



AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MR REID

Fairness

I hope all of you had a good Easter break and found some moments to relax. The children have returned to school full of enthusiasm and keen to commence the summer term.

This term’s value is **Fairness** and has been the focus of both my assemblies this week. We have had some really **interesting discussions** about what makes somebody a fair person. What is it that a fair person says or does for others to describe them as fair? I shared with the children the following list of **character traits** that fair people display.

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DO			DON'T	
Treat people the way you want to be treated	Think about how your actions will affect others	Listen to people with an open mind	Don't blame others for your mistakes	Don't take advantage of other people
Take turns	Tell the truth	Play by the rules	Don't play favourites	

We also discussed **what is a good life?** A philosophical question I gave to the children was *Is it better to be rich or happy?* This question sparked much debate and many interesting contributions followed. **The majority felt being happy was more important than being rich.** Joe S in Year 6 gave an excellent response in which he described that doing a job that made you **happy** would make you **successful**, that then may lead you to earning enough **money**, which is needed to be **happy**. I thought this was such a **mature and insightful** comment.

Road Safety Awareness

With the lighter mornings and evenings upon us, and more children walking to and from school, we wish to have a whole school focus on road safety. The School Council are helping to educate the children in their own classes about the importance of road safety through assembly and class discussions, using slides they have designed themselves. Classes will take part in practical sessions outside school, led by their class teachers, to help children have greater awareness of the importance of personal responsibility for their own safety. Please take some time over the forthcoming weeks to talk to your children about road safety and the Green Cross Code.

Your children’s safety is of paramount importance.

Parents and local residents regularly raise concerns about the parking situation outside the school gates. We recognise that drop off and pick up are always busy times for everyone but we urge parents who drive to school to consider where they are parking, making sure they are not exacerbating the situation by making it more dangerous for the children. Thank you for your support with this matter.



London Marathon / Friday Fun Run

Good luck to Mrs Wakem who is running the London Marathon on Sunday in support of Amherst PTA. To support her further the children had the option today to take part in the Friday Fun Run around the field with Mr Brown to see as a collective group if we could complete 26 miles. Very kindly you added £462 to Mrs Wakem’s fundraising effort — **THANK YOU** for your generosity.

I hope you all have a good weekend. As the cricket season has started, predictably the weather forecast is rain!

NOTICES



REPORT ABSENCES

All absences should be reported **via our website before 09.00am**. Please click on the link and complete the quick [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.



LONDON MARATHON – THIS COMING SUNDAY!

Pavandeem Wakem (Thea's mum—4C) is **running the London marathon** on Sunday and is fundraising **for Amherst School PTA**. If you can spare a fiver to support Mrs Wakem, it **will be greatly appreciated**—please [click here](#) to donate.

All funds will go towards creating new outdoor spaces for playtime and lunchtime.



NUT FREE & HEALTHY SNACKS FOR BREAK

Please can you ensure your children bring in **healthy snacks** to school—please NO CRISPS or CHOCOLATE BARS.



VACANCIES

Please visit www.kent-teach.com to view our current vacancies for:

- Teaching Assistant — Full-time / Part-time
- Breakfast Club Assistant — Part-time
- Teaching Assistant Including Breakfast Club — Part-time



UK MATHS CHALLENGE – YEAR 5 & 6

Please see the letter sent out about the Junior Maths Challenge taking place on 26 April 2023. Today is the last day to sign your child up if you are interested in them doing it—please do this via www.schoolgateway.com.



YEAR 6 – SAFETY IN ACTION TRIP – 24TH APRIL

Please remember to **be at school for 8.00am**—we leave at 8.15am.

Please give consent via www.schoolgateway.com for your child to attend. Children will need to wear their **school uniform** and bring a **coat**.

Children will also need a substantial, healthy snack for mid-morning (**NO chocolates, crisps or nuts please**) and a water bottle, which can be carried in a rucksack.



SATS WEEK: 9TH – 12TH MAY

Year 6 Parents, we would appreciate it if you can avoid making any appointments in the week above.



SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

Please click on [this link](#) to find all secondary school open days for 2023/2024.



FUTURE DATES

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| 24 April | — Clubs Start |
| 24 April | — Year 6 Safety in Action Trip |
| 25 April | — PTA Meeting 8.00pm (Bullfinch Pub) |
| 26 April | — UK Maths Challenge |
| 27 April | — Year 6 National Child Height and Weight Measurement |
| 1 May | — Bank Holiday — School closed |
| 5 May | — Coronation Celebration (own clothes: red, white & blue) |
| 5 May | — Coronation PTA Cake Sale |
| 8 May | — Bank Holiday — School closed |
| 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 |
| 5 June | — Term 6 Starts |

LET'S CELEBRATE

STAR OF THE WEEK

3CL	Elissa B
3H	Emily G
3W	Sebastian H
4C	Elias S-T
4DB	Sonith S
4SF	Oliver K

5A	Danny L
5J	Trent S
5S	Nelly T
6A	James R
6B	William K
6SB	Ben S

CRICKET

Well done to all players in the Amherst School cricket team who played their first hardball match this season against Ashford Prep School on Wednesday.

We were lucky with the weather - although very windy, the sun shone. The children played the pairs version of the game ensuring everyone got to bat for four overs. Batting first, after 24 overs Amherst had scored 117 runs, however 45 runs needed to be deducted due to the loss of 9 wickets. Ashford batted strongly throughout their innings and despite some excellent Amherst bowling finished the match as winners.

Well done to **Robin G** (6SB), **Ryan G** (5A), **Max P** (6SB), **Joe S** (6SB), **Ewan S** (6SB), **Georgia C** (6SB), **Ansh G** (5J), **Oscar A** (6A), **Eden G** (4DB), **Ruairi B** (6SB) and **Harry D** (6B).

Thank you to all parents who helped with transport and enabled the children to play. Your support is much appreciated.



MUSIC

Congratulations to Mina Jin (3W) who earned a Merit in Piano Grade 4 exam.

CHESS

Congratulations to the winners of the Delancey UK Schools' Chess Challenge:

- Year 6 — Fred K
- Year 5 — William G
- Year 4 — Joey S
- Year 3 — Zach G



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our School Council have decided it is time to do something about the unsafe road conditions for children outside school.

Please support them in this endeavour to keep your children safe.



Auction Site

<https://auctionofpromises.com/CoronationBall2023>

Auction Timing

**Friday 21st April -
Bidding Opens**

**Saturday 22nd April -
Bidding CLOSES**

16:00



23:00



Coronation Ball Auction & Raffle

Just a selection of over 35 of our auction Prizes....



*Amherst Wildlife
Photography
Competition*

Please submit your photo(s) to
amherst.photocompetition@gmail.com

£4 per photo entry paid through
www.pta-events/amherstpta

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

Closing Date 28th April



Full Competition information sent via email & on www.pta-events/amherstpta



Coronation Cake Sale!

We will happily accept any coronation themed cakes & cupcakes for the sale!

Friday 5th May



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please click on the leaflets to see more information.

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Soccer Schools



MAY 2023

£15

Our Soccer Schools are a great opportunity for players of all abilities to develop their skills, keep fit and make new friends in a safe environment.

Players will get the opportunity to experience technical sessions lead by our CFC Foundation coaches along with many fun and exciting challenges set throughout the week.



WEBSITE:
www.chelseasoccerschools.co.uk

If you have any further queries about our Soccer School please do not hesitate to contact our Community Enquiries team on the below email.
community.enquiries@chelseafc.com

Trinity School
Seal Hollow Road, Sevenoaks, TN13 3SL

1st June

TIME:
Morning Session: 9.30am - 12.00pm
Afternoon Session: 1.00pm - 3.30pm

AGE:
Morning Session: Year R - 4
Afternoon Session: Year 5 - 8

COURSE CODE:
Morning Session: SS-TSK-K-1
Afternoon Session: SS-TSK-K-2

FULL COST:
Morning Session: £20
Afternoon Session: £20

NEW LAUNCH

Ide Hill & Sundridge FC

U8's Girls are coming...

Ide Hill & Sundridge FC are launching our girls youth teams! Working to develop girls football in the Sevenoaks District

U8'S

OPEN DAY

- Saturday 20th May
- Sessions running between 9am and 12pm
- No cost required
- Fully qualified FA coaches
- Sundridge Recreational Ground, Main Road, Sundridge, Kent, TN14 6ET

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT
STEVEN MCGINN
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Join us!

BACK TO HOCKEY

Running from 17 April to 23 May inclusive
Mondays 7.30pm & Tuesdays 9.30am

All players are welcome from complete beginners to those returning to the game! Come along, join the fun, stay fit, and make new friends!

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/sevenoakshockey>



At Amherst School
Witches Lane, Sevenoaks,
TN13 2AX



Free Taster
Thursday 11th May

Thursdays
6:00-7:00pm

Ages 8-12 yrs



To book contact:

amy@sevenoaksdance.co.uk



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Riverhead Parish Council invites you to a

'KINGS Coronation Celebration'

Sunday 7 May 2023

12 noon - 4 p.m.

Riverhead Parkland

Free activities for all the family

DOG SHOW @ 2.30 p.m.

Including Perfect Puppy and Waggiest Tail

Five classes - entry free

Live Jazz Band / Magician Robert Pound

Face Painting / Storytelling / Childrens Crafts

Refreshments available to purchase from

Red Pizza Van / Scouts BBQ

Licenced Bar / SPECS AND BEAR

Ice Creams / Sweet stall

Toilet facilities available

Keep up to date with the latest information on Twitter and Facebook or
clerk@riverheadparishcouncil.org.uk

