AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MR REID

TRUST FAILURE SUCCESS

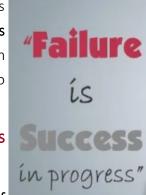
We have continued exploring this week in assemblies the theme of trust. I shared with the children archive footage of the Apollo 13 failed moon mission. They were inspired by the teamwork and the ability of the ground crew to problem solve.

This led on to a long discussion about learning from mistakes & failure.

During my time in classrooms over the last few weeks I was pleased to observe so many **teachers celebrating mistakes as learning opportunities**. This positive culture enables children to take risks when learning, which is vital for them to develop further.

One of the biggest factors to hold children back is their fear of making a mistake.

As parents we too have to manage children's mistakes, of which they will make many. This week I was asked the question 'How often do you let your children fail?'. As parents our instinct is to protect our children and try wherever possible to enable them to be successful. This unwittingly can involve predicting potential failure and saving them from it. What if our overprotection was having the opposite affect? Children only build resilience by making mistakes and learning from them.





As children progress to **secondary school** more than ever they are going to need the skills to make **independent decisions** and be **responsible for their behaviours** and learning. We often feel it is our fault if they have forgotten their homework or missed the bus because they were late. Continually shielding your child from the consequences of those two scenarios is not helping them take responsibility for their own actions. Letting them fail can be hard to watch but can lead to positive outcomes.

If we want those behaviours to be present at secondary school we need to start whilst they are at Amherst. We can let them make mistakes and have the opportunity to learn from them in a supportive environment. It is such a hard balance to get right as a parent! Maybe this weekend, as parents, we can reflect on that original question 'How often do I let my child fail?'.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

I would just like to pass on the **positive feedback from the**photographer yesterday. He was amazed by how polite,

friendly and well behaved our children were. He said they were a Delight to work with. Well done to them all for being such a positive advert for Amherst School.

I am looking forward to going to **Brands Hatch** on Sunday to watch the final round of the British Touring Car Championship (live on ITV4). **Local driver Jake Hill** has an excellent chance of winning his first title. Good luck to Jake and his team!

I hope you all have a good weekend.

NOTICES



ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR

We are seeking a new parent governor to join the Amherst governing board. Please see the letter sent about this last week. If you'd like to find out more about being a school governor, please do get in touch with one of the other governors via the school office and we'd be happy to share our experiences.



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)



EARRING TAPE / JEWELLERY

If children are unable to take out their earrings for sport / PE, please can they bring in their own earring tape.



DIARY DATES

Click here to see our school calendar. Please click on subscribe if you would like to add these dates to your personal calendar.



MERIT BADGES

Please can you return all merit badges to the school office—we do not have any Knole badges at the moment. Many thanks



PARKING

Parents, please consider our neighbours and children walking to school when parking at drop off or when collecting your children from school.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Please remember our Harvest Festival on Thursday, 13th October. We are looking for more parent helpers who are able to help take the food to the food bank on Thursday 13th October at 11.30am please would you let the school office know by email.

Just a reminder of what to donate:

coffee meat – stewed steak beef casserole hot dogs tuna rice chicken in white sauce hot chocolate potatoes spaghetti beef or chicken curry tomatoes fruit carrots sauces sturdy carrier bags



FUTURE DATES

 Harvest Festival 13 October

 Year 5 - Kent Life Visit 14 October

 Flu Vaccinations—Whole School 17 October Year 6 dress up World War II day 17 October

20 October Term 1 Ends

21 October Inset Day

Term 2 Starts 31 October

11 November — PTA Quiz night

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

16 December — Term 2 Ends

PTA





Xmas for Schools

Create beautiful, personalised gifts and cards

Submission deadline 17th October 12 pack A6 Christmas cards - £5.50/12 pack A6 blank cards - £5.50 A3 poster calendars - £4.50/12 pack gift labels - £4.00/Mugs - £7.00

SPORT





On Friday 30th September, a team of 24 children from Year 4 and Year 6 participated in the annual Thomas Trophy Cross Country at Sevenoaks Prep. After only one cross-country session, the team demonstrated excellent determination to complete the challenging course.

With every race, the team portrayed incredible team spirit by cheering on those racing from Amherst and even other schools. Amherst came away with one medal from Beatrix D who came in an outstanding second place in the Under 9 girls' race. Jacob B was the highest placed boy who was 13th in the Under 9 boys race. A huge congratulations to all that competed!

Many thanks to the parents for supporting the children.

Mr Brown



STAR OF THE WEEK

3CL	Yevanhelina L
3H	Matthias L-G
3W	Kitty G
4C	William B
4DB	Lucas D & Eden G
4SF	Ruby Q

5A	Lucas I-C
5J	Annie R
5S	Molly G
6A	Rufus D
6B	Dylan K
6SB	Amy C

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please click on the pictures to see more information.













This 75-minute programme will delight children of all ages. Internationally acclaimed actor David Leonard will join us to narrate the story of Peter and the Wolf and other classic favourites include extracts from Carnival of the Animals by Saint-Saens, Cavalry Horse Gallop by Suppe and The Ostrich, Crocodile and Hippo by Ponchielli.

Tickets £8.50; £7.75 for 4 or more.

Book early at the Stag Box Office 01732 450175 or www. stagsevenoaks.co.uk



