

MESSAGE FROM MR REID

The children have returned from half term full of energy and enthusiasm.

WHOLE SCHOOL BOOK PROJECT

Our whole school book project based on **Bandoola** by Will Grill is now underway. The children have **demonstrated a keen interest in the book** so far and have enjoyed exploring and learning about the different themes the story presents.

We are all very much **looking forward to Will Grill's visit on Wednesday 10th November**. He will complete a **workshop** in the hall with each year group throughout the day. The children will learn about how he researched and created Bandoola alongside having a go at replicating Will Grill's style of drawing elephants.

He has very kindly offered **to complete a book signing during lunchtime**. Your child is welcome to bring into school on Wednesday a copy of Bandoola to be signed.

I'm sure it will be a wonderful and inspiring day during which the children and staff will gain so much. Having the author of Bandoola visit really adds another dimension to the project.

FIRE SAFETY TALK

Your child may have come home yesterday asking about **smoke alarms!** This will have been prompted by an **excellent fire safety talk** the children received yesterday from the Fire Service. Please also remind your child about safety **around fireworks and bonfires** tonight and over the weekend.

I hope you all have a fun and safe weekend.

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NOTICES

POPPY APPEAL

We will be selling poppies in school next week. Please **send your child with some small change**.



STATIONERY

Please can you check with your child if they need to **replenish** any of their personal stationery in class.

Most children need a **glue stick** at the moment.



FUTURE DATES

9 November— Choir Barnardo's RAH
10 November—Will Grill visit
16 & 17 November—Parent Consultations
19 November—Children in Need
22 November—Sir Linkalot visit
22-24 November—Bookfair



VACANCIES

We have vacancies in school — please click on **Kent Teach** for more details.



BREAKTIME SNACKS

Please provide a **healthy snack for break**:

- * Fruit, vegetable or a cereal bar
- * No sweets

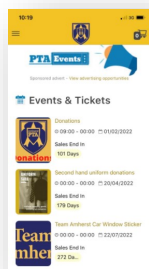


PTA WEBSITE

Please register yourself on the **PTA Website** and as part of a **CLASS**. Click here:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta>

You can now access the PTA website via an **app on your phone**. The code is **amherstpta**.



CHOIR COMPETITION

- Can't wait for Christmas to start?
- Think you have what it takes to write your own Christmas song?

Why not enter our Christmas Carol Competition by writing the lyrics to your very own carol. You could make it about anything Christmassy: Winter, the Nativity Story, Snowmen, Santa....the choice is yours! **The winning child's carol will be sung in our school's Carol Service on Monday 13th December.**

The Rules:

Just **focus on words** as we will work with the winner to come up with a tune. Try to write at least two verses, although some of you will also want to write a repeating song chorus.

Submit it onto the **Music Google Classroom**:

<https://classroom.google.com/c/MTQyNjM2NDk0Njg1?cjc=ldh7i2y>,

just like you did for your lockdown work OR hand the paper in to the school Reception Desk.

The deadline is Friday 12th November.



PARENTS EVENING

Face-to-face parent consultation will take place:

Tuesday 16/11 (3.40—8.00pm) and
Wednesday 17/11 (3.40—6.30pm).

Bookings open on Monday 08/11 at 7.00pm

An **email** with more information will be will be sent out on **Monday**.



Week 15-19 November

Art Competition- £1 to enter

All artwork must be hand-drawn/ original and started from scratch. Please do not print images off the internet and colour them in.

Year 3

A winter theme with Pudsey somewhere in the picture.

Year 4

Comic strip with Pudsey in the artwork


Year 5

Either an Autumn or a Winter collage with Pudsey in the picture

Year 6


Pudsey made by using 100% recycled material. (i.e. not paper maché)

STAR OF THE WEEK



3B	Shayla W
3MW	Albert M
3W	Talia L
4C	Beatrice G
4SF	Sebastian A
4S	Caroline K

5A	Charlotte B
5J	Harry K
5S	Hunter H
6B	Xander W
6H	Isabella V
6SB	Daisy M



SPORT

FOOTBALL League COMPETITION

On Tuesday 2nd November, Amherst played against **Sevenoaks Primary** and **Otford Primary** in the football league competition. In a tough opening game against Sevenoaks, Amherst battled hard as a team but unfortunately could not find a break through goal with the game ending in a **0-0 draw**. In our second match against Otford, **Amherst played some fantastic attacking football** to win the game 5-0, scoring some brilliant goals in the process. **Congratulations to our man of the matches – Peter** – who played superbly throughout by defending efficiently for the team and scoring a hat trick.

Well done and congratulations to Fred M, Matthew P, Josh M, Lucas D, Isaac H, Ethan W, Zac S, Dylan D and Peter W.

Mr Barratt

PTA

can YOU BELIEVE IT? IT IS TIME TO TALK CHRISTMAS!!

This year it has been agreed that due to Covid still causing uncertainty we will have to adapt and do a few things differently still.

MINI CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

We are planning a Mini Christmas Bazaar for the **children only**, which will be held at school on Friday, 3rd December 2021. This will be arranged by the school and the bazaar committee. Have no doubt that the children will have loads of fun and can definitely look forward to it!

ONLINE CHRISTMAS SHOP

We are also planning to run our online Christmas shop again. The shop will be open from the 20th November until the 28th November. You will be able to collect your shopping on the 4th December when we will also host the virtual raffle draws.

Please look out for communications via class reps, Christmas bazaar committee and school since we will keep you as updated as possible. We truly value your continued support as all the funds raised will benefit our children directly.

Amherst School's

MINI CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

In school event, stalls run by staff & year 6 for all children to enjoy!

Friday 3rd December 2021



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Amherst Christmas 2021

VIRTUAL FAIR

20th - 28th November

purchases will be available to collect
from the school 4th December

EVENTS / COMMUNITY

Please click on the images to find more information.



Starting at Junior school...

Do you have a child born between

1 Sept 2014 and 31 Aug 2015?

Apply for a place online at:
www.kent.gov.uk/ola
before **17 January 2022**

Step 1: Research schools and understand their admissions criteria.

Step 2: Complete the online application form naming up to 3 Junior school preferences. To apply for Primary schools instead, please contact the school(s) directly.

Step 3: Complete any required Supplementary Information Forms (SIF) and/or medical evidence and return to the school.

Step 4: We offer you a place on National Offer Day.

Step 5: You accept or refuse the place and provide your proof of address from the application period to the school.

Step 6: If you don't get a place at your preferred school you can join the waiting list and appeal.

Important dates to remember

November 5 November 2021	April 19 April 2022
• Applications open. Apply online at www.kent.gov.uk/ola	• National Offer Day - offers sent by email after 4pm

January
17 January 2022

• Closing date for all applications

Need help?
Email the team at primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk
Full information booklet can also be viewed online at: www.kent.gov.uk/ola



Starting at Primary school...

Do you have a child born between

1 Sept 2017 and 31 Aug 2018?

Apply for a place online at:
www.kent.gov.uk/ola
before **17 January 2022**

Step 1: Research schools and understand their admissions criteria.

Step 2: Complete the online application form naming up to 3 preferences.

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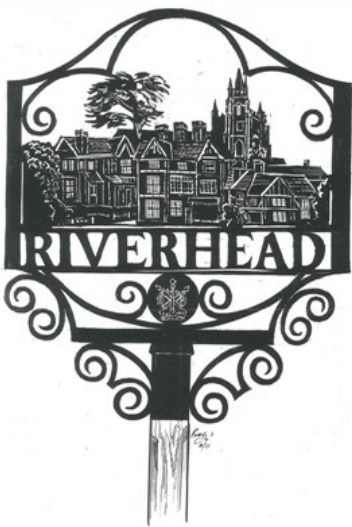
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January 17 January 2022		• Date by which parents should submit a waiting list form for schools they named but were not offered
• Closing date for all applications		June 8 June 2022
		• Reallocation of any vacant spaces

Need help?
Email the team at primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk
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RIVERHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

This is a great position for anyone looking for a part time, interesting and responsible role within the community.

Riverhead Parish Council are seeking a Clerk to the Councillors. For further information on this part time and interesting position please contact Caroline at

clerk@riverheadparishcouncil.org.uk.

15 hours of work are usually mornings.
Evening meetings held once or twice a month and flexible.
Some home working during the school holidays can be agreed.