

# AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

11<sup>TH</sup> EDITION    25 NOVEMBER 2022

## MESSAGE FROM MR REID



### HEADTEACHER'S LETTER

My termly newsletter has been sent out to everyone yesterday, please [click here](#) if you have not yet had a chance to read it.



### CHOIR

Please support our Amherst Choir who will be singing at tonight's event in town—'Switching on of the Christmas lights'.

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Have a good weekend!

*Come and support  
our Choir tonight*

We will be singing from 6.05 - 6.25pm to open the event before the lights are officially switched on.



## STAR OF THE WEEK

3CL	Eddie I
3H	Oli A
3W	Lila R
4C	Joachim S
4DB	Alex B
4SF	Henry A

5A	Millie B
5J	Felicity B
5S	Millie P
6A	Emma H
6B	Isla P
6SB	Hunter H

# 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.**



## REPORT ABSENCES

All absences should **please 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)



## BAZAAR COLLECTIONS — FINAL WEEK

**Cakes, plain biscuits** donations on Friday 2 December 2022.

## WORKSHOP

**Year 3 Rocks Workshop** -please see the letter that was sent.

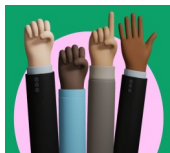


## CHRISTMAS LUNCH— CONFIRM NUMBERS

Please confirm your child's pre-order **Christmas Lunch** via [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com) by **Thursday 1 December 2022**.

## DECORATE A BISCUIT— BAZAAR

As usual, Mrs Rawlins will be running her 'Decorate a biscuit (or cake)' stall at the bazaar. She would **welcome donations** of plain biscuits (preferably **Christmas shaped**) and small plain fairy cakes. These can be brought in to school any time **next week or on the day itself**. Please could they be marked for the attention of Mrs Rawlins. Many thanks



## ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR

We are **seeking a new parent governor** to join the Amherst governing board. Please see the letter sent about it earlier in the week. **Closing date for nominations is 7th December 2022.**



## BOOK AMNESTY!

Dear Parents,

Please can you ensure that your children return their books (when finished) to the School Library. You wouldn't believe it but during the last year, **there have been 700 books borrowed which were never returned or scanned back into the library.** As you will appreciate, we cannot sustain this.

It would be wonderful if you could **please take a moment this weekend, to check at home and return to school any that you might find!**

They can be brought to the library at lunchtime (and given to a librarian) or given to an adult in their class, ready to be brought back & scanned in.

**From now on, we have to adopt a strict policy of allowing one book out at a time.** Thank you very much for your help!

The Amherst Library Team



## JUMPERS AND COATS

Parents, please note that children will need jumpers and coats every day.

## FUTURE DATES

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



# TEAM AMHERST PTA

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday, 3 December 2022  
12 – 3pm



AND WITH THAT OUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS  
ARE ALL IN!

A massive thank you to all for your super kind donations.  
Our school is privileged to have a such a fantastic parent body—  
TEAM AMHERST at its best!

Your time, volunteering, donations, money and support for our  
biggest fundraiser of the year are absolutely FANTASTIC!



THINGS TO COME NEXT WEEK— BEFORE THE BAZAAR



**Hamper  
Grand Draw  
Raffle**

Please return sold &  
unsold tickets by  
1 December



**Cakes  
CAKES  
Cakes**

Please bring donations in  
on Friday 2 December or  
3rd December



**LOCKED  
BOX  
buy your key**

WIN your own XBOX!



Thank you for your continued support to make  
this a fantastic event!





# COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please click on the pictures to see more information.

**Riverhead Parish Council**

Invite you to

**Christmas Lights  
Switch On & Carols**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 6pm

White Hart Parade (Londis)

Free mulled wine  
& mince pies

Join with St Mary's Church  
choir to sing your  
favourite festive songs

**MEGA CAMPS**  
KIDS DAY ACTIVITY CAMPS

**CHRISTMAS CAMP 2022**  
EARLY BIRD OFFERS AVAILABLE UNTIL 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER

WE ACCEPT CHILD CARE VOUCHERS

CHILD CARE FROM 8am - 6pm

AGES 4-14

CLIMBING WALL  
KIDS FAVOURITE

ANIMAL WORKSHOP

NERF WARS

INFLATABLE FUN

DIFFERENT MEGA ACTIVITIES EACH DAY AS WELL AS FOOTBALL, DODGEBALL, ROUNDELS, KWIK CRICKET, BASKETBALL, TEAM GAMES, ARTS & CRAFTS AND MUCH, MUCH MORE...

**CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR  
CHRISTMAS DATES & VENUES**

BOOK ONLINE NOW!  
**WWW.MEGACAMPS.NET**  
OR CALL 0333 012 4378

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ALL OUR STAFF ARE DBS CHECKED



## STONEPITTS CHRISTMAS TREES

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

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS ACTIVITIES CLUB**

**HILDENBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
RIDING LANE HILDENBOROUGH  
TONBRIDGE TN11 9HY

Christmas Disco 19th 11.00am-12.30pm

OVER 50 ACTIVITIES,  
BOUNCY CASTLES,  
FUN GAMES, NERF WARS  
ARCHERY, TEAM SPORTS,  
...AND MORE!

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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:

