

# AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM MR REID

### SPORTS DAY

Well done to all children for participating in our fantastic Sports Day yesterday. There was a wonderful atmosphere of healthy competition and enjoyment. Just a shame that Bradbourne's 24 year wait to be champions continues. Hopefully next year! **Well done to Amherst as the winning house.** We were fortunate the weather had cooled slightly to enable the event to take place.

### GOODBYE TO YEAR 6

I would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils for whom today is their last day at Amherst. They have been a brilliant cohort and great fun to work with. I had the pleasure of spending a week with them on their residential trip to Hilltop and was impressed continually by their determination, kindness and support of each other. All Amherst values that have become part of who they are. I feel proud to be handing them over to secondary school knowing they are well placed to be successful.

Well done Year 6!

### ROSE CLIFTON MEMORIAL CRICKET MATCH

I am looking forward to tonight's match against the Year 6 parents. If you are not aware the match is in memory of Rose Clifton who worked in the school office for many years. Rose was very keen on cricket and her son Paul is playing in the match tonight. The match is at Holmesdale Cricket Club and begins at 5.30pm. The club will open the bar and be providing a BBQ this year too.

### VACANCIES

We are currently looking to recruit a Finance Assistant and a Breakfast Club Assistant. School jobs both at Amherst and in the Sevenoaks area are advertised on the Kent Teach website. Please mention to anyone you know seeking term time employment in the local area. The Kent Teach link is [here](#).

### SUMMER HOLIDAYS

I hope you have a super summer break and thank you for all your continued support. We look forward to doing it all again in September. The children return on Monday, 5th September.



WELL  
DONE TO  
AMHERST  
FOR  
WINNING  
SPORTS DAY  
AND THE  
HOUSE CUP!



SPORTS DAY 2022





# NOTICES



## LAST DAY OF TERM – CHIPSTEAD COMMON

After school on the last day of term, many families gather on the common to celebrate the start of the holidays. Neighbours have **kindly requested** that **parents take their litter home** as there is only one tiny little bin.



## SPACES FOR SEPTEMBER

We have spaces in our new Breakfast Club from September 2022 on both Monday and Friday mornings. If you are interested **please [complete our booking form](#)**.



## VACANCIES

We are looking for a **FINANCE ASSISTANT** (4 days a week/term time only) from September 2022. If you know of anybody who might be interested, please refer them to the Kent Teach website on the following link - **[click here](#)**. All our other vacancies are also available on the link.



## MUSIC

Congratulations to **Ava T** who achieved a merit for her grade 6 drum exam.



## PTA

Remember to place your orders for **Team Amherst Hoodies** and **water bottles** via **<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/>**

## FUTURE DATES

- 21 July — End of Term - 3.30pm collection
- 05 September — Start of Term 1
- 13 September — PTA AGM
- 18 September — PTA Riverhead Carnival



# PTA NEWSLETTER



YOUR AMHERST  
PTA

## UPDATE

July 2022

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newsletter

### UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

What a wonderful term this has been!!! We had sun, laughter, and lots of fun. As I reflect on the past year there are many highlights - but the summer BBQ was the event of my year as PTA Chair, and I feel so lucky to have shared this with you.

The PTA is a joint effort and my thanks extends to all parents/carers who contribute their time, money, or skills to make it successful. A huge thanks to the class reps; your contribution is essential and greatly valued. And thank you to all the school staff for your advice and sharing your knowledge so generously. We would be lost without you.

My deepest thanks to the lead team. When we embarked on this adventure at the very last moment during the AGM last September, I had no idea that I would have the absolute privilege to have such talented, enthusiastic, and giving people on my side. I thank you with all my heart.

I am so excited for the new lead team already in place for next year. I wish you every success.

Lastly, as we are leaving the school, I wish to extend my thanks to Mr Reid. You are an incredible headteacher and Amherst is an amazing school under your leadership. All the very best for the future.

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### FUNDRAISING LATEST



We've not quite finished counting up from the BBQ yet but ..... it looks like the PTA may have raised approaching **£40,000** for the year as a whole! Amazing!

This year, we've been fundraising for new IT screens for all the classrooms, the ICT suite and the Cabin - as well as for a new covered seating area to replace what was the 'Octagon'. The funds we've raised will make a huge difference for the better. And we couldn't have done it without all of you.

Thank you to all the Amherst parents and carers who have contributed in some way to the work of the PTA this year. All contributions, big and small, are much appreciated.

Thanks especially to our PTA class reps for all their hard work, as well as to our PTA lead team. And thank you as well to our wonderful Amherst office team - you are awesome.



## Introducing our new PTA Lead Team



Chair - Hayley Hansford



Vice Chair - Nicole Miles



Secretary - Angharad Salmon



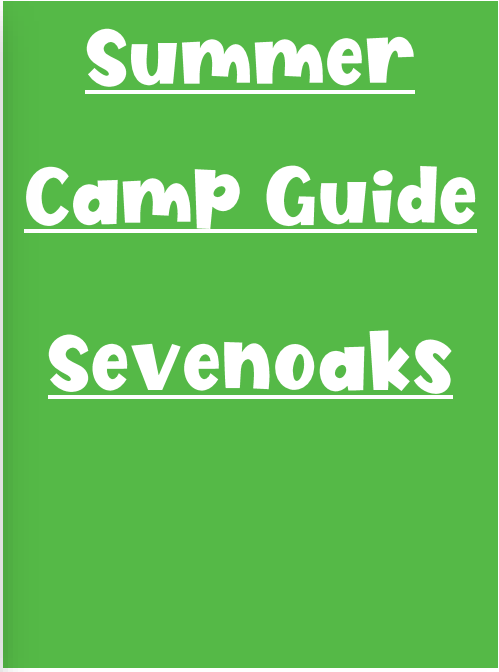
Treasurer - Steven Harrison



Newsletter - Beth Harrison

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please click on the pictures to see more information.



## otford methodist church

This year's holiday club is called **Jungle Rumble**, where we will be having a jungle-themed adventure with songs, games, crafts and learning from some of the most famous stories Jesus told. We run from **9:45am to 12:30pm** each day from **Monday 22nd to Thursday 25th August**. It is open to all existing primary school-aged children.



We have a small fee to secure the place of your children of £3.00 a day or £10 for all four days (siblings half-price). The club builds as it goes so it's good to attend each day if possible. We will also have a jungle adventure story acted out each day. But due to restrictions on numbers it will be on a first come first served basis, hence the booking.

So, book here and if your child would like to be with their sibling - or not, or with a friend that is coming, do mention it on the booking form. We aim to have four "Jungle Dens" running where the children will be split roughly into two for KS1 and two for KS2.

So after a Covid gap of 2 years, we look forward to seeing you "in the Jungle" at Otford Methodist Church in August.

**AMHERST JUNIOR FC**

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

**AMHERSTFC.CO.UK**

- ✓ Junior League (Years 2 - 4)
- ✓ Senior League (Years 4 & 5)
- ✓ Mixed ability girls and boys
- ✓ No mid-week training
- ✓ No away games
- ✓ All children play every week

Two circular inset photos. The left one shows a group of children in orange football kits on a field. The right one shows three children in orange kits holding a trophy.

