

AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

27th EDITION - 19 April 2024



MESSAGE FROM MR REID

Welcome Back

I hope you all had a good Easter break. The children and staff have returned with **enthusiasm** having had the chance to **recharge**. It seems there is less illness compared with the end of term which is good news.

It doesn't quite feel like the summer term weather wise yet but the **summer term is always a busy and exciting one**. The **children have enjoyed being on the field** this week at break and lunch.

Year 6 have a busy time ahead with **SATs tests week** beginning 13th May, their **residential trip to Norfolk** in June and then the **summer production** in July. This on top of their normal lessons too!

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Summer PE

We are looking forward to **beginning swimming lessons** when the weather is a little warmer. Mr Hucks is busy preparing the pool so that it is ready. On Thursday and Friday afternoons this term we have a **cricket coach from Invicta Cricket Coaching** leading sessions for Year 5 and 6. It is fantastic that we are able to utilise the outfield at Holmesdale CC for these sessions. **Thank you to the club for allowing us to do so.**

Lewis Church, our athletics coach, is delivering **curriculum athletics** sessions this term and will also be running an athletics club after school. I am pleased we are able to offer a varied and good quality PE curriculum, supported by **specialists coaches** when appropriate.

Please could you ensure your child has the correct PE kit and footwear in school this term. We have an increasing number of children that have forgotten some of their kit. We want every child to be able to participate and make the most of the PE curriculum on offer.



Message for Year 6 Parents

As mentioned earlier Year 6 children will be sitting their SATs **tests week beginning 13th May**. **It is important every child is in school that week**. The children will be assessed in Reading, Punctuation and Grammar, Spelling and Maths. Writing is teacher assessed based on the work in their books during Year 6.

I hope you all have a good weekend and let's hope for some dry and sunny weather.

NOTICES



REPORT ABSENCES

Please complete the quick [Daily Absence Form](#) on our website before 9.00am for **every day** your child is off school.



SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENTS 2025

Please note that there was an amendment to the Booklet for Secondary School Visits - **The Skinners School does NOT have an open evening on 26/06/2024.**

Please [click here](#) to view the new booklet or find it on our school's website under Parents / Transfer to Secondary School.



NEW MENU – TERM 5!

Please see our new menu [here](#). You should please pay for your school meals in **ADVANCE**. Payment for the new term is:

- Daily - £ 2.55
- Weekly - £ 12.75
- Term 5 - £ 71.40 (28 days)
- Term 6 - £ 94.35 (37 days)
- Term 5 & 6 - £ 165.75



CLUBS

Week 22/04—26/04: NO Chess club and **NO** Water Polo

If you have not yet booked your child's club spaces for this term, please [click here](#). We currently have spaces in :

- Year 5 Netball
- Year 5/6 Athletics
- Year 5/6 Curling
- Year 4-6 Spanish
- Wednesday Ceramics (making a **candle holder**)
- Mandarin



LETTERS SENT THIS WEEK

Year 5—Greek workshop and show



VACANCIES

We have the following vacancies—please apply on [Kent Teach](#)

- Full time / Part time Teaching Assistant
- After School Club Assistant (3 days a week)
- Breakfast Club Manager
- Clerk to the Governors



FUTURE DATES

- 22 April - Clubs Start
- 23 April - PTA Meeting (8pm @ the Bullfinch Pub—everyone welcome)
- 24 April - Amherst Choir - Sevenoaks School's Partnership Concert
- 25 April - UK Maths Challenge (Year 5 and 6)
- 26 April - **PTA Parent Quiz Night**
- 7 May - Year 5 Greek Workshop
- 13 May - Year 6 SATS Week
- 17 May - PTA 2nd Hand Uniform Sale
- 23 May - Term 5 Ends
- 24 May - Inset Day
- 3 June - Term 6 Starts
- 4 June - Year 5 Kent Test Meeting 6.00pm
- 4-6 June - Year 3 Horton Kirby Trips
- 6 & 7 June - Sponsored Swim in School
- 10-14 June - Year 6 Hilltop Residential
- 14 June - Year 4 Hampton Court Trip
- 18-19 June - Year 5 Parent Consultations
- 28 June - Open Afternoon 2.45pm
- 28 June - Clubs End
- 1 July - New Parent Meeting 2.00pm
- 4 July - Kent Transition Day
- 6 July - Amherst Summer BBQ (Save the Date)
- 15 July - Summer Production—Dress Rehearsal 1.45pm
- 16 July - Summer Production—Matinee Performance 1.45pm
- 17 July - Summer Production—Evening Performance 7.00pm (all children to attend)
- 18 July - Summer Production—Evening Performance 7.00pm (all children to attend)
- 22 July - Sports Day
- 23 July - Rose Clifton Memorial Cricket Match
- 23 July - Term Ends



LET'S CELEBRATE

STAR OF THE WEEK

| | |
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| 3CL | Gabriel G-C |
| 3H | Zack H |
| 3W | Maisie P |
| 4C | Rosa K |
| 4S | Zach B |
| 4SF | Max L |

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| 5A | Olivia P |
| 5HR | George W-B |
| 5J | Lucas D |
| 6A | Ryan G |
| 6B | Nelly T |
| 6W | Annebelle W |



FOOTBALL

On a freezing cold day with heavy driving rain we made our way to the **Charlton Athletic Girls Community Football Tournament**, held at their training ground in South London.

With around 20 schools in attendance we had very tough competition but through skill, teamwork and perseverance in the rain we won all but 1 of our group games and finished top of the group! After a brief stop in play to warm up we won our Quarter Finals Match and went into the Semi Final, sadly we lost but all the girls did so well.

Each and every one of them dug deep and gave it everything, Mrs Hobbs and I were so **proud of them**. The girls **scored some cracking goals, made some great saves** and always **displayed great teamwork cheering each other on**. We hope to go back next year and get one step further into the final!

Mr Amott



PE TIMETABLE

| Term 5 – PE Timetable 2023/24 | | | | | |
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| Indoor PE sessions | | | | | |
| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| 9.10 – 10.10 | | | | | |
| 11 – 12 | 5HR Yoga | | | 4C Gymnastics | 3CL Gymnastics |
| 1.35 – 2.30 | 5A Yoga | | 6W Dance | 4SF Gymnastics | 3H Gymnastics |
| 2.30 – 3.25 | 5J Yoga | 6B Dance | 6A Dance | 4S Gymnastics | 3W Gymnastics |
| Outdoor PE sessions | | | | | |
| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| 9.10 – 10.10 | | | | | |
| 11 – 12 | | | | | |
| 1.30 – 2.30 | 4S Athletics (coach) | 3W Rounders | | 5J Cricket (coach) @Holmesdale | 6A Cricket (coach) @Holmesdale |
| 2.30 – 3.30 | 4C Athletics (coach) | 3CL Rounders | | 5HR Cricket (coach) @Holmesdale | 6W Cricket (coach) @Holmesdale |
| (Extra class) | 4SF Rounders | 3H Rounders | | 6B Athletics (coach) 1.30-2.30pm | 5A Rounders |

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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IRISH DANCE CLASSES

MONDAY - EYNSFORD
WEDNESDAY - WROTHAM

First Class Free

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Sevenoaks Climate Hero

Do your kids educate their teachers on the climate crisis?
Is your granny a dab hand with a litter-picker?
Has your business walked the extra mile to cut its carbon footprint?

Then Sevenoaks Climate Action wants to hear from you!


We want to champion the local unsung climate heroes taking grassroots action to save the planet.


Anything goes - as long as it is aimed at tackling the climate emergency or mitigating ecological disaster. Even better if it brings local people together.

Please email sevenoaksclimatefair@gmail.com
Tell us the name, age, and story of your nominee in no more than 200 words. We'd love a photograph too.

The winners will be announced at the S CAN Climate Fair on
Saturday May 4th on the Vine Gardens from 10.30am-4pm.



 **Kooth National Webinar**



[Kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com)

KoothTalks for parents and carers: How you can support your child to manage exam stress

 **SEVENOAKS welcomes REFUGEES**

A Mayor's Fundraising Event


Double-BILL SPECTACULAR



80's SOUNDS LIVE BAND

Squeeze A Crowd


STAG SEVENOAKS Sat 27 April 7pm £21
U18 £11 01732 450175 www.stagsevenoaks.co.uk 

 **SEVENOAKS welcomes REFUGEES**


A Mayor's Fundraising Event

Fun Morning of CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT

CAPTAIN FANTASTIC



Saturday 27 April 10:30am

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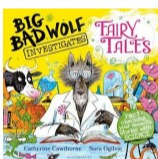


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SPRING FAMILY WORKSHOP SUNDAYS in the Hever Castle Think Tank

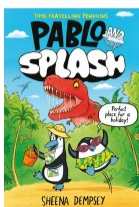
Fabulous childrens authors will be bringing their books to life with fun activities and interesting exclusive facts. With the opportunity to meet rebels and royalty from history, time travelling penguins and big bad wolf scientists these events are perfect for inquisitive children asking big questions! Each author will be available to chat after the workshop and will be signing copies of their books which will be available to buy at the events.



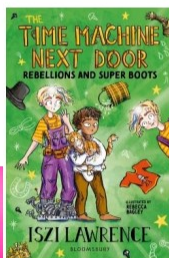
Big Bad Wolf Investigates Fairy Tales
Fact-checking your favourite stories
with SCIENCE!
Catherine Cawthorne
Sun 28 Apr 2pm



The Time Machine Next Door: Rebellions and Super
Boots and Rule Breakers and Kiwi Keepers
Iszi Lawrence Sun 5 May 2pm



Pablo and Splash
Sheena Dempsey
Sun 12 May, 2pm



ALL TICKETS £14.20

These events are taking place indoors and include the opportunity to visit Hever Castle gardens following the afternoon events. TICKETS ARE LIMITED.

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PARENTS AND CARERS TOGETHER

Kent PACT

Kent PACT has teamed up with KCC's school inclusion team to run a series of webinars to help parents learn more about the resources and support available for children and young people in schools without the need for an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and how to access them.

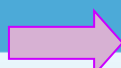
'Available support in school without an EHCP' webinar - Book Tuesday 30th April - 7pm - 8pm online



'What parents can do if they believe their child's needs are not being met in school' webinar - Wednesday 8 May - 7pm - 8pm



'Available support in school without an EHCP' webinar - Thursday 16 May - 10am - 11am



FRIDAY NIGHT FUN AT HOLMESDALE CC

4:30-6pm on Friday nights
from May 3rd to July 19th

All Stars is a great introduction to cricket for 5-7 year olds. For the parents, we will have:

- Newly renovated bar open with beer on tap and plenty of wine choices + soft drinks
- Themed menu each Friday including BBQ's and Pizza nights

Sign up to our courses in the junior section on
www.holmesdalecricketclub.co.uk



CALLING ALL GIRLS, JOIN HOLMESDALE CRICKET CLUBS GROWING JUNIOR SECTION

Teams across U9, U12 and U15 age groups

A fun and friendly cricket experience for girls in the Sevenoaks area!

Sign up to our courses starting end of April at
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