

Message FROM MR REID

COVID UPDATE

As of today we currently have 5 children and 3 members of staff absent due to either having a positive LFT or PCR. On a personal note, I am **feeling much better** and **looking forward to returning to school on Monday**. I would like to **thank** Miss Jones, the wider leadership team and Admin team for all their hard work this week ensuring the school ran smoothly in my absence.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The **children really enjoyed** the opportunity to attend the mini Christmas Bazaar this afternoon. This included the chocolate tombola and sweet stalls in the hall run by the PTA and the fantastic Year 6 games. **Thank you to the PTA** who have **yet again worked so hard to put together a range of fundraising options** tomorrow for our **online Christmas Bazaar**. Miss Jones will be leading the live Zoom raffle and hamper draw at 11.00am—make sure to tune in via ZOOM.

BANDOOLA WHOLE SCHOOL BOOK PROJECT

Last Friday the children completed their work on Bandoola and the **amazing displays** in the hall and surrounding corridors were put up. Well done to all the children as the written and artistic outcomes have been of the highest quality. **Thank you to all the children and staff for their hard work to make this project such a success**. I will be sending some photos of the children's work to Will Grill!

I hope you all have a good weekend.

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MINI BAZAAR



CHOCOLATE SWEETS GAMES



NOTICES

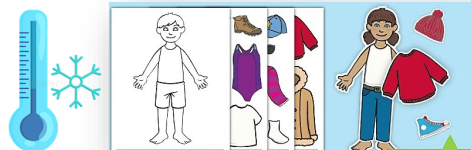
Xmas4SCHOOLS

We are expecting delivery of order art on Monday and children will be coming home with it next week.

Xmas4schools™

CLOTHING LAYERS

Please ensure your child has enough layers on for both **classroom** and **play/lunchtime** as we are keeping windows open during classtime.



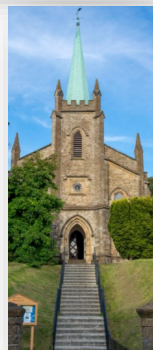
PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

We have sent out our annual parent questionnaire via email last week. Please contact the office if you have not received it.



CAROL SERVICE

You are invited to attend our Whole School Carol Service on **13 December** at **6.00pm** at St. Mary's Church Riverhead.



PANTOMIME

A reminder of our **Whole School Trip** to the **Stag Theatre** on **15 December 2021**. Please remember to give consent and make payment via www.schoolgateway.com.



FLUTE CHOIR PERFORMANCE

The **Amherst Flute Choir** are playing Christmas carols in Sevenoaks town centre (by Costa Coffee) on **Saturday 11/12/21** at 11am to 12pm to raise money for the British Heart Foundation and provide some festive spirit to Sevenoaks shoppers. Please come along and listen to them if you can!



ALL PARENT VOLUNTEERS

You should have received an email from the school office regarding SAFEGUARDING training. Please contact the office if you have not received it.



BBC CHOIR CONSENT

Amherst Choir parents are reminded to please complete the BBC consent forms and return it to the office by the **9th December 2021**.



FUTURE DATES

4 Dec—Bazaar Raffle/Hamper Draw **11.00 am**
 6 Dec—Year 4 Christmas Production **2.00 pm**
 7 Dec—Year 4 Christmas Production **6.30 pm**
 8 Dec—Flu Vaccinations
 9 Dec—Year 5 Bread Making
 13 Dec—Secrets Room
 13 Dec—Whole School Carol Service **6.00 pm**
 15 Dec—Stag Pantomime
 16 Dec—Christmas Lunch



SCHOOL FUND

This is a reminder of our school fund contribution that is now live on www.schoolgateway.com. The money raised is spent on enriching opportunities and activities, equipment, extra books and resources.



PTA

CHRISTMAS AT AMHERST

Our children had **LOADS of FUN** today!

Thank you for all your donations of chocolates, sweet/gift bags and time which made it all possible.

THE ONLINE GRAND DRAW & HAMPER ZOOM

Topic: Online Christmas Grand Draw & Hamper Raffle

Time: Dec 4, 2021 11:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72514595015?pwd=TFpaWk5FM2Z3RHNYQlZZaGZvVVIMZz09>

Meeting ID: 725 1459 5015

Passcode: Wkt33A

THE SILENT AUCTION IS OPEN!

There are some **FANTASTIC prizes** to win!!

Please see the catalogue and click the following link to start bidding:

Silent Auction and Grand Draw Catalogue

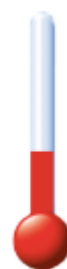
Link: <https://auctionofpromises.com/AmherstSilentAuction>

The auction ends midnight on 4th December.

Good Luck!



2021 Auction For Amherst School And Amherst School PTA



Our target
£ 4000

Total bidding
£ 1433



13TH DECEMBER 2021

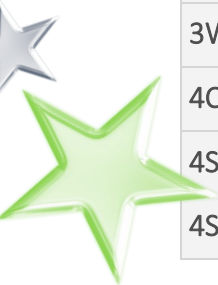
£2.50 PER CHILD PAYABLE VIA
WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/AMHERSTPTA/

CHILDREN GOING ON THE CHOIR TRIP
WILL HAVE AND OPPORTUNITY ON 14/12
TO CHOOSE THEIR GIFTS.

STAR OF THE WEEK



3B	Beatrix D	5A	Thomas L
3MW	Cicely S	5J	Victoria C-G
3W	Alejandro O-G	5S	Max S
4C	Freddie B	6B	Maria G
4SF	Finley S-R	6H	Daniel B
4S	John A	6SB	Arnav T



SPORT

TENNIS

I just wanted to update you on the **Mini Orange Sevenoaks School Doubles** which took place on Saturday afternoon (27/11) at The Sennocke Centre.

The pairings were as follows:

- Georgia C & Lilian K
- Isla P & Lauren D

The girls were placed into round robin boxes with the top two from each box qualifying through to the knock-out stages. Lauren & Lilian won 2 of their 4 matches and just missed out on qualification finishing 3rd in their box overall.

Georgia & Lilian finished 2nd in their box and qualified through to the semi-finals. The girls put up a good fight but lost their semi-final tie-break to 10. The girls then faced a strong St. Michael's pair in the bronze medal match and narrowly lost to take 4th place overall.

I was really proud of the way the girls conducted themselves throughout the competition. Well done girls for your efforts, you were a credit to the school and you should all be very pleased with your performances!

Adam Reavely



CHOIR

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON

Last Friday evening the Amherst Choir performed at the main Sevenoaks Lights Switch-On, performing a range of Christmas songs that included *Somewhere in My Memory*, *Walking in the Air*, *Christmas Time Is Here* and some traditional carols. The children were absolutely brilliant, singing with enthusiasm and acting as a real credit to the school. Thank you also to Miss Foinette for conducting and supporting the choir at this event.



CHRISTMAS SONG – WINNER

Congratulations to **Seth M in Year 4** for winning our first ever 'Christmas Song Competition'. We had so many wonderful entries from across the school, making the selection process a real challenge for all the teachers. Seth has been working with Mr Clarke over the past few weeks to set his words to music and his completed carol, *Christmas Time*, will be performed at the school Carol Service on Monday 13th December.