

# AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM MR REID

### Child of St Kilda Update

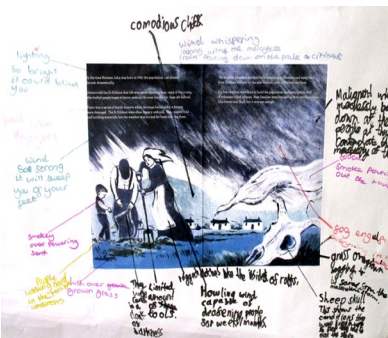
As the project begins to come to the end after three weeks of hard work I have been delighted with the written and artistic outcomes.

The corridor and hall displays are beginning to take shape and will be completed by Friday 25th November. Any child's work that is not displayed in the hall will be displayed in their classroom.

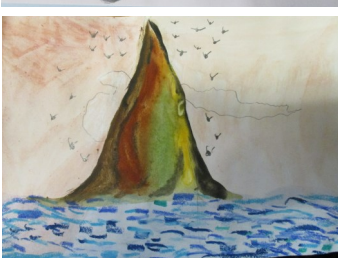
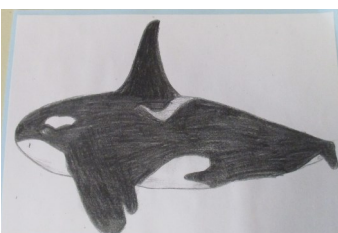
I look forward to sharing the final displays with you shortly.

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The children and staff have thoroughly enjoyed learning about St Kilda. I am so pleased with the level of engagement and enthusiasm for a remote Scottish island.



# NOTICES



## MERIT BADGES

Please can children **RETURN merit badges** to their class teacher / reception on Thursday after been awarded it in the previous week's achievement assembly on Friday. **Badges are given out to the next STAR OF THE WEEK winners each Friday.**



## BAZAAR COLLECTION – FRIDAY, 25 NOVEMBER

Bottle donations on Friday 25 November.

Toys, Books, DVDs donations from Monday 14—25 November daily.



## BOOKFAIR 21<sup>ST</sup>– 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER

Our **annual book fair** is being held from **Monday 21st - Wednesday 23rd November 2022**, in the small hall after school from **3:30pm - 4:15pm**. Your children will have the chance to explore the fair on Friday 18th November with their class, before being able to buy them on Monday- Wednesday.

- Preferred payment method is online via a QR code.
- We will accept cash if online payment is difficult.

[Please click here to browse the catalogue .](#)



## A NOTE FROM THE GOVERNORS

School governors are an **essential body of volunteers**, who **appoint** the headteacher, **provide strategic leadership** and **accountability**, and **make sure money is well spent**, working with Mr Reid and his team to make decisions about balancing resources. It's a **great way to make a real difference** not only for our own children but for future generations of Amherst pupils and the wider community.

**This term we will have 2 vacancies for parent governors**, and unfortunately we had no volunteers when we last invited nominations. If you were in two minds about whether to volunteer, please do step forward - it's a very rewarding role that makes a real difference. A letter will be going out inviting nominations next week and I'd be very happy to chat to anyone about what's involved - just drop an email to the office. All training is provided, and you'll have a mentor to support you.

We look forward to hearing from you!



**School Uniform Sale!**  
Friday, 25th November  
2.30 - 3pm



Alongside our uniform sale, we will be selling Christmas Jumpers! Please consider donating any pre-loved jumpers you no longer need to the school ahead our sale that week. We can accept both cash and card on the day.



## DOG OWNERS

We have had a request that if you walk your dog (at school drop off and pick up times) down the woodland path from the school to Brittain's Lane to please be aware that young children are sometimes scared of dogs running off the lead.



## FUTURE DATES

21– 23 November	—	Book Fair
25 November	—	Clubs End
25 November	—	PTA Uniform & Christmas Jumper Sale
28—29 November	—	Year 3 Rocks Day workshops
2 December	—	Year 4 Christmas Production (Dress Rehearsal)
3 December	—	PTA Bazaar
5 December	—	PTA Mini Bazaar
5 December	—	Year 4 Christmas Production (Matinee Performance 2pm)
7 December	—	Year 4 Christmas Performance (Evening Performance 6pm)
12 December	—	PTA Secrets Room
12 December	—	Carol Service
14 December	—	Pantomime trip
15 December	—	Christmas Lunch
16 December	—	Term 2 Ends



# STAR OF THE WEEK

3CL	Rosa K
3H	Neve L
3W	Mina J
4C	Noah W
4DB	Josh K
4SF	Tilly W

5A	Grace W
5J	Jack F
5S	Charlie S
6A	Daisy W-E
6B	Ben L
6SB	Bluebell S

## SPORT

### TABLE TENNIS

A successful day for Amherst at the Kent School Games - every child who attended won a medal!

#### Individual Event

##### Overall winners

- Girls - Georgia C – 1<sup>st</sup> place.
- Boys - Josh M – 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

##### Consolation award

- Boys - Freddie F – 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

#### Team Event

- Amherst A team (Thomas C, Ewan S, Josh M & Toby W) - 1<sup>st</sup> place.
- Amherst B team (Harry H, Robin G, Oliver K & Richard L) - 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Freddie was a fantastic supportive sub during the morning session!

All of the children were such a credit to the school, they showed great determination and an excellent attitude throughout a very long day!

Mrs Mais & Mrs Field



### YEAR 4 HOCKEY FESTIVAL

Well done to the Year 4 hockey team that competed in the Sevenoaks Partnership festival on Monday. The weather was slightly against us (I have never got so wet!) but they showed huge amounts of determination resulting in winning all their matches. This led to them being **overall winners which was an excellent achievement.**

Congratulations to Eden G, Joey S, Oliver K, Jessica P, Isabe N and Jessica S!

Mr Reid



### U/11 GIRLS HOCKEY TEAM

Well done to the Under U11 Girls hockey team that competed in a tournament at Burgess Hill on **Friday 11th November**. The standard was high and we were the only state school present. **The girls played five matches** and narrowly missed out on progressing to the plate semi-finals. **The best game came at the end with Amherst winning 5-0 against Brighton Girls.** Overall the team were ranked 9th out of the 13 teams present. The girls were a credit to Amherst throughout the day. **The team were Sofia B, Daisy W-E, Jessica F, Isla P, Summer J, Phoebe M, Annie H and Georgia C.**

Mr Reid



# TEAM AMHERST PTA

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday, 3 December 2022  
12 – 3pm



### Christmas Bazaar Weekly Reminder!

Only a few weeks to go....here is this weeks look ahead:

#### NEW FOR THIS WEEK:

- **Friday 25th November - Bottle donations for the tombola.** Please bring in a bottle of any kind, size or shape! **NB Please do NOT send any alcohol donations to classroom with your child.** Could you please leave in the boxes at the main entrance. Thank you for understanding. Note this will be a **normal uniform day**.
- **Advent Raffle** The PTA will be selling **raffle tickets** this week **Monday to Thursday** at the school gate at pickup time for the Advent Calendar raffle.
  - \* Each ticket is £1.00.
  - \* Both cash/card will be available.
  - \* This is a fun in-school raffle for the children which the PTA do every year.
  - \* Mr Reid will do the draw on Friday 25th. Good luck!



#### CONTINUING COLLECTIONS THIS WEEK:



##### 11th - 25th November - Toys/Books/Games

We will be continuing the collection of **GOOD QUALITY** new or second hand toys & books for our toy stall.

- \* Please make sure all stuffed toys are washed beforehand.
- \* Please make sure toys are in good condition to sell.
- \* Donations can be left in the Christmas box between the double doors at the schools main entrance.



##### Hamper & Grand Draw Raffle Tickets

- \* Last week your child was sent home with 20 raffle tickets.
- \* **Each ticket is £1.00.**
- \* You can sell to family, friends, neighbours or choose to purchase some yourself!
- \* Please could you fill out any sold counterfoils, and return to the school with the corresponding cash in the sealed envelope **no later than 1st December.**
- \* We ask that you also **return any unsold tickets too.**
- \* Our grand draw prizes and Christmas hampers raffle will take place the afternoon of our bazaar!

Thank you for your continued support to make this a fantastic







Thank you  
for your  
kind  
support



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**CHILDREN**  
**IN NEED**





# BOOKFAIR BUNTING

## WINNERS

**Congratulations** to the winners of the Bunting Competition:

- Valentina C-G - Year 3
- Eden G - Year 4
- Mia L - Year 5
- Jack T- Year 5
- James R - Year 6



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please click on the pictures to see more information.



Stonepitts Farm are once again offering a £2.00 donation to Amherst School for every Christmas tree bought by parents and staff. Please visit the website for more details: [www.stonepitts.com](http://www.stonepitts.com)

Please show this snippet from our newsletter when making your purchase.

Stonepitts also make a donation per tree sold to various charities. This year the donation goes to Demelza Hospice Care for Children.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS  
19TH - 30TH DECEMBER 2022

HILDENBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL  
RIDING LANE HILDENBOROUGH  
TONBRIDGE TN11 9HY

Christmas Disco 19th 11.00am-12.30pm

OVER 50 ACTIVITIES,  
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ARCHERY, TEAM SPORTS,  
...AND MORE!

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CHRISTMAS  
HOLIDAYS  
ACTIVITIES  
CLUB

A group of five children are playing with a large cardboard box. One boy is pulling on a red string attached to the box, while the others are standing around it, some holding it up.

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## St Mary's Church Christmas Tree Decorations

Each year Amherst enters a Christmas Tree into the display at St Mary's Church. This is open to any child in any year group. Please hand in tree decorations to class teachers by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

Trees will be on display in St Mary's from Fri 9<sup>th</sup>- Mon 12<sup>th</sup> and anyone is welcome to visit the church.

Ideas:

