AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MR REID

FANTASTIC FRED

On Wednesday 28th September The Fantastic Fred Experience will be visiting Amherst. The is a free NHS that provides a preventative educational mental health resource for primary aged children delivered by a team of trained actors.

It is specifically designed to inform, equip and build resilience, it delivers simple, memorable and practical ways that young children can look after their mental health and explains the link between our physical and mental health.

The letters in FRED's name represent the areas of educational focus:

- Food Eating the right foods
- Rest Getting enough sleep
- Exercise Being active
- Devices Managing time on devices

Each year group will receive a 40 minute performance in the hall.

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CLUBS

Thank you for engaging so actively in our extra curricular offer. It is fantastic to see so many children signing up for the wide range of clubs. Some of our clubs are over subscribed. Please be tolerant if your child does not get every club they signed up for (some have signed up for eight!). If a child has only signed up for one club we do all we can to ensure they get that choice. Another option for oversubscribed clubs is that we sometimes run one group up to Christmas and then a different group up to Easter.

Thank you to all staff who are giving up their time to run such a fantastic range of clubs. The club offer at Amherst is quite unique and something we are very proud of. Amherst has a long tradition of valuing the importance of extra curricular activities.

CLUB DROP OFF / COLLECTION

For early morning clubs, please drop your children off to go through the pedestrian gate off the pavement and then in through the internal wooden gate. Children should proceed to walk through the playground and then attend their club.

If your child is attending an after school outdoor club, please collect them from the side pedestrian gate (normal end of school collection area). The adult running the club will bring the children round. If your child is attending an indoor club please collect them from outside the doors to the main office. Again the adult running the club will bring them outside.

We look forward to clubs beginning on Monday.

I hope you all have a good weekend.















NOTICES

2023/24 2023- 2024 TERM DATES NOW AVAILABLE

Please <u>click here</u> for new term dates.



OPEN EVENTS FOR YEAR 5 & 6

Please <u>click here</u> to see all September / October / November secondary school open events.



PARENT READERS

We are looking for parent readers on the following days: Yr 6— Monday, Yr 5— Wednesday, Y 4— Thursday, Yr 3— Tuesday The reading sessions will run between 1.30pm and 3.30pm. Please register your interest on www.schoolgateway.com.



CURRENT COVID GUIDANCE

- For children and young people aged 18 years and under it is not recommended to be tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional.
- Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.
- For further guidance <u>please click here</u>.



SCHOOL MEAL CHANGES

Please note that due to unforeseen staff shortages we had to revert to the Emergency Menu on Thursday of this week. Next week the menus will be swapped for Monday and Tuesday (Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th). Please make your children aware of this—teachers will too.



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

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 School Photos 6 October Kent Life Visit 14 October

17 October Flu Vaccinations—Whole School

Term 1 Ends 20 October 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 PTA Bazaar 3 December 12 December — Carol Service 14 December — Pantomime trip 15 December — Christmas Lunch 15 December — Term 2 Ends



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please click on the pictures to see more information.





St George's Primary School Wrotham

Sunday mornings 9:30-10:30

starting 18th September - 4th December 2022

(Excluding 23™ & 30th October)

10 sessions at £4.00 per session, payable in advance(limited spaces)

Sessions run by Gill Cameron

UKCC Level 2 Netball Coach

25 +years coaching experience

Enhanced DBS checked

Qualified first aider- Paediatric First aid certificate and First Aid at work

If your child is keen to develop ball and game skills or you have any questions, please email me at







TWGGS Open Events 2022

Give Your Best

Open Evening Wednesday 28th September 5.30pm to 8.30pm Headteachers speak at 6.30pm and 7.30pm

Open Morning
Tuesday 11th October 2022
11.00am to 12.30pm
Headteachers speak at 12 poor

Sixth Form Options Evening Wednesday 12th October 2022 6.15pm to 7.30pm Headteachers speak at 6.30pm

Open Morning Thursday 20th October 2022 11.00am to 12.30pm Headteachers speak at 12 noon

For more information visit



There is no need to book a place for the open events - please just turn up and meet us.

Parking is available in the nearby John Street car park, or in the surrounding residential roads.
Please avoid driving down Southfield Road.

