

UPDATE

October 2023

UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

It's been wonderful meeting so many new faces this first half term, I think this is going to be a great year.

After half term, it's full steam ahead for Christmas fun! We will try and make this as simple and stress free as possible but it's always a busy term. However, it's so worth it in the end as the bazaar is a really fun day and a wonderful start to creating the Christmas magic!

We've a few new exciting things to try out this term including 'Amherst School Bake Off'. Have a restful half term and I look forward to meeting many more of you over the Christmas run up!

Hayley x

LOOKING AHEAD

Dates of future events for your diaries:

2nd Dec - Christmas Bazaar

4th Dec - Mini Bazaar

11th Dec - Secrets Room

Coming up in 2024:

9th Feb - Valentine's raffle

22nd March - School Disco

6th July - Amherst BBQ

Other events will be held throughout the year, with dates to be confirmed.

P.S. this will be the PTA lead team's last year on the committee (except Secretary). If you are interested in joining the PTA team from September 2024, please do get in contact if you would like any further information!

EVENT ROUND-UP

UNIFORM SALE

The first second-hand uniform sale was held this term.

As usual, donations were voluntary, and could be made either on the day or online at the PTA events website.

Thank you to **class 5J** for running this event, and for everyone's support!

CAKE SALE

The best way to end a school day - with cake!

Thank you to **class 3W** for running the first cake sale this term, and many thanks to everyone who donated the delicious goodies!



RIVERHEAD CARNIVAL

Many thanks to **class 4SF** who ran the chocolate tombola at the Riverhead Carnival in September!

This was a joint effort with Riverhead Infants School.

This extremely popular stall had a queue of people throughout the day, hoping to bag some chocolate treats! A huge thank you to all who donated goodies as well for the stall - all donations were greatly appreciated!

PTA NEWS AND UPCOMING

MATCH FUNDING - IMPORTANT

An important reminder to all parents and carers, especially our new Year 3 families - we need your help!

Please can we bring your attention to **match funding**. Match funding is a very effective way to help raise **FREE** money for our school! It goes such a long way to help our fundraising efforts. If you believe your employer offers match funding, please do get in contact with us. It is very simple and easy to set up, and is of no cost to you! We have a list of companies that offer this, but you can also find out from your HR department. If you have any questions, or would just like more information, please contact any of the PTA team (contact details on the last page of this newsletter). We cannot emphasise enough, what a difference this money makes to our lovely school, which is one of the most underfunded in Kent.

OUTDOOR PROJECT PROGRESS

When we return after the October half term break, we hope to see the new Octagon installed by the Jubilee Building. Also, a new play zone is planned for the area near the PE shed. This work is planned to be in place by summer 2024.

NEXT PTA MEETING

We will confirm the date of the next PTA meeting soon. Everyone is welcome at these meetings, that are usually held at the Bullfinch pub at 8pm. These meetings give us a chance to provide an update on fundraising and on forthcoming events - as well as have the opportunity to catch up with everyone in person.

KEEP IN TOUCH



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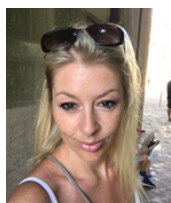
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SIGNING UP

The best place to keep up with PTA news, book onto PTA events and make a donation is the PTA Events website. If you've not signed up, it ~~only~~ takes a few moments. Visit www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta and create an account. And if you could take a few moments to check your child's details are all up to date, that makes administration of our events much easier. Thank you.

FUNDRAISING

A really easy way to raise funds for the school, is via Amazon Smile. This is free extra money for the school that doesn't cost you anything, so please do remember Amazon Smile whenever you are completing online shopping!

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

We want to hear your thoughts on what we can do differently, and your feedback is always welcome. We are always looking for ideas for new events that our children and families can enjoy! If you have any thoughts we would love to hear them so please do get in touch.

MATCH FUNDING - IMPORTANT NOTICE!

We simply cannot emphasise enough the importance of Match Funding and the huge impact it has on our fund raising. Please do speak to your employer and see if they offer Match Funding, and if they do, get in touch so we can involve you in events. To find out more, contact amherst-treasurer@outlook.com or amherst-chair@outlook.com.