



AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MR REID

Whole School Book Project

The children and staff have enjoyed the **first week of our whole school book project** on *Flotsam* by David Wiesner. One of my assemblies this week was focussed on Flotsam and I was so pleased to see the **high levels of enthusiasm** and excitement for the project. We had a long discussion explaining that **cameras used to have films** in them and you had to wait for the pictures to be developed. It made me feel quite old!



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Politeness

This term's value is **Politeness**. I used Monday's assembly to discuss and **explain what politeness is and how it looks in action**. For some children, developing their **emotional intelligence to become more self-aware** will be one of their greatest challenges.

To be polite **you have to think of other people's feelings** and how you are presenting. I shared with the children **fourteen actions** that research has shown polite people do. I asked the children to **identify three that they needed** to work on. The actions were:

- They can admit when they're wrong
- They don't touch people without permission
- They say "Please" and "Thank you"
- They don't ask overly personal questions
- They accept correction graciously
- They make others feel comfortable
- They don't interrupt
- They have polite body language
- They disagree without anger
- They don't gossip
- They don't listen to gossip either
- They listen more than they speak
- They don't take joy in others' mistakes
- They know the difference between their indoor and outdoor voice

As adults, it is a useful list of reminders too!

THANK YOU

I'M SORRY

PLEASE

EXCUSE ME

Pancake Day

Thank you to the kitchen team who treated us to pancakes on Tuesday!

PE Kit

We have noticed recently an increasing number of children coming to the office asking for school **to ring home because they have forgotten all or part of their PE kit**. Please could you ensure that your child has the correct PE kit in school. PE kit can stay in school for the term so there should not be the need to remember it each week.

From Monday we will no longer be phoning home to request kit to be brought in. It is **vital** that children are equipped and ready for their PE lessons which are such an enjoyable and essential part of the curriculum. Please take this weekend and the beginning of next week as an opportunity to **check their kit**. Thank you for your anticipated support.



I hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

NOTICES



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.



WORLD BOOK DAY– COSTUMES

In preparation for World Book Day the **PTA will hold a WBD** second hand costume sale on Tuesday next week at 2.30pm. If you have any costumes you would like to donate, please bring them to school by end of day Monday. For **World Book Day** on **2nd March 2023**, we would like children to come to school dressed as their **favourite Book Character**.



SCHOOL TRIPS

Year 3—Science Show @ Sevenoaks School —8 March

Parents need to arrange their own transport for children.

Year 4—Science Museum—15 March

Year 6 —Hilltop payments—the February instalment is now due.



YEAR 3 EASTER PERFORMANCE

Please see the **letter sent home** this morning with more information on our Easter Performance.



SPRING BALL TICKETS ARE ON SALE!

These tickets are the hottest thing in town. Don't miss this opportunity to get yours asap. [Click here](#) to book!



VACANCIES

Please visit www.kent-teach.com to view our current vacancy for a Teaching Assistant.



28 February	—	PTA World Book Day Costume SALE 2.30pm
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 Museum
16 March	—	Love to Dance Performances 4.00 & 6.30pm
17 March	—	Open Afternoon & PTA Second Hand Uniform 2.45pm
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

STAR OF THE WEEK

3CL	Henry H
3H	Lily-Rose L-S
3W	Eirene B
4C	Shayla W
4DB	Maisie M
4SF	Anna J

5A	Abi C
5J	Diya P
5S	Isla K
6A	Heidi B
6B	Belle M
6SB	Georgia C

PTA

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 or Rebecca Skinner at 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!



CORONATION BALL

CHILDRENS DRAWING COMPETITION

DESIGN YOUR DREAM CORONATION PARTY
WHAT WOULD IT LOOK LIKE...
HOW WOULD YOU CELEBRATE BECOMING KING OR QUEEN?

MAX SIZE 1 PAGE OF A4 (EITHER LANDSCAPE OR PORTRAIT) WRITE YOUR NAME & CLASS ON BACK OF ENTRY HAND IN TO BOX IN EITHER AMHERST OR RIVERHEAD OFFICE

ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY 31ST MARCH

WINNERS WILL BE SELECTED BY OUR JUDGES
MR REID & MR KING

1ST PRIZE
DESIGN WILL FEATURE ON THE FRONT COVER OF THE CORONATION BALL PROGRAMME & £10 GIFT TOKEN

RUNNER UP PRIZES -
6 X £5 GIFT TOKENS
DESIGNS WILL BE FEATURED INSIDE THE PROGRAMME
(1 RUNNER UP PER YEAR GROUP)

World Book Day Costume Sale!

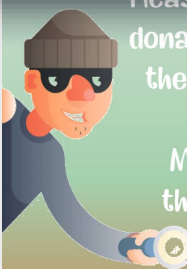
Tuesday, 28th February
2.30 - 3pm



In preparation for World Book Day (2nd March), we will be holding a second hand WBD costume sale!
If you have any preloved costumes to be donated, please bring them into the school by Monday of next week.
Sale will be Tuesday at the pickup gate from 2:30pm.

Please leave
donations in
the foyer.

Many
thanks



Save the date CORONATION BALL

3-COURSE DINNER, MUSIC & DANCING
7 O'CLOCK UNTIL MIDNIGHT
SATURDAY 22ND OF APRIL 2023
AT WESTERHAM GOLF CLUB
£75 PER PERSON



FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR AMHERST & RIVERHEAD SCHOOLS

[EVENT & BOOKING PAGE](#)

YEAR 3 ROMAN DAY

Year 3 went to battle this week!

They had a wonderful day learning what it meant to be a Roman.

[Click here](#) for more pictures of the day.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please click on the pictures to see more information.

GIRLS CRICKET AT HOLMESDALE CC

TUESDAY	THURSDAY
UNDER 14 - 6-7:30PM	UNDER 9 - 6-7PM
HARDBALL*	UNDER 12 - 7-8PM
12 WEEKS - £120	12 WEEKS - £100
START - 25TH APRIL	START - 27TH APRIL

UNDER 12 AND UNDER 14 INVICTA LEAGUE MATCHES
WWW.MYCLUBHOUSE.CO.UK/HOLMESDALE

Knight Frank **TASTILY** **Radnor House**
celebrating every individual

*HARDBALL KIT PROVIDED

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

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