

MESSAGE FROM MR REID

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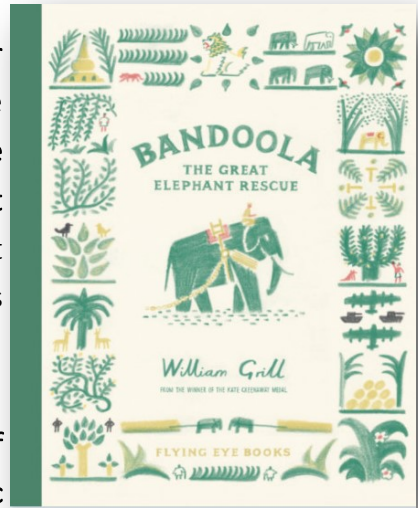
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MEET THE TEACHER

It was **fantastic** to have **parents attending our Meet the Teacher sessions** for Years 4,5 and 6 on Tuesday. The significance of the event (**first face to face** in-school parent event since March 2020) was notable for staff and parents. **Thank you for the positive feedback** regarding the content and quality of the sessions. Hopefully now **you have a greater understanding** of the year ahead and **can visualise your child's day** at school. Like you, we want your child to have a **successful** and **happy year**.

WHOLE SCHOOL BOOK PROJECT

I am excited to be able to announce the title of our latest whole school book project which will take place for approx. three weeks after half term. **We will be studying Bandoola The Great Elephant Rescue by William Grill.** It is a beautiful book that I'm sure children and staff will love exploring. This will be our **twelfth whole school book project** and they continue to be highly successful. The main purpose of these projects is to develop a **love of books** and **create high quality written and artistic outcomes.** Studying the same book, across the whole school, at the same time creates a **wonderful buzz of excitement** and sense of **cohesion.** I encourage you to purchase a copy for your child. You won't regret it!

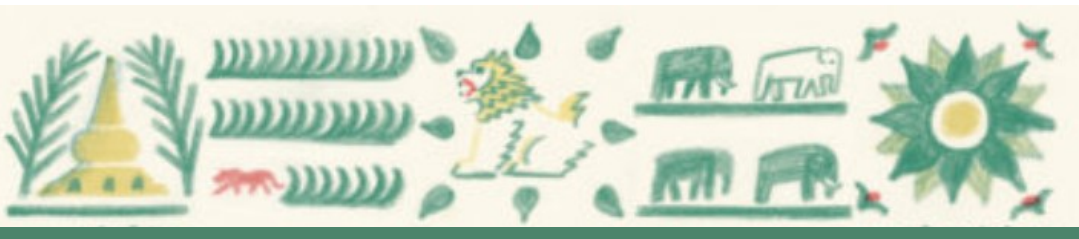


Please visit the school website gallery ([click here](#)) to view previous projects.

COVID UPDATE

We have had six new pupil cases this week. We have no staff currently off which is excellent news. This continues to be a huge improvement compared to previous weeks. If there has been a case in your class you will have been sent an email.

I hope you all have a good weekend.



WWII Day



SEWING



YEAR 6



GRATING
CARROTS



DANCING

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](#)



PARENT GOVERNOR NOMINATIONS

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

Please see the NOMINATION FORM [here](#).



HARVEST FESTIVAL— 14 OCTOBER

We would like the children to **bring in items for the loaves and fishes food bank**. There will be a **collection in each classroom** and then items will be taken to the food bank. Items that are required are:

Tuna	Tomatoes (tinned)
Carrots (tinned)	Sweetcorn (tinned)
Hot dogs	Tins of spaghetti
Rice	Rice sauces
Fruit juices	Squash
Soups	Ham/spam



We are looking for **PARENT HELPERS from about 11.00am** to take the items to St John's church / Food bank. The food bank is open from 11.30-12.30pm to drop the food off.

Please let us know if you are able to help by emailing office@amherst.kent.sch.uk.

VACANCIES

We have the following vacancies in school—please click on [Kent Teach](#) for more details.

Current vacancies

MEET THE TEACHER

Parents who have missed the Meet The Teacher evenings are now able to view the **presentations** on the school website under the **year group**.



VOLUNTEER PARENT READERS

We are looking for Parent volunteers to come into school and read with the children in the afternoons.

You will be given training before you start and will require a DBS check. The reading sessions will run between 1.30pm and 3.30pm on the following days:

Yr 6— Monday
Yr 5— Wednesday
Yr 4— Thursday
Yr 3— Tuesday

and you can volunteer for any amount of time you have free. It would be helpful for our planning if you can commit to a weekly session. To register your interest, please go to www.schoolgateway.com, and indicate the times you are available.



POOL FUND

Please be reminded of the voluntary **POOL FUND DONATION**. 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 5 KENT LIFE TRIP 15 OCTOBER

Please be reminded of the **costume** and **packed lunch** day next Friday.

We also require consent and payment via

www.schoolgateway.com.









STAR OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to all our STARS of this week!

3B	Noah W
3MW	Amelia T
3W	Roman H
4C	Ethan S
4SF	Zachary H
4S	Tom L

5A	Joseph C
5J	Arnav S
5S	Ewan S
6B	Amber H
6H	Joseph H
6SB	George B

ALTERNATIVE SPORTS FESTIVAL

On **Wednesday 6th October**, a team of children from **Years 3, 4 and 5** took part in a sports festival at Knole Academy.

The event enabled the children to have a taster session and learn the basic skills of various sports.

The children participated in **fencing, karate and boxing**.


They all had **great fun and were such a credit to the school** in relation to their listening, determination and behaviour.



A huge well done to **Nell C, Olivia P, Gabriel P, Tilly W, William G, Abigail C, Alex F, Emma H and Ben I**

Thank you to all the parents for supporting and transporting the children.
Mrs Wheeler

PTA



AMHERST PTA


XMAS4SCHOOLS ART PROJECT

Make beautiful, personalised Christmas cards and gifts

DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS OCT. 19, 2021
PACKS WILL BE SENT HOME WITH YOUR CHILDREN


PLEASE FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE BELOW FOR THE BEST RESULTS

DO ✓



* You can colour right up to the edges, but any important drawings or wording needs to be kept at least 1cm away from the sides of the paper.

DON'T ✗



* Please also **DO NOT** draw a border unless you want it to appear on the final product.

DO ✓

- Bright, colourful Christmas designs that fill the A4 paper produce the best results.
- Use paint, felt tip, crayon, inks and coloured pencils.
- Use collage.
- Use **glitter glue**.

DON'T ✗

- Please **DO NOT** use sprinkle glitter (glitter glue is fine) - it has a tendency to fall off and end up on other children's artwork and our scanners!
- If you are doing collage, please **MAKE SURE ALL ITEMS ARE FIRMLY STUCK DOWN TO STOP THEM FALLING OFF**
- Avoid **metallic finishes** over large areas.
- Pale coloured pencils** on a white background do not reproduce well.

EVENTS / COMMUNITY

Please click on the images to find more information.

HALF TERM HOCKEY CAMPS

Monday 25th October
Tuesday 26th October
Wednesday 27th October
10AM - 3PM
Year 3 to Year 9



SEVENOAKS
HOCKEY CLUB

YEARS 4 - 6 MIDWEEK TRAINING



Wednesdays 17:00 - 18:00
Hollybush



SEVENOAKS
HOCKEY CLUB

YEARS 1 - 4 MIDWEEK TRAINING



Wednesdays 16:00 - 17:00
Hollybush



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HOCKEY CLUB

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PARENT DROP IN

15 MINUTE APPOINTMENTS
TUESDAY 1.30PM - 3.30PM

PLEASE ARRANGE THROUGH
THE SCHOOL OFFICE

SECONDARY SCHOOL

Please click on the images to find more information.



HAYESBROOK ACADEMY

Due to popular demand we have organised a second Open Morning here at Hayesbrook on Thursday 14 October at 9.30am to 11am. Parents and carers can tour the school with their boys and see it in action on a normal school day. To book please click the link [here](#)
Thank you.

We need your



HELP

for

BULB

PLANTING



Please help to plant 2000 Daffodil
bulbs in the Parkland

Saturday 9th October

From 9.30

Meet at St.Mary's Drive gate

With a bulb planter or spade

THANK YOU

Riverhead Parish Council



**HADLOW RURAL
COMMUNITY SCHOOL**
A unique learning experience

Open Evening taking place on Thursday, 14th October 2021.

Booking places for the Open Evening are to be completed on Eventbrite and confirmation of the booking will be required before entry to the school. Please find the links below for each session:

4:30pm session: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/177896853277>

5:30pm session: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/184642168697>

6:30pm session: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/184645328147>