

AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MR REID



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MONDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

As communicated earlier in the week, **school will be closed on Monday** due to **Her Majesty the Queen's funeral**. I hope all families take the opportunity to **watch the service and make time to pay their respects**. This is an **important moment** in our lives and I hope your children are able to engage with the significance. They may have questions and some children may find it unsettling, which is quite normal. Take your time to answer those questions thoughtfully with your child.



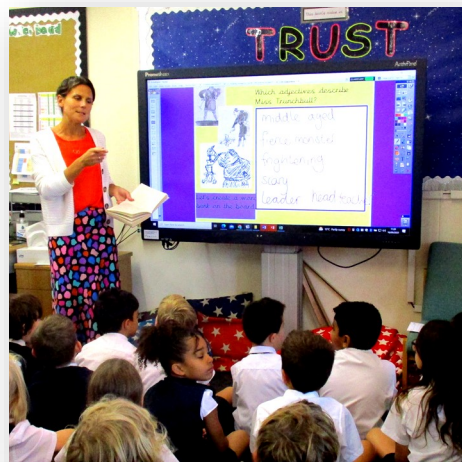
CLUBS

Your child should have come home on **Wednesday** with this term's **club timetable**. I hope they find a club they wish to attend. We will do our best to accommodate all requests. Our extra-curricular programme is extensive and wide ranging. A new club this year is **Guinea Pig Club**! We now have two resident guinea pigs who live in 5A. **Attending clubs is a great way for your child to mix with different children and adults**. It also provides the opportunity to continue with an existing interest or develop a new one. Having **something to look forward to** each day or week is so important.

TODAY IN SCHOOL

SCHOOL LIFE

During this week and the next two, I am **spending time in classrooms** to see how the children have settled in their new year **group**. I wandered the school at **11.30am this morning** and the main activity across all year groups was **creative writing**. It was **wonderful** to see so many children enjoying the writing process which I feel is one of the **hardest skills** we expect them to master. It was pleasing to observe the **range of strategies** being used to help enable **all children to become confident writers**.



NOTICES



MEET THE TEACHER

These sessions will take place in the school hall on Wednesday, 21st September 2022:

- 4.00pm – Year 4
- 5.00pm - Year 5
- 6.00pm - Year 6



COMPLETE THE CLUBS FORM ONLINE

Please [click here](#) to tell us which clubs your child would like to attend.

2023/24

2023– 2024 TERM DATES NOW AVAILABLE

Please [click here](#) for new term dates.



YEAR 3 PARENT CONSULTATION

Bookings open **tonight at 7:00pm** and close on **Wednesday 21st September at 4.00pm**. Please log into www.schoolinterviews.co.uk and enter event code which was sent to you by email.



AMHERST LIBRARY BOOKS

Children should from now on please return their library book before they can borrow a new one.



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](#)



REPORT ABSENCES

All absences should be reported **via our website before 09.00am 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)



SCHOOL CALENDAR

Please click on the **subscribe** button to add school dates to your personal calendar. [Amherst School Calendar](#)



FUTURE DATES

- 21 September — Years 4, 5 and 6 Meet the Teacher
- 26 September — Clubs Start
- 26 September — Year 3 Parent Consultations
- 27 September — Year 3 Parent Consultations
- 27 September — Year 5 Trip to Knole House (5J & 5S)
- 28 September — Year 5 Trip to Knole House (5A)
- 28 September — Fantastic Fred visit
- 28 September — Year 6 Secondary School Application Meeting 6.00pm
- 30 September — PTA Uniform Sale
- 6 October — School Photos
- 14 October — 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
- 16 November — Parent Consultations
- 17 November — Book Fair
- 25 November — Clubs End
- 3 December — PTA Bazaar
- 12 December — Carol Service
- 14 December — Pantomime trip
- 15 December — Christmas Lunch
- 15 December — Term 2 Ends

School Uniform Sale!
Friday, 30th September
2.30 - 3pm



There will be an honesty box for payments, or you can pay online at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta/>

STAR OF THE WEEK

3CL	Rex S
3H	Douglas B
3W	George C
4C	Lia G-F
4DB	Nathan I-C
4SF	Alejandro O-G

5A	Jack T
5J	Theo H
5S	Zachary H
6A	Edward H
6B	Joe H
6SB	Zach R

BALLET EXAM

Congratulations to Summer J(6SB) who has been awarded HIGH MERIT in her Grade 3 ballet exam. This is a fantastic achievement!

MUSIC EXAM

Congratulations to the following children passing their music exams recently:

Lois Lindsay - Grade 2 flute - merit
Charlotte Tonge - Grade 2 flute - pass
Isla Paterson - Grade 3 flute - merit
Molly Gawn - Grade 2 recorder - distinction
Imogen Herbert - Grade 1 flute - pass

VOLUNTEER PARENT READERS

We are looking for **parent volunteers** to come into school and read with the children in the afternoons. You will be given more information before you start and will require a DBS check. The reading sessions will run between **1.30pm and 3.30pm** on the following days:

Year 6— Monday
Year 5— Wednesday
Year 4— Thursday
Year 3— Tuesday



You can volunteer for any amount of time you have free. It would be helpful for our planning if you can commit to a weekly session. To register your interest, please go to www.schoolgateway.com, and indicate the times you are available in the comments box.

PTA

We are very excited to introduce ourselves to you and look forward to see **Team Amherst** create many memorable moments of **FUN** and **FUNDRAISING!!**

2022-23 PTA Lead Team



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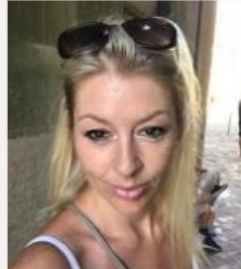
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please click on the pictures to see more information.

Ruth Cable FAMILY CONCERT
with **SEVENOAKS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**
Animal Magic!
with *Peter & the Wolf* and more...
Sunday 16th October at 4pm



Narrator: David Leonard Woodwinds: Michael Copley
This 75minute programme, conducted by Darrell Davison, features *Peter & the Wolf* and will also include a musical parade of colourful, magical animals; a brilliant mini *Carnival of the Animals* by Saint-Saens, *Cavalry Horse Gallop* by Suppe and *The Ostrich, Crocodile & Hippo* by Ponchielli.

Tickets: £8.50 each or £7.75 for four or more
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25TH SEPTEMBER
FREE SESSIONS
BEHIND RIVERHEAD
INFANTS SCHOOL, WORSHIPS HILL

3 SESSIONS
10:00 - 11:30
12:00 - 13:30
14:00 - 15:30



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Music for All Seasons

An evening of film themes, famous classical music and more!

Saturday 24th September 2022 | 7:30PM
St. John the Baptist Church, Wrotham Road, Meopham, Kent, DA13 0AA



Mark Underwood flute
"remarkable polish and devotion"
Sydney Morning Herald
"a striking expressive range"
The Independent



Carol Anne Wells piano
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Dr Percy Young, musicologist

All proceeds to **Hive Hope Food Bank** and other Rotary supported charities

TICKETS Adults £22 | Full-time students £15 | Children up to 18 years £8
Concessions for bookings made by 10 September
Refreshments included with tickets
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Tickets at the door: cash or cheque only
General Enquiries: 07341 274689

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