

AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MR REID

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Thank you to the PTA for organising such a fantastic Christmas Bazaar. I must apologise for my absence due to illness (sick bug from my son!). There was a wonderful festive atmosphere and strong community spirit. I understand that the event raised approx. £10,000 on the day which is incredible. Further funds still to come. Thank you to everyone for their generosity and commitment.

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PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

If you have not yet completed the annual parent questionnaire please could I encourage you to do so.



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2022



NOTICES



PTA – SILENT AUCTION

Our PTA Silent Auction is live and will continue until Saturday night at 10pm. Feel free to browse the [catalogue here](#) and put your bid in on any of these fantastic prizes. The link is

<https://auctionofpromises.com/AmherstschoolAuction2022>



PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Please can we remind parents to **complete the annual parent questionnaire** sent out last week. Please click on your child's year group to access the correct parent questionnaire: [Year 3](#) [Year 4](#) [Year 5](#) [Year 6](#)



CHRISTMAS JUMPERS FOR CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Remember to wear your **Christmas Jumper** on Thursday 15th December!



PANTOMIME– 14TH DECEMBER

Please can we remind children to **bring a PACKED Lunch** in on this day. Children should also **bring a cereal bar** (pocket sized snack, **no chocolate or crisps**) to **take with them to the Stag Theatre**.



CAROL SERVICE

Our **Carol Service** is at **St. Mary's Church** on **Monday 12th December at 6.00pm** The service is a children's version of lessons and carols rather than a school performance. You will sit as a family with your children as part of the congregation, joining in the singing as with a traditional carol service. **It is always a particularly festive occasion** and we encourage families to consider coming along, whether they are involved with the school choir or not.



SPANISH CLUB

We have open spaces in our **Spanish Club** (Tuesday and Thursday 3.30—4.00pm), please email the office@amherst.kent.sch.uk indicating your interest.



YEAR 3 PARENTS— REMINDER ROCKS DAY

You are still able to make a voluntary contribution to the Rocks Day workshop the year 3 children attended last week. Please do so via www.schoolgateway.com.



- 12 December — PTA Secrets Room 1.30—3.30pm
- 12 December — Carol Service (St Mary's Riverhead / 6 - 7.00pm)
- 14 December — Pantomime trip
- 15 December — Christmas Lunch
- 16 December — Term 2 Ends

The PTA would like to invite all Amherst children to the...

Secrets Room!

The Secrets Room is back this year at Amherst! Once again children will have the opportunity to choose a gift for their parents or carers.

Monday
12 December **£2.50 per gift**
In school - 1.30pm **(max of 2 per child)**

Please pay via PTA events or e-mail treasurer for bank details if paying from class fund
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta>

SANTA RUN

Thursday 15th December 2022
 8am - Amherst School Field

FREE FOR EVERYONE!
 Just wear your best Santa outfit
 (Staff strongly encouraged to join)

STAR OF THE WEEK

3CL	William C
3H	Valentina C G
3W	Ollie P
4C	
4DB	All of Year 4!
4SF	

5A	Gabriel K
5J	William G
5S	Jack G
6A	Isla S
6B	Harry H
6SB	Charlie S

CHESS

Well done to Amherst Chess Team for participating in their very first Sevenoaks School Partnership Chess Tournament on Wednesday 7th December.

The children played 3 rounds and were up against some incredibly tough teams, but all children showed great determination, resilience and strategy. Out of the 8 schools:

Amherst A Team came 5th place. (Fred K, Ryan G, Oscar A, Aerin P, Richard L).

Amherst B Team came 3rd place. (Seth M, Harrison P, Ayrton G, Ethan S, Joey S, Mark G).

Miss Harvey



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please click on the pictures to see more information.

St Mary The Virgin Church
Parish Church of Riverhead with Dunton Green

Follow The Star THE GREAT INVITATION

Join us this Christmas as we discover the greatest invitation of all

Sun 4 Dec	9:30am All Age Service "The invitation to get ready for Christmas"
Sat 10 - Sun 11 Dec	9:30am - 4:30pm Christmas Tree Festival
Sun 11 Dec	9:30 am Holy Communion "The invitation that exceeds expectations" 3:30pm Carols in the Trees
Sun 18 Dec	9:30am Pop-Up Nativity (Costumes welcome!) "The invitation to hear the story"
Wed 21 Dec	7:00pm Carol Service "The invitation to follow the star"
Sat 24 Dec	2:30pm Crib Service and Christingle 4:00pm Crib Service and Christingle 11:30pm Midnight Holy Communion
Sun 25 Dec	8:00am Holy Communion 9:30am All Age Christmas Service "The invitation to worship the King"

NOW OPEN

*T&Cs apply

with Live Band!

the talentz

Dick Whittington

6th-8th January 2023
www.thetalentz.com

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TONBRIDGE SCHOOL

emftheatre.com 01732 304241

KM CHARITY TEAM Young Cooks!

Your invitation to be a Young Cook

Young people are invited to take part in the south east's Young Cooks cookery competition with the winners receiving a share of £500!

Roll up your sleeves, get stuck in and discover how much fun cooking can be - while learning vital life skills along the way!

Closing date for entries: 31st January 2023

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kmcharityteam.co.uk/youngcooks