



# AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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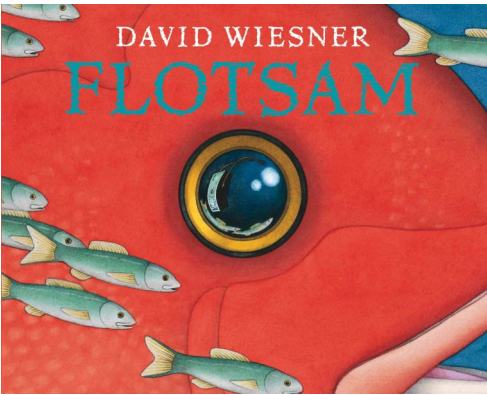


## MESSAGE FROM MR REID

### Whole School Book Project

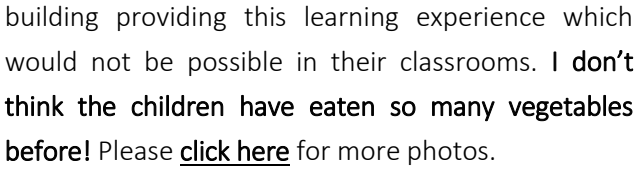
I am pleased to be able to announce that our next whole school book project (after half term) will be *Flotsam* by David Wiesner. This will be an interesting book to study as it has no words. The artwork and storytelling through pictures is superb. David Wiesner is an American author with *Flotsam* winning the Caldecott Medal in 2007.

An exciting development for our book projects is that this project will be a collaboration across five local schools (Chevening, Kemsing, Sundridge and Brasted, St. Katharine's Knockholt and Halstead). All schools are going to be studying *Flotsam* for the first 2-3 weeks after half term and then children will have the opportunity to share work across schools. The children loved studying *Child of St. Kilda* and I feel positive that *Flotsam* will be just as rewarding.



### Soup Making in the Jubilee Building

Year 6 have been busy this week making soup. It has been fantastic to see the kitchen in the Jubilee building being used by the children. They have all learnt so much during the cooking process, including that knives are sharp! It has been wonderful to see the Jubilee building providing this learning experience which would not be possible in their classrooms. I don't think the children have eaten so many vegetables before! Please [click here](#) for more photos.



I hope you all have a good half term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 20th February.



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# NOTICES



## RESTOCK PENCIL CASES

Please can you **help your child to restock** their pencil case over half term. Having the right equipment is essential for learning. Children are in need of: **PRITT, handwriting pens and whiteboard pens**



## 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). Please complete the form for **every day** your child is off school.



## VACANCIES

Please visit **[www.kent-teach.com](http://www.kent-teach.com)** to view our current vacancy for a Teaching Assistant.



## WORLD BOOK DAY

Please see the letter about **World Book Day** on **2nd March 2023**. We would like children to come to school dressed as their favourite Book Character.



## SCHOOL TRIPS LETTERS

**Year 3 Roman Day —21 Feb (3CL), 22 Feb (3H) and 23 Feb (3W):**

Please note that children will need to come to school **dressed as Romans**. For more information, please see the letter.



**Year 3—Science Show @ Sevenoaks School —8 March**

Parents need to arrange own transport for children.



**Year 4—Science Museum—15 March**

**Year 6 Hilltop payments—the January instalment is now overdue.**

**Amherst Choir— upcoming events.**



## READING DOG

Following the retirement of Luna (our reading dog), we are looking for a furry friend to fill her place.

Please **contact the school office if you & your pet are interested**.



## PTA NEWSLETTER

Please click here to see the PTA's February Newsletter: **[PTA Newsletter](#)**



## FUTURE DATE

- |             |   |  |
|-------------|---|--|
| 20 February | — | Term 4 Begins                                      |
| 21 February | — | Year 3 Roman Day (3CL) - Costume day               |
| 22 February | — | Year 3 Roman Day (3H) - Costume day                |
| 23 February | — | Year 3 Roman Day (3W) - Costume day                |
| 2 March     | — | World Book Day (Costume Day)                       |
| 4 March     | — | Choir to Tunbridge Wells Arts Festival 1.30pm      |
| 8 March     | — | Year 3 Science Show @ Sevenoaks School             |
| 13 March    | — | Year 6 Trip to Parliament                          |
| 15 March    | — | Year 4 Trip to the Science                         |
| 16 March    | — | Love to Dance Performances 4.00 & 6.30pm           |
| 17 March    | — | Open Afternoon 2.45pm & PTA Second Hand Uniform    |
| 17 March    | — | Clubs End  |
| 21 March    | — | Parent Consultations                               |
| 23 March    | — | Parent Consultations                               |
| 24 March    | — | PTA Dress Swap Event (7-9pm)                       |
| 25 March    | — | Sevenoaks Clean-up                                 |
| 26 March    | — | Sevenoaks Clean-up                                 |
| 27 March    | — | Sevenoaks Clean-up                                 |
| 27 March    | — | Year 3 Easter Performance - Dress Rehearsal 2.00pm |
| 28 March    | — | Year 3 Easter Performance 2.00pm                   |
| 28 March    | — | Amherst Music Festival 6.00—8.00pm                 |
| 31 March    | — | Term 4 Ends  |



# LET'S CELEBRATE & PTA

## STAR OF THE WEEK

3CL	Raghava M	5A	Seth M
3H	Zach B	5J	Mia L
3W	Max L	5S	Joseph N
4C	Theo H	6A	Elsie A
4DB	Joby C	6B	Maya B
4SF	Seth M	6SB	Florrie P

## WATER POLO

On **Wednesday 1st February**, six children from Year 5 and 6 participated in a **water polo event at Sevenoaks School**. This was an annual tournament which involved eight local primary schools. The children competed in the fitness pool (which was largely out of their depth!) and they had to use their strong swimming abilities, treading water skills and also hand-eye coordination when throwing, catching and shooting. All of the children played in a variety of positions and all played incredibly well as a team. We played 7 matches and were in fact unbeaten throughout the tournament, winning 3 and drawing 4 matches. As a result, Amherst finished in 4th position – we narrowly missed on out 3rd place by goal difference! It was a pleasure coaching the children and huge congratulations to: **Seth M, Ryan G, Tom L, Harry D, Teja V and Jeanne R**. Thank you all to parents for assisting with transport and for your support throughout the tournament.

Mr Barratt



## PE TIMETABLE—TERM 4

Term 4 – PE Timetable 2022/23					
Indoor PE sessions					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.10 – 10.10	6A Dance				
11 – 11.45			3W Yoga		
1.35 – 2.30	5J Indoor athletics	4SF Indoor athletics	3CL Yoga	5S Indoor athletics	6SB Dance
2.30 – 3.25	5A Indoor athletics	4DB Indoor athletics	3H Yoga	4C Indoor athletics	6B Dance
Outdoor PE sessions					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.10 – 10.10					
11 – 12			6B Handball		
1.30 – 2.30	3W Outdoor Adventure Activities	Year 5 Hockey	6A Handball	5A Hockey	4C Netball
2.30 – 3.30	3CL Outdoor Adventure Activities		6SB Handball	5J Hockey	4DB Football
2.00 – 3.00 (Extra class)	3H Outdoor Adventure Activities				4SF Football



## DRESS SWAP!

The PTAs of Amherst and Riverhead are teaming up to put on a Coronation Ball dress & gown swap event!

When: 24th March 2023

Where: Amherst School Hall

Time: 7-9pm

Cost: £10 for the night which includes fizz/wine/nibbles



Please use this link to purchase your tickets for the evening:  
[DRESS SWAP EVENT TICKETS](#)

The idea is for you to get nearly-new donations of gowns, dresses, shoes, bags, and so on for the spring ball. If you are able to donate an item, you will receive a token. You can then swap your token for a new garment to bring home and wear at the upcoming Coronation Ball!

If you have items to donate please contact either Hayley Hansford at [amherst-chair@outlook.com](mailto:amherst-chair@outlook.com) or Rebecca Skinner at [pta@riverhead.kent.sch.uk](mailto:pta@riverhead.kent.sch.uk). We are looking to collect as many prior to the event as possible. If you don't have anything to donate but still want to come, that's fine! Just pay a small donation for any garment you choose on the night!



## Save the date CORONATION BALL

3-COURSE DINNER, MUSIC & DANCING

7 O'CLOCK UNTIL MIDNIGHT

SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> OF APRIL 2023

AT WESTERHAM GOLF CLUB

£75 PER PERSON



FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR AMHERST & RIVERHEAD SCHOOLS  
LIMITED TICKETS GO ON SALE 20<sup>TH</sup> OF FEBRUARY

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please click on the pictures to see more information.



### MIGHTY OAKS HOLIDAY RUGBY & MULTI SPORTS CAMPS



**FEBRUARY HALF TERM BOOKINGS NOW OPEN**  
**MONDAY 13th FEBRUARY - THURSDAY 16th FEBRUARY**  
 09:30-15:30 • Sevenoaks Rugby Club  
 u7's to u15's (Year 2 to Year 10)  
 GIRLS & BOYS  
 MEMBERS AND NON MEMBERS WELCOME

**BOOK NOW THROUGH THE CLUB WEBSITE!**  
<https://sevenoaksrugby.com/mightyoaksholidayrugbycamps>



## JUNIOR BAKE OFF

...IS LOOKING FOR THE UK'S  
BEST YOUNG BAKERS  
AGED 9 - 12

[WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK](http://WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK)

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE  
SUNDAY 12th MARCH 2023**

Enquiries:  
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**FINGER-  
KNITTING  
AGES 5-11  
MON-WED  
2-4PM  
CROCHET  
AGES 8-11  
TUE-WED  
10-12AM**



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