO SCHOOL. I have been really impressed with how quickly the new routines have been embedded. Children have **demonstrated positive attitudes to their learning and behaviour**. Over the last two weeks I have been part of such a wide range of lessons that have included:

YEAR 6

- * Character descriptions from Goodnight Mister Tom
- * Ordering decimals in maths
- * Identifying different places of worship for a range of religions



YEAR 5

- * Description of life in a Victorian workhouse
- * Year 5 - exploration of 'Who is God' in RE



YEAR 4

- * Identifying the different types of teeth for herbivores, omnivores & carnivores
- * Rounding up to four digit numbers in maths
- * Identifying the features of a fable
- * Using Roman Numerals in maths
- * Understanding what happened at The Battle of Stamford Bridge in history



YEAR 3

- * Understanding the place value of each digit in maths
- * Character descriptions from Matilda



This is just a snapshot of the learning that is taking place every-day across our school. The children are engaged and motivated to learn and really enjoy the diversity of the curriculum. **SWIMMING** continues to be enjoyed by all and it is great to see the pool getting so much use.

I hope you all have a **good weekend and get to enjoy some autumn sunshine** whether in your garden or out and about.

NOTICES

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](#)



POOL FUND

Please be reminded of the voluntary **POOL FUND DONATION** request sent last week. We made a huge investment in our school's pool in order for children to ENJOY and make the MOST of this term's swimming lessons. Please donate via

www.schoolgateway.com



YEAR 6 HILLTOP and secondary SCHOOL application meeting

Currently scheduled for the **4th October 2021 at 7.00pm**. Again we are hoping for a FACE to FACE meeting but might resort to a Zoom meeting if necessary.



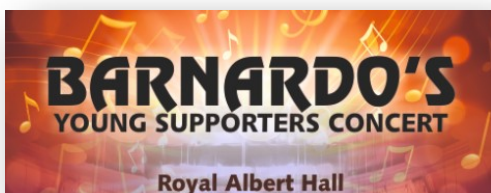
KENT TEST RESULTS

Year 6 parents, please note that we have been informed that results will come out on **21 October 2021**.



AMHERST CHOIR

Parents, please complete the consent and order forms for the Royal Albert Concert on Tuesday **9 November**. A letter has been sent to this effect. Payment and consents should be given via www.schoolgateway.com



MEET THE TEACHER

Meet the teacher will now take place on **5 October 2021**. Currently we are hoping to do FACE to FACE meetings, but will resort to a Zoom meeting if necessary.



EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

Please note that we have postponed the start of our school clubs to the week starting **4 October 2021**.



SPACES IN YEAR 6

Currently we have spaces in year 6. If you know of any one interested, please contact the school office.



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.



STAR OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to all our STARS of this week!

3B	Josh B
3MW	Imrie L-G
3W	Maya S
4C	Joanna H
4SF	George E-P
4S	Felicity B

5A	Isla P
5J	Lizzie O-G
5S	Caitlin J
6B	Alice M
6H	Luke J
6SB	Emma G

PTA

PTA LEAD TEAM AMHERST 2021 / 2022:



PTA Chair
Ursula du Toit



PTA Vice Chair
Susie Brunning
(from January 2022)



PTA Vice Chair
Sam Goddard



PTA Treasurer
Jo Ruff



PTA Secretary
Sally Elliott



PTA Newsletter
Lea Trussler

OUR FIRST FUNDRAISING EVENTS

RIVERHEAD CARNIVAL (joint Riverhead & Amherst PTA Event)

A big thank you to year 4 for all the chocolate donations last week. Between the 2 schools we collected over 260 prizes! A fantastic sum of £687.20 was raised on the day. This gives a total of £343.60 for each school!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who supported us last Sunday!

2nd HAND UNIFORM SALE

A big thank you to class 5J for hosting our first second hand uniform sale! £93.00 and counting was made in one hour.

We appreciate your support!



EVENTS / COMMUNITY

Please click on the images to find more information.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Riverhead Infants' School will be holding a clothing collection with **Happy School Bag Fundraising Project**.

This scheme is designed to help schools raise needed funds, as well as helping the environment by keeping textiles away from landfills. By taking part in this scheme you will also help to reduce the amount of reusable textiles from going to landfill and give the clothing a new lease of life.

To take part you simply need to fill any plastic bags with unwanted but clean and reusable clothing, paired shoes and fashion accessories.



Acceptable items:

- Adults and children's clothing
- Paired Shoes
- Perfumes
- Fashion accessories
- Handbags
- Jewellery
- Belts & hats

They **WON'T** accept:

- x School Uniforms
- x Toys, Books, DVDs
- x Duvets, pillows or household linens
- x Carpets, blankets, curtains
- x Bric-a-brac
- x Dirty, Damaged, Wet Clothing, Unsuitable for reuse

The Happy School Bag van will be collecting from Riverhead Infants' School on:
Wednesday, the 29th Sept from 11.00 - 12.00.

If you would like to make a donation of clothing, please drop off a bag (or two!) at the **Riverhead office starting from Monday, the 27th**. No earlier please as they have limited storage space. If you have any questions regarding the scheme, you may contact Nicole Miles at nicolelynnmiles@gmail.com

Warm Regards,

The Nearly New Committee
Riverhead PTA



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Swimming Lessons enquiries: swimschool@sevenoaksschool.org
Website: <http://www.sennockecentre.co.uk/camps-courses/swim-school>



**Free
School
Meals**

Are you entitled?



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PARENT DROP IN

**15 MINUTE APPOINTMENTS
TUESDAY 1.30PM - 3.30PM**

**PLEASE ARRANGE THROUGH
THE SCHOOL OFFICE**