



# AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

36th EDITION - 30 June 2023



## MESSAGE FROM MR REID

### LUCY HART **Oliver!** Production

I have been enjoying the sound of Oliver rehearsals throughout this week coming from the school hall. It has been great to see Year 6 working hard but also having so much fun at the same time. It really is starting to look and sound quite good.

One of the wonderful aspects of Amherst's summer productions is that the whole school is involved. Years 3, 4 and 5 are working hard in singing rehearsals to learn all the songs. The Year 6 children will be on stage, supported either side by the rest of the school. It is quite something when the whole school sings together.

Thank you to Mr Clarke and the Year 6 team who are working so hard to ensure the production is of the highest quality. **For Year 3 parents who have not been to an Amherst summer production before, you are in for a real treat.** Please remember all children are expected to attend all performances.

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## Laura Trott MBE

Year 6 had a visit from our local MP, Laura Trott today. The children loved hearing Laura talk about the work she is doing in the local community, her constituency and parliament. The Year 6's asked lots of excellent questions and touched on some meaningful topics. Thank you to Laura for taking the time to come in.



## End of Term Arrangements

The last few weeks are always so busy I thought it would be good to highlight some the key events that I hope you have in your diary:

**Monday 3rd July** - New Year 3 parents induction afternoon and letter sent to all parents regarding who your child's teacher will be next year. Children will be informed during the school day.

**Thursday 6th July** - Transition morning for Years 3, 4 and 5 to spend a lesson with next year's teacher. Most Year 6 children out at their secondary school for the day.

**Saturday 8th July** - PTA Summer BBQ 4.00pm

**Monday 10th July** - Oliver Dress Rehearsal 9.30am

**Tuesday 11th July** - Oliver Matinee Performance 1.45pm

**Wednesday 12th July** - Oliver Evening Performance 7.00pm

**Thursday 13th July** - Oliver Evening Performance 7.00pm

**Wednesday 19th July** - Sports Day 1.30pm (reserve day Thursday 20th July)

**Friday 21st July** - Rose Clifton Memorial Cricket Match 5.30pm (Mr Reid's team vs Year 6 parents at Holmesdale)

I hope you all have a good weekend and England do a little better in the Ashes!

# NOTICES



## REPORT ABSENCES

All absences should be reported **via our website (under Attendance)** before **09.00am**. Please click on the link and complete the quick [Daily Absence Form](#) . Please complete the form for **every day** your child is off school.



## BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION

**We have raised a fantastic £6347.10 so far!** Thank you for your generosity!



## ADMISSIONS FOR 2023/2024

**We have spaces for current year 2 children** wanting to start at Amherst School in **year 3 from September 2023**. Please contact the school office if you are interested.



## CLUBS

Only the following **clubs are on** in the coming week (03/07 to 07/07):

**Monday** — Street Dance

**Tuesday** — Winds Together / Fingerknitting

**Thursday** —Fingerknitting / Crochet / Water Polo / Amherst Choir



## YEAR 6 PRODUCTION – COSTUMES

Please be reminded that **all costumes** should be **in school by Tuesday, 4th July 2023**.

## YEAR 6 PARENTS – PRODUCTION TICKETS

Please remember to **book your tickets before Monday**, as bookings will then open to the whole school. Please remember to observe the ticket limits.



## SALS CAKE SALE– THANK YOU

**A huge thank you to everyone** who rallied round and made some cakes for the cake sale last Friday and to the children from the School Council who stayed and helped run the stall. **We raised £107 which pays for 107 pairs of shoes to be posted abroad**. We already have donations of shoes coming in for our chosen charity this term—SALS shoes. So remember when you have outgrown your shoes and they are not outworn bring them into school. Thank you — School Council



## VACANCIES

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

Breakfast Club Assistant — Part-time

Midday Supervisory Assistant — Part-time

Catering Assistant — Part-time



## PTA TICKETS

Please visit [PTA EVENTS](#) for tickets now on sale:

- Amherst Summer BBQ / End of year celebration —8 July
- Leavers’ Disco —19 July



## WHEELING, WALKING AND CYCLING ROUTE

You may be aware that Sevenoaks District Council (SDC) and Kent County Council (KCC) are working together in partnership to deliver a new cycle route that connects the east and west of Sevenoaks town.

Full details of the public consultation, including a map of the route, background documents and detailed drawings, as well as the online survey, will be available on the Council’s website at [www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/walkwheelcycle](http://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/walkwheelcycle) until midnight on Friday 14 July 2023.



## YEAR 5 KENT TEST REGISTRATION

[Registration for the Kent Test](#) for children due to **start secondary school in September 2024** opened on **Thursday 1 June 2023** and will close at midnight on **Monday 3 July 2023**.



## FUTURE DATES

3 July	—	New Year 3 Parent Induction Meeting 2.00pm
6 July	—	Kent Transition Day
7 July	—	Amherst Choir—Tonbridge Castle
8 July	—	PTA Amherst Summer BBQ
10 July	—	Summer Production Dress Rehearsal <b>9.30am</b>
11 July	—	Summer Production Matinee Performance 1.45pm
12 July	—	Summer Production Evening Performance 7.00pm
13 July	—	Summer Production Evening Performance 7.00pm
19 July	—	Sports Day 1.00pm
19 July	—	PTA Leavers’ Disco
21 July	—	Rose Clifton Memorial Cricket Match 5.30pm
21 July	—	End of Term



LET'S CELEBRATE

STAR OF THE WEEK

3CL	Jasper F
3H	Eloise C & Harriet S
3W	Eddy M-M
4C	Jessica P
4DB	Ayrton G
4SF	Rylee H

5A	Katie L
5J	Reggie S
5S	Lexie F
6A	Teja V
6B	Henry S
6SB	Max P

SWIM GALA

On Wednesday a group of children took part in the Sevenoaks swimming gala ... which they won!

**Congratulations** to Seb A (5S), Grace G (5J), Dane R (6A), Jeanne R (6A), Joe S (6SB), Phoebe M (6B), Seth M (5A) Harper W (6A), Max P (6SB) and Izzy L (6B) who represented the school.



GYMNASTICS

On Sunday 25th June, Felicity B (5J) took part in the Spectrum rainbow ribbons championships for gymnastics. She did exceptionally well, coming 1st in the 10-12 age range performing a perfect vault and a super gymnastics routine!

**Congratulations Felicity!**



WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO

**Thank you for your support this week** digging out your child’s winter uniform. The children looked super smart and what an experience it was to get everyone lined up on the stage for the photo to be taken.

Our **2023 Whole School Photo** is being **released this afternoon**. If you would like to order one, please follow these instructions:

- 1. Browse to: [www.getphotos.co.uk](http://www.getphotos.co.uk)
- 2. Please use the unique photo code: **fy7-g7y-tetx**

**Thank you to Van Cols Photographers for a superb job done!**





# YEAR 4—HAMPTON COURT TRIP

For more photos [click here](#).



Historic Royal Palaces  
Hampton Court Palace



## PTA

Join the  
END OF YEAR  
FUN!!!

**SATURDAY  
8TH JULY  
4 TO 8PM**

**SUMMER BBQ!**

**Get your  
tickets &  
tokens  
now!**

**We're going  
\*CASHLESS\*  
this year**

**Advance Family Tickets £20  
(£25 at the gate)  
Available now via:  
[www.pta-  
events.co.uk/amherstpta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta)**

**Buy a bag of 10 tokens for £10  
Tokens can be used for Candy  
Floss, Waffles, Sweeties, Soft  
Drinks & Ice creams.**

**The PTA want to  
thank both The  
Miners Arms &  
The South Park  
Tap for providing  
the booze for the  
bar!**



**\*Be sure to bring  
your cards/apple  
pay for purchasing  
food and drinks.  
We will have card  
readers at the Bar  
and BBQ!**



## Amherst Wildlife Calendar!



The Amherst mid-year calendar is **NOW  
AVAILABLE** for purchase!

The calendar runs from September 2023  
to August 2024 and features the photos  
from our photography competition last  
term. It also includes holidays and key  
dates for the 23/24 school year.

**£10 per calendar** paid through:  
[www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta)

**Closing date is Friday 30th June**

Click here to purchase your calendar:  
**Amherst PTA**

**Leavers  
Disco!**

**AMFEST 2023!**

**EVERYONE IN YEAR 6 IS INVITED TO  
THEIR FESTIVAL STYLE LEAVERS DISCO!**

**BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE HERE:**

**PTA EVENTS**

**WEDNESDAY  
19TH JULY**

**£8 PER CHILD**

**MENCAP HALL  
7 - 9PM**



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please click on the leaflets to see more information or send and email.

SHOWTIME

Performing Arts for Children and Teenagers

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

14th to 18th August

Churchill School, Westerham

Dancing, Drama, Singing from – Stage and Screen

Boys & Girls ages 6 and over

10am - 4pm – £125

Under 6's

9.30am - 12pm – £100

www.showtime.london

go to our STORE to book

For info contact Melinda:

hello@showtime.london

Holiday Activities and Food Programme Kent

Helping families to flourish

www.theeducationpeople.org/kent/haf

Southeast Kids Camps

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

24TH JUL - 31ST AUG 2023

PEMBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL TN2 4EB

HILDENBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL TN11 9HY

4-12 YEARS OLD

OVER 50 ACTIVITIES, BOUNCY CASTLES, FUN GAMES, NERF WARS ARCHERY, TEAM SPORTS...AND MORE!

Times

Morning session 9am-1pm, Afternoon 1pm-5pm

You can book Half day or both sessions

Department for Education

Kent County Council

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07.07.2023

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For an information pack and to register your child's interest, Email [girlzacademy@gmail.com](mailto:girlzacademy@gmail.com)

WE ACCEPT CHILD CARE VOUCHERS

MEGA CAMPS

KIDS DAY ACTIVITY CAMPS

CHILD CARE FROM 8am - 6pm

AGES 4 - 14

SUMMER CAMPS 2023

CHECK WEBSITE FOR OFFERS, DATES, VENUE LOCATIONS AND MORE

WALL CLIMBING

KIDS FAVOURITE

LASER TAG

NEW ACTIVITY

MEGA ACTIVITY

WET N' WILD

DIFFERENT MEGA ACTIVITIES EACH DAY AS WELL AS FOOTBALL, DODGEBALL, ROUNDERS, KWIK CRICKET, BASKETBALL, TEAM GAMES, ARTS & CRAFTS AND MUCH, MUCH MORE...

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Every Sunday in July and August at Knole Academy TN13 3LE

10am till 11:30am

Register here

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See website for further information [www.sevenoaksrugby.com](http://www.sevenoaksrugby.com)

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2023 SUMMER FOOTBALL CAMPS

TUNBRIDGE WELLS GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS (TN4 9XB)

25th, 26th & 27th July

15th, 16th & 17th August

10:00AM to 15:00PM

SEVENOAKS AT TRINITY SCHOOL SAME VENUE AS TWGSB, (Pitch next door)

1st, 2nd & 3rd August

8th, 9th & 10th August

10:00AM to 15:00PM

£25 per day or £60 for all 3 days

Fun, games, goals, saves, technical sessions, penalty king/queen, tournaments & much more.

Coaches are first aid and safeguarding trained, DBS checked, and some even have Premier League coaching experience.

AGES 5-14 Boys and girls of all abilities

See website for more details: [www.lovethegameuk.co.uk](http://www.lovethegameuk.co.uk) or email [enquiries@lovethegameuk.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@lovethegameuk.co.uk)

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