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# AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

12th EDITION - 1 December 2023



## MESSAGE FROM MR REID

### Whole School Book Project

Our project on *The Dam* by David Almond has been completed. Year groups display their work in the corridors around the hall so it can be enjoyed by everyone. Each classroom also has a display ensuring that **every child's work is celebrated**. Please **enjoy this wonderful exhibition of your children's work** while you wander the corridors when attending the bazaar tomorrow.

The quality of writing and artwork has been superb. I have been so **impressed** with the **high level of skill and effort** that the children have demonstrated. The projects continue to be an excellent vehicle to raise standards and create a sense of cohesion as the whole school **works towards a common goal**. **Thank you to all the children and staff** for working so hard to make the project such a success.

Please [click here](#) to view more photos.

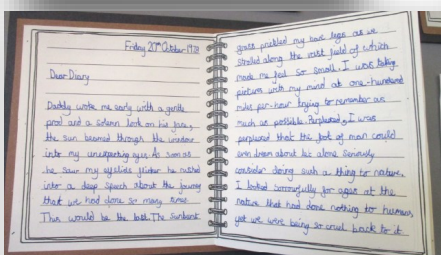
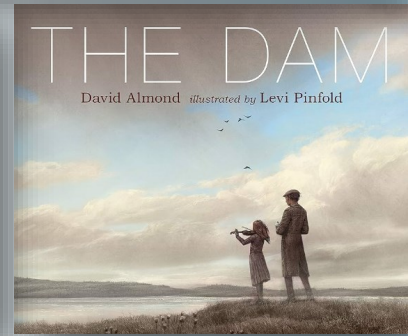
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### Christmas Bazaar Tomorrow

I look forward to seeing many of you at the PTA's Christmas Bazaar tomorrow. I'm sure it will be a wonderful event. Please remember to bring cash!

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.





# 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.



## YEAR 3 DT PROJECT

For Year 3's D.T. project next week we are **making pop-up Christmas cards**. If your child has a **pop-up card or book they would like to show the class**, please could they **bring them in on Monday**. The children do not need anything from home, it's only if they want to use these for inspiration.



## VACANCIES

Please click on [www.kent-teach.com](http://www.kent-teach.com) to see our current list of vacancies.



## CHRISTMAS LUNCH – LAST DAY TO BOOK!!

Please make sure to let us know via [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com) if your child is having a **MAIN** or **VEGETARIAN** meal or **Packed Lunch**. We need finalised numbers today.



## SECOND HAND UNIFORM

Thank you for all the donations of uniform—we have so much to give away. Going forward, we will only be **looking for uniform items with the school LOGO** on it. Many thanks for your generosity.



## LUNCH BANDS PLEASE!!!

We'd appreciate it if all lunch bands (making their way home) be returned to the school—especially 3W and 4SF.



## CLUBS:

**YES** 6/12 Year 5 Tennis

**YES** 7/12 Amherst Choir

**YES** 8/12 Year 6 Tennis

**YES** 8/12 Training Choir

**YES** 8/12 Orchestra



## BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you for your wonderful support of our fundraising efforts for Children in Need. Together **we raised a fantastic £836.50!**



## PTA MINI BAZAAR

The **Mini Bazaar** will take place during school time on **Monday morning 9 —10.30am**. Please **send children in with small change** as they will get the chance to browse through the last bits of the bazaar.



## YEAR 4 CHRISTMAS VARIETY SHOW

We look forward to **welcoming the parents of our year 4 children** to this year's performances. The events are not ticketed.

\* **Matinee show:** Monday, 4 December 2.00pm

\* **Evening performance:** Tuesday, 5 December 6.00pm



## FUTURE DATES

- |              |   |
|--------------|---|
| 2 December   | - PTA Christmas Bazaar 12.00—3.00pm                           |
| 4 December   | - Mini Bazaar 09.00—10.30am (small change needed)             |
| 4 December   | - Year 4 Christmas Performance—Matinee 2.00pm                 |
| 4 December   | - PTA Mini Bazaar 9.00—11.00am                                |
| 4-7 December | - Mini Spring Clubs Sign up                                   |
| 5 December   | - Year 4 Christmas Performance—Evening 6.00—7.30pm            |
| 11 December  | - Flu Vaccinations 9.00am                                     |
| 11 December  | - PTA Secrets Room 2.00—3.30pm                                |
| 11 December  | - Christmas Carol Service 6.00—7.00pm                         |
| 13 December  | - Whole School Pantomime—Stag Theatre 10.15am                 |
| 14 December  | - Christmas Lunch (children can wear their Christmas Jumpers) |
| 15 December  | - Term 2 Ends   |

**Christmas Bauble Decoration Competition**

If you wish to participate in the competition, then please hand in your bauble at the office. The dead line will be on Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of December.

There will be a prize if you win, but please tell us if you have any allergies.

When designing the bauble, please paint it in your house colour.

Your entries will be hung up on the trees in St. Mary, St. Marys will be open on Friday 8<sup>th</sup>– Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>

PTA—CHRISTMAS IS HERE!

# AMHERST SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR!

Saturday 2nd  
December  
12-3pm

Games, Grotto,  
tombolas,  
toys & more!

**Thank you TEAM AMHERST for all your donations and time given to ensure tomorrow's success!**

**Deep pockets, festive headgear, light hearts—bring your family and friends and make our Christmas 2023 the best one ever!**

## Raffle Tickets



## Hamper & Grand Draw Raffle Tickets

Please could you fill out any sold counterfoils, and **return to the school with the corresponding cash in the sealed envelope as soon as possible.**

Our grand draw prizes and Christmas hampers raffle will take place the **afternoon of our bazaar!**

## Decorate a biscuit @ the bazaar

We are still looking for donations of **plain biscuits** (preferably Christmas shaped) and **small plain fairy cakes** for Mrs Rawlins' '**Decorate a biscuit (or cake)**' stall at the bazaar. Please can you help by donating and bringing it in to school tomorrow from 10.00am?

## Cakes

We still welcome any donations of cupcakes and cakes—please drop them off tomorrow from 10.00am.

## Toys, Board Games, Book Sets

You are welcome to drop them off between 10.00—11.15am tomorrow!

## COINS

**Remember to bring small change!**



A huge effort goes into making this event successful for our school fundraising, and **fun and memorable** for the children! We can't **thank you** enough for your continued support and generosity!

**We look forward to seeing you tomorrow!**



# LET'S CELEBRATE

## AMHERST STAR BAKER



Year 3—Heid F-G



Year 4—Hope B



Year 5—Maddie M



AMHERST  
STAR BAKER  
Joseph N (6B)



Year 6—Mollie K

## FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Last Friday, 7 boys competed in a FUTSAL tournament held at Sevenoaks School. They managed to come **top of the group winning all their games** and only conceding 1 goal.

They produced some **fantastic football with excellent passing and some brilliant team goals**. In a very close final they managed to win 2-1 and win the tournament overall.

A special mention to **Jack G** who **was also voted as the player of the tournament** by the referees and hosts.

Well done to Jack G (6B), Albert RC (6B), Trent S (6W), Reggie S (6W), Charlie H (6W), Richard L (5A) and Todd R (5J).





# COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Spaces Available at Kids Play & Learn Preschool!

We have spaces for 3 & 4-year-olds and limited spaces for 2-year-olds. We accept the FF2, 15 hours (universal), and 30 hours (extended) funding.

Children who are eligible for FF2 and Universal funding can come for 2 ½ days completely FREE and children eligible for Extended funding can attend entirely FREE!

Open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (From January 2024 we aim to open 5 days per week with extended hours from 7:30 am - 5 pm).

Email or call to arrange a visit for a tour of the setting and meet our very dedicated team. [info@kidsplaypreschool.co.uk](mailto:info@kidsplaypreschool.co.uk) 07799023898

Web: <https://www.kidsplaypreschool.co.uk/>

Here you will find a bespoke curriculum tailored to your child's age, needs, and abilities. It aims to support your child to reach age-related/above growth & learning goals.

The vast indoor space and small class size enable our experienced and very dedicated team to spend more one-on-one time with your child.

Also, your child will get weekly DANCE SESSIONS from a professional dancer <https://www.dancelittlebunnies.com>

A new and extensive range of resources is carefully sourced to enhance children's learning.

Find us on FB and Instagram (Kidsplaylearn Preschool) to see our past activities and new ones that we publish soon regularly 📸



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Check out/contact Our professional dancer  
Web <https://www.dancelittlebunnies.com>

THE READING AGENCY Winter Mini Challenge

Join the  
**Ready, Set, Read!**  
Winter Mini Challenge

1 December 2023 - 19 February 2024

Get rewards for your reading



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INSPIRING YOUNG READERS

READING

Kent Libraries

### Riverhead Parish Council

Invite you to

## Christmas Lights Switch On & Carols

Thursday 7th December 6pm

The Heights

Free mulled wine  
& mince pies

Join with St Mary's Church  
choir for Christmas carols



### Admission to Junior school in Kent 2024

Apply online at  
[kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](https://kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)

Opens Friday 3 November 2023 and closes at  
midnight on Monday 15 January 2024

For children born between  
1 September 2016  
and 31 August 2017,  
Transferring to Junior school  
in September 2024

What to do		
<b>Choose a school</b>	<b>Apply for a school place</b>	<b>Receiving your offer</b>
<p>It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form.</p> <p>Read the guide to Primary admissions at <a href="https://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions">www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions</a>.</p> <p>You can name up to three junior schools, inside or outside of Kent. You are unable to name Primary schools on this application.</p> <p>You can log back in at any time to view the information submitted.</p>	<p>A simple, fast, conversion process which opens Friday 3 November 2023 and closes at midnight on Monday 15 January 2024.</p> <p>You will first need to set up an online account. The applicant is you, the parent/carer; you will then need to add your child's details before starting an application. You will receive an email confirmation that your application has been submitted correctly.</p> <p>You can log back in at any time to view the information submitted.</p>	<p>On offer day (Tuesday 16 April 2024) an email will be sent after 4pm informing you of your offer. You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by Tuesday 30 April 2024. A link to a guide with information you will need to provide the school with will be in your offer email.</p> <p>If it has not been possible to offer your child a place in your preferred school, you have the right to appeal. You can also add their name to the school's waiting list.</p>

Moving house during the application window will likely complicate your application and we therefore advise you to pay special attention to key dates in the admissions process. KCC has no discretionary authority to vary the process for parents who cannot complete address moves in time to make use of them for admissions purposes. If you have queries relating to this, please email the team on one of the email addresses below.

Key dates	
<b>Friday 3 November 2023</b>	Online application process opens. Go to <a href="https://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions">www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions</a> to register and apply.
<b>Monday 15 January 2024</b>	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to <a href="mailto:kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk">kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk</a>
<b>Tuesday 16 April 2024</b>	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm.
<b>Tuesday 30 April 2024</b>	Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered and can use the link in the offer email to ask for their child to be added to the waiting list of schools named on the original application.
<b>Tuesday 14 May 2024</b>	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September – appeals information can be found at <a href="https://www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals">www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals</a> . You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form.

Need help?  
Email [primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk) or [kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk)  
Full information booklet can also be viewed online at [kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](https://kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)

Only one application per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of application. Keep your login details safe and use your registered email address for all communication with the team.

The confirmation email may go to your junk/spam folder of your email – please check here before contacting our team for confirmation.



Our very own Ruby Q (5HR) and Macy B (5HR) performs in SNOW WHITE!

the talentz

# Snow White

4 - 7th January 2024



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