

# AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM MR REID

### Year 3 Performance

Congratulations to all the children in Year 3 for such a wonderful performance of *The Bee Musical* on Tuesday afternoon. The children performed with such **confidence** and **enjoyment**. As a year group they sang beautifully and their immense sense of pride was clear to see. Performances such as these are one of the many memorable experiences they will have as a **long term memory** once they have left Amherst.

Thank you to all the teachers and teaching assistants who worked so hard to enable the children to perform to such a high standard.



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### Music Festival

Well done to all children that performed in the Amherst Music Festival on Tuesday evening. I was so impressed by the range of talent that was showcased. It was **wonderful to see so many children in Training Choir and Amherst Choir**, including lots of boys. The festival was concluded by the **school orchestra** who loved having the opportunity to perform to an audience. The William Tell Overture was a little faster than expected (I only just managed to keep up on the trumpet!).



When learning a musical instrument many hours are spent practising on your own so opportunities to perform and play with others are vital. Many of my happiest memories growing up are from playing in the Hampshire County Youth Orchestra where **strong friendships** were made. Playing in a group provides motivation to keep playing. I am pleased we have been able to **expand our music offer** after Easter with the addition of the **Winds Together** and **Strings Together** Clubs on Monday mornings.

Thank you to Mr Clarke for his continued hard work and dedication to music at Amherst School. His efforts and expertise are exceptional and we are very lucky to have him.

### Easter

I hope you all have a **wonderful Easter break** - let's hope the weather improves.



# NOTICES

## TRIPS

**Year 6 - Safety in Action Trip - 24th April 2023:**

Please see the letter sent this week.

**Year 6 - Hilltop - 12 June 2023:**

The last payment due today, please can you arrange for payment via [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com)

## NEW MENU

We are launching our **new menu** ([click here](#)) on **Monday, 17 April** starting on **WEEK 1**.

Please discuss the menu with your child and **arrange for payment** in advance.

As always, you should pay for your school meals in **ADVANCE** (either weekly or termly).

Please make payment via [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com).

**Costs for the new term are as follows:**

Daily	- £ 2.45
Weekly	- £ 12.25
Term 5	- £66.15 (27 days)
Term 6	- £85.75 (35 days)
Term 5 & 6	- £151.90

## CLUB – AVAILABILITY

To put your child’s name down for any further clubs, please complete the CLUBS BOOKING FORM on [THIS LINK](#) (editing old forms are now not available anymore)

**Please do not email the office with club requests.**

Club allocation emails will be sent out to parents **after the Easter Break**.

We still have space in the following clubs:

Netball	We have opened this to year 4 as well
Fingerknitting	4 spaces
Gymnastics	6 spaces
Mandarin	2 spaces
Run4Fun (beginners)	15 spaces
Street Dance Year 5 & 6	18 spaces
Spanish Yr 3 & 4	4 spaces
Flute Choir	4 Spaces
Winds Together	10 space
Strings Together	7 Spaces

**HEARING AID FOUND** - please contact the school office.

## VACANCIES

Please visit [www.kent-teach.com](http://www.kent-teach.com) to view our current vacancies for:

- Class Teacher — Maternity Cover - Part-time
- Teaching Assistant — Full-time / Part-time
- Breakfast Club Assistant — Part-time

## SPRING BALL & RAFFLE TICKETS

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

We have also sent out **white envelopes with raffle tickets** to all families. Please return stubs, unused tickets and money to the school office by 21st April. The draw will take place on 24th April.

## PARKING

Parents, please **refrain from parking on the zig zag lines in front of the school gates** at pick up time. Also **avoid parking on yellow lines** or **double parking**. Parking illegally makes it **unsafe for pedestrians and people driving**.

## FUTURE DATES

17 April	—	Term 5 Starts
24 April	—	Clubs Start
24 April	—	Year 6 Safety in Action Trip
27 April	—	Year 6 National Child Measurement Programme
1 May	—	Bank Holiday
5 May	—	Coronation Celebration
8 May	—	Bank Holiday
9 –12 May	—	SATS week
13 May	—	AJFC (Amherst Junior Football Club) Presentation Evening
22 May	—	Year 5 British Museum Trip
25 May	—	Term 5 Ends
26 May	—	Inset Day



# LET'S CELEBRATE

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YEAR 3s

on their wonderful Easter Performance.



## GYM CLUB PERFORMANCE

Well done to all the girls who recently competed in various competitions locally.

They showed off their skills to us in a very exciting assembly yesterday. Thank you also to coach Beth and coach Alison who was also in attendance and told the school more about the gymnastics club.



## HOCKEY

Congratulations to the school hockey team that played in the Sevenoaks Festival on Monday. They did brilliantly as a team only losing one match to Lady Boswell's. The children ended up winning the cup which was a great achievement.

Congratulations to Daisy W-E (6A), Sofia B-W (6A), Jessica F (6B), Isla P (6B), Ewan S (6SB), Ben G (4C), Freddie K (4DB), Ansh G (5J).



## AMHERST JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

In 1972 a group of enthusiastic parents got together to provide an opportunity for girls and boys from the school to play football on the Chipstead Common each Saturday morning. As we close our 50<sup>th</sup> Season (!) of AJFC, the club is as strong as ever with plenty of goals and excitement across both our league and cup competitions.

Congratulations to the Bears who were crowned this season's Senior league champions and the Tigers who took the Junior title on the final day of the season in a very close-run league.

A huge thank you to all our parent volunteers who enable the club to continue – hopefully for another 50 years!







## Amherst Wildlife Photography Competition

Pupils at Amherst are being asked to submit their best wildlife photograph to create a professionally printed **mid-year calendar** including key Amherst dates ready to purchase in the summer term. The children can use any type of manual or automatic camera such as a single lens reflex (SLR) camera, a wildlife camera trap, drone, polaroid instant or smartphone provided a digital image is submitted electronically. A local photographer will be the judge, along with the PTA committee, and thirteen photographs will be selected.

One overall winner will be chosen as the front cover. They will be awarded one child & one adult entry to the British Wildlife Centre in Surrey! <https://www.britishwildlifecentre.co.uk>  
(Additional prizes are also being sourced.)

Highly commended photographs will be part of a display in school.

Each photo needs to address the theme of WILDLIFE (plants and or animals), must be an original image not previously submitted to any other competition and not containing people/faces.

**Entry fee £4 per photo submitted:** Please pay online at [www.pta-events/amherstpta](http://www.pta-events/amherstpta)

**Closing date:** Friday 28th April

**Email** your submission as a medium file size (150KB) [amherst.photocompetition@gmail.com](mailto:amherst.photocompetition@gmail.com)

**Submissions must follow electronic payment (£4 x number of photographs) and include in the body of the email:**

- an electronic declaration that the attached is solely the work of 'pupil's name'
- a short caption with the date of the photograph(s)
- the class, name and age of photographer
- the file name of the .jpeg image(s) must also include the name of the photographer

### Topic ideas:

Catkins, snowdrops, mammal tracks, frogs, birds, spring flowers, the coast, Knole Park, Bedgebury Pinetum, Chipstead lake, minibeasts under rocks, evergreen trees, Brimstone butterflies in March, bluebells in April.

### For further inspiration:

[Photograph Wildlife - Discover Wildlife](http://www.nhm.ac.uk/visit/wpy/gallery/2017/young.html)

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### Amherst Wildlife Photography Competition

Please submit your photo(s) to  
[amherst.photocompetition@gmail.com](mailto:amherst.photocompetition@gmail.com)

£4 per photo entry

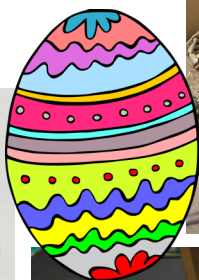
Winning Photo will be on the cover of a mid-year calendar for Amherst, and tickets for entry to the British Wildlife Centre!

Closing Date 28th April



## EASTER EGG COMPETITION

Congratulations to all the winners of our Easter Egg Competition. The entries were very creative and colourful. We were so impressed with the effort put in.



# PE TERM 5

Please note the changes in the PE timetable for Term 5.

### Term 5 – PE Timetable 2022/23

Indoor PE sessions

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.10 – 10.10		6A Gymnastics			
11 – 11.45		5J Yoga			
1.35 – 2.30	5A Yoga	3CL Gymnastics	4SF Gymnastics	3H Gymnastics	6B Gymnastics
2.30 – 3.25	5S Yoga	4DB Gymnastics	4C Gymnastics	3W Gymnastics	6SB Gymnastics

Outdoor PE sessions

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.10 – 10.10					
11 – 12			3H Handball		
1.30 – 2.30	6B Athletics		3W Handball	4SF Athletics	5S Cricket
2.30 – 3.30	6SB Athletics		3CL Handball	4DB Athletics	5A Rounders
2.00 – 3.00 (Extra class)	6A Cricket			4C Rounders	5J Rounders

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please click on the leaflets to see more information.

# Mega School Art Competition

## How will Sevenoaks look in 2040?

**SEVENOAKS CLIMATE FAIR**

**FREE ENTRY**

POSTERS SCULPTURES ART FILM OR SOMETHING ELSE

WE WANT TO SHOWCASE YOUR IDEAS ON HOW WE CAN  
REDUCE THE CARBON FOOTPRINT OF SEVENOAKS AND REACH THIS GOAL.

**WISPER** **Sevenoaks town council** **ppf architecture** **COOLINGS**

YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SCAN OUR WEBSITE  
[HTTPS://WWW.SEVENOAKSCAN.ORG.UK/](https://www.sevenoakscan.org.uk/)

GOOD PLACES TO LOOK FOR INSPIRATION:  
ECO SCHOOLS  
YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRUST FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

NUMBERS OF ENTRIES ARE UNLIMITED, CAN BE INDIVIDUAL OR IN GROUPS.  
PLEASE MARK ENTRIES WITH SCHOOL, NAME AND AGE OF CHILD.

PLEASE EMAIL YOUR SUBMISSION BY 31ST MARCH 2023 TO  
**[SEVENOAKSCIMATEFAIR@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SEVENOAKSCIMATEFAIR@GMAIL.COM)**

**FORMAT REQUIREMENTS**

1. POSTERS = JPEGS OR PDFS (NO MORE THAN 6 MEGABITES EACH)
2. ARTWORK = JPEGS OR PDFS (NO MORE THAN 6 MEGABITES EACH)
3. FILM = UPLOADED ONTO A YOUTUBE CHANNEL AND  
LINK SENT TO THE EMAIL ABOVE
4. SCULPTURES = PHOTOS TAKEN AND SENT AS JPEGS  
OR PDFS (NO MORE THAN 6 MEGABITES EACH)



**SEVENOAKS**  
CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK



**SEVENOAKS**  
CLIMATE  
FAIR

Following the successful Jubilee Party held last year in the Parkland, Riverhead Parish Council are excited to be again arranging a similar event, this time to celebrate the Kings Coronation.

Our **'Coronation Celebration'** will be held on **Sunday 7 May in the Parkland**, where there will be live music, a dog show, children's activities, face painting and more. Plenty of food stalls will be there, including the Scouts who will be offering burgers & homemade cakes.

Further details will follow soon.

A vertical poster for an Easter Egg Hunt event. The background is light grey with colorful Easter eggs and bunny ears scattered around. The text is centered and reads: 'THE AMHERST INN' in black, 'EASTER' in large black letters, and 'EGG HUNT' in large blue letters. Below this, a black box contains the date and times: '9TH APRIL | 12PM, 3PM & 6PM'. Further down, the text describes the event: 'Join us for a very special Easter event! There will be an Easter carvery, plenty of chocolate and an egg-hunting activity for children!'. At the bottom, contact information is provided: '01732 904044', 'INFO@THEAMHERSTINN.CO.UK', and the address 'THE AMHERST INN, SEAL CHART, SEVENOAKS, TN15 0HB'.

**THE AMHERST INN**

# **EASTER EGG HUNT**

**9TH APRIL | 12PM, 3PM & 6PM**

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