

AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MR REID

I'm sure like me, you were saddened to hear the news that **Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II** passed away yesterday. We had a special assembly this morning to discuss what a wonderful Queen she has been and to pay our respects. The children have been incredibly thoughtful with their responses. It was a poignant moment today when the whole school stood in silence whilst we played the national anthem.



WELCOME

I would like to formally welcome all new families and children to Amherst School. I hope your time at Amherst is a happy and successful one. The new Year 3 children have settled well and it has been great to see them discovering all that Amherst has to offer. Well done to our Year 6 Buddies who have done a super job this week making their Year 3 Buddy feel welcomed. This included on the first two days having lunch with them.



JUBILEE BUILDING

It has been wonderful this week to see the Jubilee building being used by Breakfast and After School Clubs. The children and staff have been getting used to their new surroundings and enjoying being in our new building. The interesting design makes it a great space to be in with high ceilings and the exposed curved wooden beams. Groups of children have also enjoyed working in there during the school day.

This has been a three year project. I remember hosting a drinks event in November 2019 asking for parental support. The response was phenomenal with £150,000 raised by the PTA in such a short space of time. The project would not have been possible without your generosity and support. Thank you.

It is interesting to note that almost half that amount was due to employers' match funding schemes. If you are part of a PTA fundraising event please check what your work place may offer, it makes such a difference. **Click on the picture to have a look inside.**



Jubilee Building

I hope you all have a good weekend.

NOTICES



NUT FREE SNACKS & CEREAL BARS

Please can you ensure your children bring in **healthy snacks** to school.

CONSENTS

Please remember to provide consent via www.schoolgateway.com with regards to photos, medical, walking home and local area visits.

REPORT ABSENCES

All absences should be reported **via our website before 9.00am please**. Click on the link and complete the quick form — **NO need to email/call anymore: [Daily Absence Form](#)** (The form can also be found on our website under ATTENDANCE)

LUNCH MONEY

Please remember to top up your child's lunch money accounts on www.schoolgateway.com.

NEW VIOLIN TEACHER

From September we are delighted to be **welcoming Emma S'Jacob** as an **additional violin teacher**. Mrs S'Jacob is an accomplished instrumentalist and has much experience teaching music in schools in London, Kent and Australia. We are so excited to welcome her to peripatetic teaching at Amherst and any children interested in learning with her can contact her on emma.sjacob@googlemail.com. As a reminder, the contact details for all our **music teachers** can be found at [Amherst Music Teachers](#).

FUTURE DATES

- 13 September — PTA AGM
- 19 September — Year 3 Parent Consultation (information to follow)
- 20 September — Year 3 Parent Consultation (information to follow)
- 21 September — Years 4, 5 and 6 Meet the Teacher
- 28 September — Fantastic Fred visit
- 26 September — Clubs Start
- 28 September — Year 6 Secondary School Application Meeting 6.00pm
- 6 October — School Photos
- 14 October — Year 5 Kent Life Visit
- 17 October — Flu Vaccinations—Whole School
- 20 October — Term 1 Ends
- 21 October — Inset Day
- 31 October — Term 2 Starts
- 15 November — Parent Consultations (Whole School)
- 16 November — Parent Consultations (Whole School)
- 17 November — Book Fair
- 25 November — Clubs End
- 3 December — PTA Christmas Bazaar
- 12 December — Carol Service
- 14 December — Pantomime trip to Stag Theatre (Whole School)
- 15 December — Christmas Lunch

STAR OF THE WEEK

3CL	Eloise P
3H	Navya I
3W	Billie-Jean S
4C	Oliver B
4DB	Albert M
4SF	Joey S

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5A	Freddie B
5J	Tommy B
5S	Alex P
6A	Lizzy O-G
6B	Ethan W
6SB	Joe S