

Welcome BACK to SCHOOL

AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MR REID

Welcome

Firstly, I would like to **welcome all new parents** who are reading our weekly newsletter for the first time.

The children have made an excellent start to the new academic year. Well done to Year 3 children and new children in other year groups for completing their first week at Amherst. It can be quite daunting starting at a new school and I hope all children have been made to feel welcome and their first week has been a **positive experience**. I have seen **many smiley faces** in class and around school. **Well done to the Year 6 Buddies** who welcomed Year 3 on the first morning and helped them at lunchtime this week.

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Due to the warm weather we have relaxed our uniform rules this week with children able to **take their ties off at lunchtime and for the afternoon**. This will **continue next week** if it remains unseasonably hot. Don't be surprised if your child is quite tired (which can manifest itself in many different ways) by the end of today. The first week back is **exciting** and **at times overwhelming**, so remember that **it takes a bit of time** for children to build their resilience and stamina back up after the summer break.

Thank you

On behalf of all staff and myself, thank you for all the wonderful gifts and cards of appreciation that we received at the end of last term. Your generosity and positive feedback is greatly valued. It is fantastic for staff to read that all their hard work and care is recognised.

Healthy snacks

I have spoken to the children in assembly this week about the **importance of a healthy snack at breaktime**. Please ensure your child has **fruit, vegetables** or a **cereal bar**. Please be mindful that not all cereal bars are as healthy as you think. Most food in a packet is not as healthy as fruit or vegetables. Please remember too that the **school is nut free**.

And finally ...

I look forward to another successful year at Amherst and will enjoy observing the children develop as the year progresses. They will have so **many fantastic opportunities** and **we will do all we can to ensure every child feels happy, motivated and proud** of their achievements.

I hope you all have a good weekend and a chance to enjoy the warm weather.

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.



WE HAVE SPACE!

We have spaces in current year 3 and 5. Please contact the school office if you are interested.



SCHOOL LUNCH

Please [click here](#) to view this term's menu. You should please pay for your child's school meals in **ADVANCE** (either weekly or termly).

Please make payment via www.schoolgateway.com. Costs for the new term are as follows: Daily - £ 2.55 / Weekly -£ 12.75 / Term 1 - £ 86.70 (34 days)



YEAR 6 – GOODNIGHT MISTER TOM

We will be studying Goodnight Mister Tom in our English lessons which runs alongside our World War Two topic. Please give consent via www.schoolgateway.com for your child to watch excerpts from the film.



FOOTBALL TRIALS– YR 5 & 6

School football trials this year will take place next week.

Year 5 trials - Tuesday 12th (12.20-1.10pm)

Year 6 trials - Wednesday 13th (12.20-1.10pm)

If your child would like to sign up, they need to find Mr Barratt in 6B to put their name down. There will be a message in assembly as a reminder for the children.



TABLE TENNIS TRIALS– SQUAD

Please note that trials for the table tennis squad will be held on **Wednesday 13 September** and **Thursday 21 September 2023** from **3.30—5.00pm**. Children can add their names to the list in reception. Children should wear PE kit and trainers for the trials.



VACANCIES

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

- catering assistant
- breakfast club assistant
- midday meals supervisor



WELLIES

We would like all children to have a pair of wellie boots in school that can be stored on their classroom wellie racks. This is so the children can access the field in wet weather and have more space to play on. Year 3 will be very used to this from River-head. Please name your child's boots and send them in over the next couple of weeks in preparation for the winter months.



PARENT READERS

We are looking for parent readers to support our children with reading on the following days:

Yr 6— Monday, **Yr 5**— Wednesday, **Y 4**— Thursday, **Yr 3**— Tuesday

The reading sessions will run between **1.30pm and 3.30pm**. Please register your interest on www.schoolgateway.com .



YEAR GROUP LETTERS

[Year 3 Autumn Term Letter](#)

[Year 4 Autumn Term Letter](#)

[Year 5 Autumn Term Letter](#)

[Year 6 Autumn Term Letter](#)



FUTURE DATES

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| 12 September | - PTA AGM meeting 8.00pm |
| 17 September | - Riverhead Carnival—Support the Amherst stall run by 4SF |
| 19 September | - Meet the Teacher—Yr 3 @ 4.00pm / Yr 4 @ 4.45pm |
| 20 September | - Meet the Teacher—Yr 5 @ 4.00pm / Yr 6 @ 4.45pm |
| 20 September | - Safeguarding training—all volunteers 2.30pm |
| 25 September | - Clubs Start |
| 27 September | - Year 6 Secondary School Application meeting |
| 4 October | - Individual school photos 9.00—12.00pm |
| 5 October | - National Poetry Day |
| 12 October | - Year 5 Kent Life Trip |
| 19 October | - Term 1 Ends |
| 20 October | - Inset Day |

LET'S CELEBRATE

STAR OF THE WEEK

3CL	Stevie S-C
3H	Alana B
3W	Evie N
4C	Elissa B
4S	Neve L
4SF	Gregorio A

5A	Nikolas K
5J	Cicely S
5S	Oliver K
6A	Ethan W
6B	Charlie S
6SB	Effie D

PE TIMETABLE

Term 1 – PE Timetable 2023/24

Indoor PE sessions

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.10 – 10.10					
11 – 12		5J Swimming	6A Swimming	3CL Swimming	
1.35 – 2.30	4S Swimming	5A Swimming	6W Swimming	3H Swimming	4SF Swimming
2.30 – 3.25		5HR Swimming	6B Swimming	3W Swimming	4C Swimming

Outdoor PE sessions

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.10 – 10.10					
11 – 12			3H Handball		
1.30 – 2.30		4C Hockey	3CL Handball	5J Hockey	6A Football
2.30 – 3.30		4S Hockey	3W Handball	5HR Hockey	6W Rugby
2.00 – 3.00 (Extra class)		4SF Football		5A Tag Rugby	6B Hockey

PTA—TEAM AMHERST

Dear Parents

Welcome back after the summer. We hope you had a fantastic time of rest and are ready to have some fun with us— **TEAM AMHERST** - this year!

Riverhead Carnival—17/09

This is a year 4 fundraising project run by class 4SF. We are really dependant on sweet and chocolate donations from all of you to make a success of the Amherst/ Riverhead stall at this year’s Carnival. Please bring all donations to the lobby (@ reception) by end of day Thursday, 14th September.

Thank you in advance for your kind support.

Your PTA TEAM



RIVERHEAD CARNIVAL!

Our first event of the year is at the upcoming Riverhead Carnival on Sunday, 17th September. This is a Year 4 event, so we are asking for Year 4 contributions for our chocolate/sweet tombola stall!

Please could you bring a donation of either chocolate or a sweet by **Thursday, 14th Sept.** to the office. (Reminder of NO nuts please!)

Thank you!
Your PTA Team





PTA AGM Meeting

12 September 2023
Bullfinch Pub
8.00pm



The meeting will be @ school this time

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please click on the leaflets to see more information.

AMHERST JUNIOR FC

2023-24 SEASON

REGISTRATION OPEN

Running since 1972 and now in its 51st season, AJFC continues to welcome boys and girls of all abilities, wanting to play regular football matches in a fun and inclusive environment.

All children will play each week with their team in our internal leagues and cup tournaments. Games are competitive with trophies and medals to be won, but played in the right spirit as "one club".

Matches are played during term time on Saturday mornings on Chipstead Common. The emphasis is on children developing their skills through playing matches rather than extensive training sessions.

The success of the club is thanks to all the volunteer parents who give their time to coach the children so if you would like to be involved do get in touch!

✓ Junior League (Years 2 - 4)

✓ Senior League (Years 4 & 5)

✓ Mixed ability girls and boys

✓ £50 fee for the whole season

✓ No mid week training

✓ No away games

✓ All children play every week



REGISTER NOW AT
AMHERSTFC.CO.UK



For more information check the FAQ Section on the website or get in touch:
amherstfc@gmail.com



Food & Farming Open Day

Saturday 7 October
12:00 - 16:00

Prebook your FREE tickets



BBQ | Cakes | Meet the calves

Bore Place produce at the Farm Gate

Watch the cows being milked | Children's activities

www.boreplace.org

Dear all,

To help understand how different professionals work with each other to support those who have a child (or are a child) with asthma or allergies, the KSCMP have developed a short survey for parents/carers and young people to complete.

The survey can be accessed by visiting <https://forms.office.com/e/HDnYDpm2E>. Attached is the QR code.

Please could professionals share the link and QR code with families they are working with where children have asthma or allergies.

Kind regards,
Kent Safeguarding Children Multi-Agency Partnership



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multi-agency partnership



The Football Coaching Group provides expert football coaching for 5-11s

Our specialist coaches cater for all abilities aged 5-11 and provide the children with the opportunity to get active, learn new skills, fulfil their potential and enjoy the game.

- First Session FREE
- Boys & Girls Aged 5-11
- Weekly 90 minute session
- 3G based high quality pitches
- FREE Personalised Nike Shirt

Venue

Mondays: 5.30pm - 7pm
Weald of Kent School, Seal Hollow Road, TN13 3SN

www.thefootballcoachinggroup.com/signup

#EnjoyTheGame



RIVERHEAD CARNIVAL

Sunday 17th September
12pm to 4.30pm

CHIPSTEAD COMMON, WITCHES LANE
TN13 2AQ

FREE ENTRY

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FAMILY FUN!

- inflatables •
- scouts BBQ & pizza van •
- ale & pimmis tent •
- craft gin and prosecco •
- live band & DJ •
- dog show •
- arena display •
- egg throwing comp •
- market stalls •
- and much more!



Sponsored/Supported by: The Bullfinch pub, Frank's Barbers, Sevenoaks Animal Feeds, Spot Van Hire, Fairseat Farm Eggs, Arcs & Sparks, Cottage Farm Butchers and Batchelors

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