

AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MR REID

WORLD BOOK DAY

Well done to all children and staff for dressing up in such a range of fantastic costumes to celebrate **World Book Day** yesterday. It was wonderful to see everyone coming through the gate in the morning with such enthusiasm and sense of fun.

A surprise for the children during the day was **The Masked Reader!** Thirteen members of staff had recorded themselves (in disguise) reading from their favourite book. The children then had to guess who the member of staff was before the big reveal.

As a teacher and parent I **cannot reinforce enough the importance of reading and developing a love of books** as part of your child's development. Being read to and sharing books with your child is just as important as hearing them read. However busy you are, there is always time for a bedtime story. It can be such a pleasurable experience for both parent and child. My only issue is I sometimes struggle to stay awake myself!

GOOD MANNERS

As part of this term's value **Politeness**, I have challenged the children to say good morning to me this week before I say it to them. The children have enjoyed this challenge — it was amazing today that nearly every child coming through the gate, looked at me, smiled and said good morning. Many asked how I was too. **It was a wonderful start to the day and an important life skill developed.**

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

...and the
WINNERS
are...

WORLD
BOOK
DAY



WORLD BOOK DAY



5A



5J



5S



6B



6H



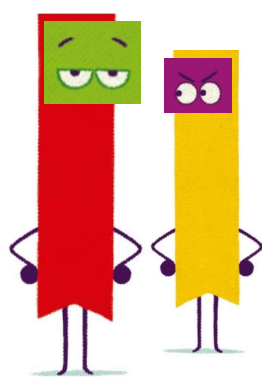
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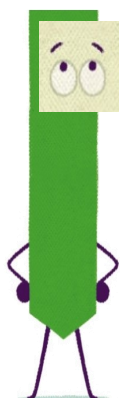
Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6

NOTICES

UKRAINE FUNDRAISER



Ellie, Ava and Rachel from 6H are selling cupcakes after school on Monday 7th March at the bottom end of the carpark. Cupcakes are £1 each or packs 4 for £4. All money raised will go to the **Ukrainian relief effort**. Please support this worthy cause if you can.

FUTURE DATES



5 Mar—Choir T. Wells Art Festival
18 Mar—Clubs End
18 Mar—Open Afternoon
22 & 23 Mar— Parent Consultations
28 Mar—Year 3 Production Dress Rehearsal
29 Mar—Year 3 Production 2.00pm
29 Mar— Amherst Music Concert
1 Apr— End of Term

LUNCH MONEY



Please top up your child's lunch money account via www.schoolgateway.com

DIARY DATES



[Click here](#) to see our school calendar.

LUNCH BANDS AND MERIT BADGES



Please can parents encourage children to **RETURN** all school meal bands to their classrooms.

Merit badges awarded to our Stars of the Week should be returned to reception or the office on Friday mornings.

COVID UPDATE



UK Government

If anyone develops one of the coronavirus symptoms, a COVID test should still be arranged. Symptoms are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- loss or change in sense of taste or smell

More information on COVID testing is [here](#)

REPORT ABSENCES



All absences should be reported **via our website before 09.00am**. Click on the link and complete the quick form.

[Daily Absence Form](#)

STATIONERY



Please check your child has all the stationery they need, especially **GLUE STICKS** and **WHITE BOARD PENS**. Children cannot [participate](#) without the correct stationery.

LOVE TO DANCE



Year 6 pupils are invited to sign up for auditions on **Wednesday 9th March**. The first rehearsal will be on **Friday 11 March** from 3.45—4.30pm in the school hall. Please see the letter sent today for more information.

LIBRARY COMPETITION



Inspired by **World Book Day**, we've launched a **competition** to promote the Amherst School Library. See the letter sent home today for more information—the deadline is **Monday 28th March**. Happy designing, and good luck!

PANCAKE DAY

Thank you to our lovely kitchen staff for spoiling us with pancakes for pudding on Tuesday 1st March.



STAR OF THE WEEK



3B	Jessica S
3MW	Alex B
3W	Rylee H
4C	Sammie C
4SF	Jack R
4S	Imogen H

5A	Lucy E
5J	Lois L
5S	Hunter H
6B	Dylan D
6H	Ben H
6SB	Shabd L



HOCKEY

Lucas T (4C) was part of the **U10 Sevenoaks Boys Hockey Team** who **won the U10 Kent cup** on Sunday playing in goal for Sevenoaks Hockey Club in Folkstone.

They were amazing and won the tournament beating Canterbury by 1 point. The boys all played amazingly well against very strong competitors. Lucas saved a great shot late in the last game meaning they won 4 and only lost 1. Well done to everyone!

The **U10 Sevenoaks Girls Hockey Team** also won their Kent Cup—congratulations to **Sofia B** in 5A!



PTA NOTICES

TIME FOR TEA

MOTHER'S DAY

Treat Mum & Granny to a cup of tea in a special mug, with individually wrapped biscuits

**CHOOSE FROM:
"WORLDS BEST MUM"
"WORLDS BEST GRANNY"
MUGS**

Order your gift before midnight on Wednesday 6th March via PTA events.

£10 per mug

Mug comes boxed, with individually wrapped tea bags and biscuits



MATCH FUNDING

Match funding is a simple way to maximise fundraising efforts. Please check with your employer if they will match fund any of our fundraising efforts.

For information please e-mail: amherst-chair@outlook.com OR amherst-treasurer@outlook.com

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Supported by
Kent County Council's
Helping Hands Scheme

Helping Hands

Supporting households facing financial hardship as a direct result of COVID-19

REQUEST SUPPORT



About the scheme

The 'Helping Hands' scheme offers fuel vouchers towards the cost of heating bills and essential items related to keeping warm. The vouchers will support households facing financial hardship as a direct result of coronavirus (COVID-19).

Applicants can apply for up to 3 vouchers towards heating bills (must have a top-up meter) or essential items such as:

- boiler repairs
- temporary heaters
- thick curtains
- blankets (at the discretion of district and borough council officers.)

Evidence needed

For payments toward heating bills, or high cost support, such as boiler repairs, applicants may need to provide proof of income.

We won't need proof of income for support toward items such as blankets or curtains.

Eligibility

Any applicants must:

- be aged 16 or over
- have a household income less than £30,000
- have no savings or support from other sources
- live in Kent.

(If they pay Council Tax to Medway Council, they'll need to contact Medway's Local Welfare Provision scheme)

You need to check that the applicant has suffered a loss of income as a direct result of COVID-19. (For example, being put on furlough, reduced trade or business, increased heating bills by working from home.)

For more information email:
tracy.veasey@kent.gov.uk, or
hannah.chandler@kent.gov.uk

Make a referral

Referrals can only be made by professionals or trusted partners
Call: 0800 233 6265
Visit: <https://south.greenodoctors.org.uk/>



SEVENOAKS sings

Fantastic Raffle prizes to be won

FEEL GOOD CONCERT

PART CONCERT & PART SING-ALONG

JOIN US FOR A PERFORMANCE WITH A DIFFERENCE STARTING WITH A SET OF UPLIFTING SONGS FROM OUR

NEW COMMUNITY CHOIR

AND ENDING IN A GIANT AUDIENCE SINGALONG FOR A HEALTHY DOSE OF FEEL-GOODERY

EVERY VOICE IS WELCOME ESPECIALLY YOURS! NO SINGING SKILL REQUIRED

SATURDAY 19TH MARCH
7:00 - 9:30PM

TRINITY SCHOOL SEVENOAKS

Licensed Bar & snacks

All profits go to our chosen charities

www.sevenoakssings.com

Friends for Families

Future Pillars



Demelza's new shop opening soon in Sevenoaks

Shop: Help us to slow down fast fashion by buying your next outfit from us.

Donate: We will also be accepting donations of your pre-loved items.

Volunteer: Imagine what you could achieve in your spare time. Do something amazing. Become a volunteer at a Demelza shop today.

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Visit www.demelza.org.uk/shop/what-you-can-donate

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in 2022



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18-22 JUL

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EASTER HOCKEY CAMPS

Monday 4th April
Tuesday 5th April
Wednesday 13th April
Thursday 14th April

Year 3 to Year 10
10AM - 3PM Hollybush Astro



SEVENOAKS HOCKEY CLUB



GIRLS CRICKET AT HOLMESDALE CC

STARTING 26 APRIL

TUESDAY
Under 9: 6pm-7pm
Under 11: 7pm-8pm
12 weeks - £80

THURSDAY
Under 13:
6pm-7:30pm
12 weeks - £120

THIS GIRL CAN

FOR BOOKING AND MORE INFORMATION VISIT THE WEBSITE: WWW.MYCLUBHOUSE.CO.UK/HOLMESDALE

