

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 6 at Amherst School.

This letter is designed to provide you with some helpful information and to outline equipment needed for Year 6. 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 planner, which acts as a useful tool in home-school communication. Details of your child's homework and key future dates will be recorded in their planners as well as it serving as a Reading Record. Termly newsletters, spellings and details about homework will also be available on the school website.

Kent Tests:

The Kent 11+ tests will take place on Thursday 7th September 2023.

For further information, please refer to the following website:

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test>

To help prepare for Year 6, it would be useful if children have been practising their times table facts and reading regularly over the summer. Our topic for Autumn 1 will be World War Two and we will be studying Goodnight Mister Tom as part of our English lessons.

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,

Mr. Barratt, Miss Apps and Miss Watson

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 science and technology-themed challenge, Gadgeteers, which aims to engage children with the innovation behind some of their favourite things. Children can sign up on the website <https://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
 - Blue handwriting pen (no biros)
 - Coloured pencils
 - Coloured fineliners
 - Sharpener
 - Scissors
 - Protractor
 - 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 and shorts
- White socks
- Trainers (in wet weather, clean trainers or plimsols for indoor sports)
- Football or hockey boots (soft studs), shin pads, gum shields and knee-high football socks
- 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 (optional)
- Swimming trunks (not loose-fitting shorts) for boys/one piece for girls; swimming hat, goggles (optional) and a towel for everyone