

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 3 at Amherst School.

This letter is designed to provide you with some helpful information and to outline equipment needed for Year 3. At the beginning of each term, you will receive a newsletter detailing upcoming events and an outline of what the children will be learning in the term ahead. In September, your child will be given a red planner which acts as a useful tool in home-school communication. Details of your child's homework will be provided in their planners and the intended learning for the following week, as well as it serving as a Reading Record. Termly newsletters, intended learning and details about homework will also be available on the school website.

In order to aid your child's independence at Amherst, it would be very helpful for you to spend time practising the following skills during the summer holidays: buttoning their shirts, as well as tying their own shoelaces and ties. This helps the children enormously during PE and maximises teaching time.

There will be a 'Meet the Teacher' event on Tuesday 19th September at 4pm, during which we will share key information and you will have the opportunity to see your child's classroom and chat to their teacher. If you have any questions or queries which you would like to raise with your child's class teacher, please do not hesitate to contact the school office so that we can arrange an appointment.

We hope you all have a lovely relaxing holiday and we look forward to seeing you and the children in September.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Wonnacott, Miss Harvey, Mrs Carver and Mrs Lester

Holiday Homework

We strongly encourage all children to continue reading regularly during the summer holidays, enjoying books both independently and together as a family. For our homework we are inviting children to get involved in this year's Summer Reading Challenge, a national initiative which aims to encourage children to keep up a reading habit during the break from school. This year, it is a sports and games themed challenge which aims to keep children's minds and bodies active over the summer holidays. Children can sign up on the website www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk or at a local library, and you can watch an introductory video by clicking [here](#). We look forward to hearing how the children get on with this challenge.



PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS ARE CLEARLY NAMED

Class Based Equipment (required from the first day)

- A pencil case containing:
 - HB pencils
 - Coloured pencils
 - Coloured fineliners
 - Sharpener
 - Scissors
 - Clear 30cm ruler (non-flexible and preferably with cm and mm)
 - Rubber (please avoid novelty/scented rubbers)
 - Black dry wipe pens
 - Glue sticks (please ensure these are replaced when they run out)
 - A dictionary and thesaurus

Stationery packs are available from the school at a cost of £12.00 (Retail price +/- £25.00).

- Please buy your stationery pack by clicking on www.schoolgateway.com
- Register (instructions are in the Parent Handbook: use the email address and mobile number Amherst School has on record for you.)
- Click on the Payments tab
- Select the stationery pack.

All orders will be given to the children on the first day of school in September



Games and Swimming Kit

We will inform you about which day your child has Games and Swimming in September and which clothing/equipment will be required.

- Amherst or plain navy t-shirt, shorts and white socks
- Trainers
- Swimming trunks (not loose fitting) for boys / one piece for girls; swimming hat, goggles (optional) and a towel for everyone
- Shin pads and knee-high navy socks for rugby, football and hockey. As the weather worsens, football or rugby boots for Games lessons on the field
- Navy blue school sweatshirt or Team Amherst hoodie (please order via <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta> by Friday 21/07/2023) and navy-blue jogging trousers for cold weather.