

MESSAGE FROM MR REID

WELCOME BACK

I hope you all had a good Easter break and a chance to enjoy the sunny weather. The children have returned keen and ready to learn. However do not be surprised if your child has found elements of the return to school hard after a holiday. Transitions can always be difficult and some of the holiday routines are hard to let go of! The summer term is a wonderful term and I look forward to many aspects and activities that have not been able to take place in the last two years happening again. Only Year 6 parents have experienced a whole school Amherst summer production which is something to savour.



We are busy planning our celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Wednesday 25th May will be the focus of our celebrations. We will have a non-uniform day asking the children to wear red, white and blue. During the morning the children will complete activities in class learning about the Queen and the jubilee. We will plan a special jubilee lunch. In the afternoon we hope to replicate a traditional garden party/village fete with a range of activities for the children to do on the playground and field. Finally, the PTA have kindly agreed to fund a small commemorative gift for every child to take home at the end of the day. National jubilee celebrations will be the following week in half term on Thursday and Friday.

GRAND DESIGNS

Progress has slowed slightly with the completion date estimated as 1st July. The roof is currently being constructed which is a significant step forward. Now the majority of the walls are in place you can start to get a feel for the size and space the new building will provide. The bricks are an excellent match with our existing building, helping create a sense of tradition within a modern design that blends with the old.



This term's school value is fairness and will be the focus of the children's PSHE lessons and assemblies. As teachers and parents we often hear the phrase 'It's not fair!' and we will be helping the children learn how to view situations from all perspectives. We will be exploring what are the character traits of a fair person and reflect if we display those virtues in our day to day actions and words.

I hope you all have a good weekend and the fine weather continues. The club cricket season is about to begin which is a sure sign that rain maybe on its way!

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NOTICES



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.



SECONDARY SCHOOL VISITS & ABSENCES

All absences should please be reported **via our website** before 09.00am. Click on the link and please complete the quick form. [Daily Absence Form](#)



VACANCIES

Please [click here](#) to see our current vacancies.



FUTURE DATES

01 Apr — End of Term



FUTURE PTA DATES

- 6 May - Quiz night for Parents
- 26 May - Cookie in a Bag Sale
- 8 June - Uniform Sale
- 14 June - PTA MEETING
- 16 June - Father's day gift delivery
- 9 July - Amherst Summer BBQ

The date for the School Disco's date will shortly be confirmed.



STAR OF THE WEEK

3B	Josh M
3MW	Sonith S
3W	Henry A
4C	Lucas I-C
4SF	Max R
4S	Louis B-T

5A	Aishi M
5J	Aerin P
5S	Thomas R
6B	Bronagh M
6H	Riley P
6SB	Sam S

TABLE TENNIS

Olivia W played at the **National Table Tennis finals** in Wolverhampton over the Easter holidays.

Olivia played really well, very close games, and she was very **proud to represent Amherst** and managed to win 2 of her 5 games.

What a fantastic achievement—**WELL DONE OLIVIA!**



FUNDRAISING NEWS

Lilly S, Amelie P and Isla K spent Easter Monday baking and decorating Ukrainian cookies, which they went onto sell door to door in the local area.

In total they have raised £107 for Ukraine which has been donated to UNICEF. We couldn't be more proud of the girls as they took on this venture entirely on their own demonstrating compassion, enthusiasm, passion, dedication and commitment to a worthy cause.

Well done girls!



COMMUNITY EVENTS

PERFORM ON STAGE THIS SUMMER

WITH THE
HELEN O'GRADY
DRAMA ACADEMY



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CONFIDENCE • COMMUNICATION • CREATIVITY

One of the greatest life skills we can give our children is the ability to communicate confidently.

At the Helen O'Grady Drama Academy, children can learn to do this whilst having an enormous amount of fun. If you want to provide your child with the best possible start in life we can help!

Our classes help our students to:

- Build **confidence** and **self esteem**
- Improve **speech** and **language** skills
- Develop **social interaction** skills
- Improve **listening** and **team work** skills
- Increase **creativity**
- Improve **lateral thinking** skills

WE OFFER
INTRODUCTORY
TRIALS,
PAYMENT PLANS
& DISCOUNTS
FOR
SIBLINGS

BOOKINGS NOW BEING TAKEN FOR OUR PRODUCTION TERM

CLASS LOCATIONS:

Bromley Common, Chislehurst, Gravesend, Orpington, Otford,
Petts Wood and Shortlands.

Also at Parish CE Primary, Scotts Park Primary and St James R.C. Primary.



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Kent and Medway Clinical Commissioning Group

From Monday, 4 April **children aged between five and 12-years-old are eligible for the vaccine.** Booking can be made via the national booking service, or by attending a walk-in clinic. Not all walk-ins will provide jabs for this age group, so please check first.

More information about all the clinics taking place in Kent and Medway can be found on our website: www.kentandmedwayccg.nhs.uk/covid19vaccine



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many children as possible.

Taster sessions will run on eight separate occasions throughout June and July. On each date two different lessons are on offer but we request that parents make **one** booking only, in advance, to allow us to accommodate as

All bookings should be made via the Knole Academy website when the session links will go live at **10am on Tuesday 3 May 2022** - <https://www.knoleacademy.org/3453/taster-sessions>.

For those parents who would rather not attend a Taster Session during this time or have been unable to book a place, we are pleased to offer a ‘**virtual experience**’ where children are able to take part in a number of Taster lessons in English, Maths, Science, Design Technology and Food Technology:

<https://www.knoleacademy.org/3453/taster-sessions>

There is also a **virtual tour of our school** from our Headteacher, Mr Collins:

<https://www.knoleacademy.org/3455/open-day>.

Date	Please choose one of the following sessions:
Tuesday 21 June 2022 - 9:10-10:30am	Food Technology or PE
Wednesday 22 June 2022 - 9:10-10:30am	Design Technology or Science
Thursday 23 June 2022 - 9:10-10:30am	Art or Science
Monday 27 June 2022 - 9:10-10:30am	PE or Food Technology
Tuesday 28 June 2022 - 9:10-10:30am	Music or Art
Thursday 30 June 2022 - 9:10-10:30am	Design Technology or Science
Wednesday 4 July 2022 - 9:10-10:30am	PE or Food Technology
Wednesday 6 July 2022 - 9:10-10:30am	Music or Science



[Helping Young People Navigate The 21st Century - New Beacon School](#)

Evening talk by Dick Moore. 5 May 2022 – 7pm-9.30pm – Cost £10. Dick is a global speaker on young people's mental health and well-being. Child & adolescent mental health is very much in the parenting & educational spotlight, Dick Moore will explore some of these emotive themes.

www.newbeacon.org.uk