

# AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

3rd EDITION - 22 September 2023



## MESSAGE FROM MR REID



### Clubs

We are pleased that so many children have signed up to our wonderful range of clubs.

Over the autumn and spring term we are running 41 clubs which is fantastic. **Thank you to all staff** who are giving up time before school, at lunchtime and after school to run a club.

I ask staff to run a club that they are interested in themselves which then creates a **wider range of options**. I am so pleased that the majority of our clubs do not charge a fee which enables them to be **available to all**. We have worked so hard to try to ensure if a child only wants one club they do get it. It is not an easy task! If your child is unable to attend a club one week please encourage them to find the member of staff in advance and let them know.

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### Meet The Teacher

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the sessions this week on Tuesday and Wednesday. We hope you found them useful. We appreciate that it can be hard to find childcare to attend. If you were not able to attend **the presentation will be on the school website** for you to view. (see notices)

- **Open Afternoon** is on Friday 17th November 2.45pm where your child will be able to share their work with you.
- **Parents' evening** is on Tuesday 28th and Thursday 30th November.

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher at the gate or via the office if you need to discuss anything. **Good communication** and **positive relationships** between home and school are **vital**. It is a team effort.



### Positive Thinking

Fed up with people telling you to just think positive or not worry so much? If only it was that simple.

I attend a headteachers' coaching group called **Headspace** six times a year. The sessions are led by a coach and enable reflection and peer coaching which I find invaluable. At our most recent session we were **presented with six quotes** and were asked to **identify two** which most **resonated** with us. You may like to do the same.

- Feel all your feelings so you can move through them
- Give yourself permission to fully exist in every mood and season
- Be mindful of the stories you're telling yourself
- Embrace the full range of the human experience
- Get curious as to what parts of you still need healing
- Release judgement, and speak compassionately to yourself

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the return of some sunshine. Make sure you take the chance to get outside as a family.

# 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.



## COMPLETE THE CLUBS FORM ONLINE

Please [click here](#) to tell us which clubs your child would like to attend.

We now have **open spaces** in the following clubs:

- Arts & Craft (Yr 3 & 4) - Spring Term - 4 spaces
- Netball (Yr 6) - 4 spaces
- Arts & Craft (Yr 5 & 6) - Spring Term - 10 spaces
- Ceramics Tuesday - 1 space
- Spanish (Yr 4 - 6) - 1 space
- Table Tennis (Yr 4) - Spring Term - 3 spaces
- Story Time (Yr 3 & 4) - 1 spaces
- Story Time (Yr 5 & 6) - 4 spaces
- Mandarin (All years) - 7 spaces
- Ceramics (Wednesday) - 9 spaces
- Yoga (Yr 4 - 6) - 4 spaces
- Warhammer - Spring Term - 10 spaces
- Board Games (All Years) - 7 spaces
- Girls Football (Year 4 - 6) - 7 spaces
- Orchestra - 7 spaces

Ceramics Club is making:



## IMPORTANT— Club notices for (25-29 September):

- Monday — All clubs start
- Wednesday —NO Table Tennis
- Thursday —NO Basketball



## 2024—2025 TERM DATES NOW AVAILABLE

Please [click here](#) for new term dates.



## YEAR 6 YOUNG VOICES— LAST DAY

Please provide consent for your year 6 child to attend the Young Voices Concert in January 2024. Today is the last day to order t-shirt packs and spectator tickets via [Young Voices Order Form](#).



## MEET THE TEACHER — MEETING NOTES:

- [Year 3](#)
- [Year 4](#)
- [Year 5](#)
- [Year 6](#)



## 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. Year 3 will be very used to this from Riverhead. Please name your child's boots and send them in over the next couple of weeks in preparation for the winter months.



## VACANCIES

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



## FUTURE DATES

- 25 September - Clubs Start
- 27 September - Year 6 Secondary School Application meeting 7.00pm-8.00pm
- 4 October - Individual school photos 9.00am —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	Marcus P
3H	Karoline H
3W	Avish M
4C	Eddie I
4S	Valentina C-G
4SF	Maddock M

5A	Richard L
5HR	Macey B
5J	Maisie M
6A	Sophie F
6B	Florence H
6W	Reggie S

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please click on the leaflets to see more information.

## Love the Game UK

Football Coaching

### October Half-Term Football Camp

• Tues 24th - Thurs 26th October  
• 10am-3pm

Fun, games, goals, saves, technical sessions, penalty shootouts, tournaments and more.

Ages 5-14 | Boys and girls of all abilities

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

£25 per day or £60 for three days.

Trinity School  
Seal Hollow Road  
Sevenoaks  
TN13 3SL

To book -

- Follow the QR code, taking you straight to our booking site.
- Go to our website, find Holiday Camps in the top bar, and book there.

See website for more details or email: [enquiries@lovethethegameuk.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@lovethethegameuk.co.uk)

## JOIN THE CAST TODAY

ages 6-18

# elf JR

The Musical

Sundays 10am-1pm  
at Knole Academy, Sevenoaks

Show Weekend  
16th & 17th December 2023  
at Oaks Theatre, Sevenoaks

Sign Up  
[www.stephanieeleschool.co.uk/theatre](http://www.stephanieeleschool.co.uk/theatre)  
Call  
07852 315046

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## Half term activities

OCTOBER 2023

MON 23	<b>COME &amp; SING DAY</b> Ashford 8 - 14 No experience needed € 15
TUES - FRI 24 - 27	<b>ORCHESTRA ONE</b> Ashford 11 - 18 Any level € 50
TUES 24	<b>CLARINET &amp; SAXOPHONE DAY</b> Rochester 8 - 18 Grades 2 - 5 € 15
WEDS 25	<b>RECORDER DAY</b> Rochester 8 - 18 Grades 1 - 4 € 15
THURS 26	<b>BRASS DAY</b> Rochester 8 - 18 Grades 2 - 5 € 15
FRI 27	<b>STRINGS DAY</b> Rochester 8 - 18 Grades 2 - 5 € 15

[kent-music.com/events](http://kent-music.com/events)

## COME & SING DAY

23 OCTOBER

Discover the joy of group singing this half term! Whether you're a seasoned singer or new to group singing, this day is all about having fun and exploring the power of your voice in a relaxed atmosphere. Led by the talented Daniel Moulton, a highly experienced singing teacher, the day will feature warm-ups and a variety of songs in unison and in parts.

No prior group singing experience is required - just Come & Sing! Don't miss out - sign up now for a day of music, camaraderie and vocal fun!

Highworth Grammar School Ashford  
 8 - 14  
 10am - 3.30pm  
 € 15  
 No experience needed

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## RUTH CABLE FAMILY CONCERT - TOY STORIES

## SHOW TIMES



Sevenoaks Symphony Orchestra's annual family concert is always a sell-out highlight of the year for the orchestra and audience. Join us for a 75-minute narrated programme which, this year, explores the world of toys and imagination. We are delighted to welcome back acclaimed actor David Leonard who will narrate *The Magic Box* by Richards. Other works featured include the *Mazurka* from *Coppelia*, the *Dolly Suite* by Faure, *Funeral March of a Marionette* by Gounod, *The Top and Hobby Horse* by Bizet, the *Toy Symphony* by Mozart, *The Fantastic Toy Shop* by Rossini and the *Nutcracker Waltz* by Tchaikovsky. A new addition to the concert is to support a young artist from the area by giving him or her the chance to perform with a full symphony orchestra. To debut this idea, we are thrilled to welcome Lachlan Edwards, a pupil at Sevenoaks School, who will perform *Czardas* by Monti.

Sunday, October 15th

[BOOK 4:00 PM](#)



## FOOTBALL

## BOOT SWAP

If you put a pair in you can take a pair out or pay £2.00 for a pair of boots.

All donations in pairs with elastic bands please.

**Sevenoaks School of Dance**  
**Dance Workshop**  
Monday 23rd & Tuesday 24th October  
10am till 3pm

Come and join us for some spooky fun!  
Dance - Drama - Crafts - Games

@ Riverhead Infants School,  
Sevenoaks TN13 2AS

Children ages 4 - 11 years

Contact: amy@sevenoaksdance.co.uk

WE ACCEPT  
CHILDCARE  
VOUCHERS

CHILD CARE FROM  
8am - 6pm

AGES  
4 - 14

**OCTOBER CAMP 2023**  
23rd - 27th October

WALL CLIMBING  
KIDS FAVOURITE  
BIRDS OF PREY  
FANCY DRESS  
INFLATABLE FUN

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

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT  
ESSEX, KENT & SURREY THIS OCTOBER  
CHECK WEBSITE FOR LOCATIONS & DATES

BOOK ONLINE NOW!  
[WWW.MEGACAMPS.NET](http://WWW.MEGACAMPS.NET)  
OR CALL 0333 012 4378

ALL OUR  
STAFF ARE  
DBS  
CHECKED

Ofsted  
Registered