AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

5TH EDITION

1 OCTOBER 2021

Message from MR Reid

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SPORT PREMIUM

All schools receive a grant from the government each year to be spent on improving the provision of PE within school. One of the areas we spend some of that grant, is the provision of a specialist handball coach on Wednesdays. We rotate throughout the year so every class has the opportunity to experience this excellent sport. Handball is fantastic for so many transferable skills such as throwing, jumping, catching and coordination. It is also a brilliant sport in its own right. We are fortunate to have worked for many years with Nadhmi Jari who is a highly skilled coach. The children and staff really look forward to their handball sessions and it is great to introduce the children to an alternative sport.

HANDBALL





COVID UPDATE

I am pleased to be able to inform you that new cases have **significantly reduced** this week. We currently have 18 pupils and 1 member of staff not in school having tested positive. We have had no new cases since Tuesday.

I am pleased that we are able to commence clubs from Monday 4th October.

Meet the teacher

We look forward to welcoming you into school on **Tuesday 5th October**. Please note the **change in time** for Year 6 (4.00pm) and Year 4 (6.00pm). Entrance is through the reception and proceed to the hall. To confirm, the times are as follows:

4.00pm - Year 6

5.00pm - Year 5

6.00pm - Year 4

I hope you all have a good weekend.

Year 5 ASTRODOME

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



SCHOOL PHOTOS

The school **photographer** will be visiting us on **Thursday 7**th **October**. Children will be photographed individually with montage class photos. Please could you ensure that your child comes to school in correct school attire (winter uniform), with a hair brush if needed.

YEAR 6 HILLTOP AND SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATION MEETING

Currently scheduled for the 4th October 2021 at 7.00pm. This is now a zoom meeting of which the details have been sent to year 6 parents.

BARNFIELD ROAD CLOSURE

Barnfield Road, Riverhead will be closed from 6th October 2021 for up to 3 days. The road will be closed at the junctions of Witches Lane and Chipstead Lane.



PARKING

Parents, please consider our neighbours when parking at drop off or when collecting your children from school.



MEET THE TEXCHE

Meet the teacher will now take place on 5 October 2021. These meetings will be FACE to FACE in the school hall with a short tour of your child's classroom afterwards.

Year 4— 6.00 pm

Year 5— 5.00pm

Year 6— 4.00pm



EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

Clubs will start on 4 October 2021.

PLEASE NOTE:

Table Tennis (final trials by invitation) and Ceramics Club will start on 12 October 2021.



VACANCIES

We have the following vacancies in school—please click on <u>Kent Teach</u> for more details.

DIARY DATES:

4 Oct - Year 6 Secondary Application Meeting

- Clubs Start

5 Oct - Meet the Teacher

- Table Tennis & Ceramics club cancelled

6 Oct - Year 6 WWII day

7 Oct - School Photos

15 Oct - Year 5 Victorian Day—Kent Life

Current vacancies

PARENT GOVERNOR NOMINATIONS

We are seeking to appoint **two new parent governors**. Nominations close on 15/10/2021.



Please see the NOMINATION FORM here.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to all our STARS of this week!

3B	Chloe B
3MW	Ollie P
3W	Jacob B
4C	Kimi M
4SF	Jensen M
45	Hector B

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	5A	Lucas T	
	5J	Joshua O	
	5S	Sia D	
	6B	Hunter G	
	6H	Stella M	
h	6SB	Archie M	3

TRIATHLON competition

On Wednesday 29th September, a team of Year 6 children took part in the Primary Schools Triathlon at Sevenoaks School. The children swam 100m, cycled 750m and ran 800m.

All of the children were amazing and displayed incredible strength and perseverance to complete the course. Their superb performances enabled them to all achieve medal positions.



Huge congratulations to Dejan B, Sebastian H, Imogen F and Aneesha V.

Mrs Wheeler

PTA

Thank you for generously supporting our Cookie in a Bag sale today.

We have sold **413 cookies** - there were a lot of HAPPY faces today!

Thank you to class 3B parent reps who bought, bagged and delivered the cookies to school!



EVENTS / COMMUNITY

Please click on the images to find more information.



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SECONDARY SCHOOL

Please click on the images to find more information.



Entry to Year 7

AUTUMN 2021 OPEN MORNINGS FOR YEAR 6 CHILDREN ENTERING YEAR 7 IN SEPTEMBER 2022

Friday 15 October 2021 9.30am to midday

Thursday 21 October 2021 9.30am to midday

AUTUMN 2021 OPEN EVENING FOR YEAR 6 CHILDREN ENTERING YEAR 7 IN SEPTEMBER 2022

Tuesday 19 October 2021 5.30pm-8.30pm

These visits are reserved for families with children in Year 6 only. Dates for younger children will be available later in the academic year. Bookings are restricted to ONE ticket per family allowing entry to two people (either the year 6 child or another adult). Visits will take the form of a self-guided tour with Q&A points around the route. Speeches will be available online from the School website.

In the event that we need to activate our contingency arrangements in the light of increased Covid-19 cases in school we will contact ticket holders.

For further details please see the booking link and/or the School website https://www.tgs.kent.sch.uk/open-eventsWe look forward to welcoming your families!



'St Gregory's students make the world a better place'



As the admissions deadline for entry to Year 7 in September 2022 is fast approaching, we would like to remind you that applications to St Gregory's will require a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) to be completed if your child meets any of the over-subscription criteria. Please see attached form for information

In addition to the completion of your Local Education Authority's Secondary Common Application Form online, our SIF (where applicable) needs to be returned to the school by 31 October. In the meantime, please see the attached flier or visit our website for information about our Open Events taking place in October.

Please note, an extra Open Morning has been added on Friday 22 October. Booking is required for all these events, please <u>click here</u>



We would appreciate it if you could organise to share this reminder to your Year 6 parents about the closing date for our Performing & Visual Arts Places for entry September 2022. The deadline for receipt is **7 October 2021**. We have included a link to our Admissions page on our website for ease.



We are preparing to welcome prospective parents and students (Year 5 and 6 ONLY) to our Open Evening on Thursday, 7th October between 16:00 and 19:00. As we are expecting a large number of guests, we request that there be a **maximum of 3 guests per family**. Masks will be compulsory inside buildings (except for those with a medical exemption), so please come with a mask.

In light of the rising number of cases in the town, we would very much appreciate guests taking a COVID-19 lateral flow test before attending Open Evening. Please do not attend if you are displaying symptoms of COVID-19.

The Open Evening will provide an opportunity to hear from Ms Simpson, our Headteacher, visit the school and meet staff and students. Headteacher talks will take place at 17:00 and 18:00.

Due to current building works, there is <u>very limited parking</u> on site. Please use Yew Tree Road (Southborough) and John Street (St Johns) car parks and local roads. Thank you for parking respectfully in the neighbourhood.