

# AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

16TH EDITION 7 JANUARY 2022



## MESSAGE FROM MR REID

### WELCOME BACK

I hope you all had the opportunity to have a good break over Christmas and Covid did not disrupt your plans too much. The children have had an **excellent first two days** and have returned to school with energy and enthusiasm.

We completed two training days this week for staff covering a wide range of areas. Tuesday focussed on our Teaching and Learning policy and curriculum development. We also thought about how subject leaders monitored the curriculum.

On Wednesday we received **excellent training from the Specialist Teaching Service** on supporting children who are on the autistic spectrum. The afternoon focussed how to best support dyslexic children. It was a blend of new knowledge gained and affirmation of our good existing practice.

### GRAND DESIGNS

I am delighted that our building project has finally begun. It felt very real today when an excavator arrived and fencing was erected. I shared with the children in yesterday's assembly the architect's drawings and our journey to get to this point. **To view the plans on the school website please [click here](#).**

Once completed it will provide **additional teaching space** during the day and a fantastic location for our **Breakfast and After School Clubs**. Hopefully the project will be completed by the **end of May**.

The children were excellent today learning to use the new entrance. Many were very excited to try something new!

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### TERM VALUE

This term's value is **Determination**. We discussed in assembly how **we have to try our best even when we find things difficult**. It is easy to be determined at something we enjoy or are already good at. **The real test is can you remain determined when challenged?** Something the English cricket team are currently experiencing!

**"If you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always got."**

**Henry Ford**

I hope you all have a good weekend.

# NOTICES

## APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOOL

Applications for **transfer to primary school for both reception year and year 3** (junior school) in **September 2022** opened on Friday 5 November 2021 and close at midnight on **Monday 17 January 2022**. Please click on the link below:

[Primary school places - Kent County Council](#)

## PTA MEETING & NEWSLETTER

The next PTA meeting will be on the 11 Jan 2022 8PM at the Bulfinch Pub.



### Amherst PTA Meeting

11 Jan 2022 8PM

Bulfinch Sevenoaks

Please [click here](#) to read the PTA's December 2021 Newsletter.

## GAMES & PE— JANUARY 2022

Please note that Games and PE lessons change from January 2022.

### YEAR 3

PE indoor (**Dance**) - Wednesday

PE kit needed

GAMES lessons (**Hockey**) - Thursday

PE kit, shin pads, gum shield needed

### YEAR 4

4S - PE indoor (**Yoga**) - Tuesday

4C & 4SF - PE indoor (**Yoga**) - Thursday

PE kit needed

GAMES lessons (**Football/Rugby/Netball**) - Monday

PE kit, trainers, football boots, shin pads needed

### YEAR 5

PE indoor (**Gymnastics**) - Monday

PE kit needed

GAMES lessons (**Football/Rugby/Netball**) - Friday

PE kit, trainers, football boots, shin pads needed

### YEAR 6

PE indoor (**Curling**) - Friday

PE kit needed

GAMES lessons (**Handball**) - Wednesday

PE kit, trainers needed

## VACANCIES

Please find a **list of our current vacancies** on the [KENT TEACH](#) website.

# Vacancies

## FUTURE DATES

10 Jan— Clubs Start

11 Feb —Term Ends



## LUNCH MONEY

Please arrange payment for **Term 3 & 4** Lunch money in **advance** via [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com) . Cost are as follows:

Daily - £ 2.35

Weekly - £ 11.75

Term 3 - £ 63.45 (27 days)

Term 4 - £ 70.50 (30 days)

Term 3 & 4 - £ 133.95

## UNNAMED COATS, HATS & GLOVES

We have a bin bag full of unnamed coats, hats and gloves. It will be **in the foyer under the table** for parents to look through from Monday.



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

**FLU vaccinations** for Children year R-11 are available at the following walk in centre. You can [book](#) or [just walk-in](#):

The **Camden Centre, Tunbridge Wells** is open all week from 8.30am to 6pm, until Saturday, 8 January