

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Year 6 after the Easter Holidays and welcome to your final term at Amherst School.

This letter is to give useful information to parents about the busy term ahead and to enable you to support and encourage your child. The summer term is always a very busy and exciting time in Year 6.

Dates for Your Diary

13 th May –	SATS week
23 rd May –	End of Term 5
3 rd June –	Start of Term 6
6 th June –	Sponsored Swim in School
10 th June –	Hilltop week
28 th June –	Open Afternoon
28 th June –	Clubs End
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 nd July –	Sports Day
23 rd July –	End of Term 6

SATs week

This is the week beginning Monday 13th May. We ask that parents ensure that their child will be present throughout this week and that they are well equipped with rulers, protractors, ink pens, pencils, rubbers etc.

School Journey

As you are aware, the School Journey will take place the week beginning Monday 10th June. If your child is anxious or you have any concerns regarding the trip, please make their class teacher aware of this so that any worries can be dealt with before they become a serious issue. A full equipment list will also be sent out within the next couple of weeks.

Summer Production

Performances for the summer production are scheduled for the Tuesday 16th July at 1.45pm, Wednesday 17th July at 7pm and Thursday 18th July at 7pm. There will be a dress rehearsal on Monday 15th July at 1.45pm.

We will be holding auditions for those children who would like a main part in our production after the SATs. Audition scripts and songs will be explained to the children beforehand and they will be given time at home to practise too.

Curriculum

Reading:

It is still vital that the children are encouraged to read as extensively as possible. We will continue to read regularly in class, but in addition to this we would be grateful if parents could ensure that their child reads for at least 30 minutes each night. Reading records should be recorded in school planners and handed in on a weekly basis on a Friday.

Spelling:

Spelling lists and tests are given weekly and we would ask that you support your child in learning these words each week, including the meanings of unknown words. In addition, the children have red English homework books and are required to complete an English based task once a week.

Mathematics:

We continue to recommend that the children practise their tables regularly at home; skills that are not regularly utilised can be easily forgotten. We ask that you continue to ensure that the Mental Arithmetic tasks (MA books), which are set for homework, are completed and returned to school each week for marking. It remains important that the children do their corrections before continuing with the next test.

Science:

In term 6, we will cover SRE (sex and relationship education). More information will be given about this unit after May half term and we will also lead a session for parents to attend and watch the content beforehand as well as give you the opportunity to ask any questions that you may have.

Geography:

Our topic for both term 5 and 6 is coasts (an activity on school journey will involve looking at coastal erosion in the Norfolk coast too).

Art/DT:

Pupils will continue working to produce their own version of a Lowry painting using watercolours and there is a sewing-based unit later on in the year.

PSHE:

During Term 6, the children learn about peer pressure and drugs. We will also be leading various sessions on transitions to Secondary School.

Reminders for games:

The swimming season will soon be upon us and the pool will once again be up and running. We will let you know as soon as possible about which day your child's class will be swimming (Term 6).

Please ensure that your child has a swimming costume/ trunks and a swimming hat ready for their swimming sessions to begin.

We will be doing summer sports in Games (cricket and athletics). For games kit this term, pupils will require: trainers/plimsolls, navy blue shorts, plain navy T-shirt and a sweater. On hotter days, sun-cream, a water bottle and caps are recommended.

PE/ Games

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6B		PE (Dance)		Games (Athletics)	
6A			PE (Dance)		Games (Cricket)
6W			PE (Dance)		Games (Cricket)

We hope that this letter will enable you to work alongside us in providing the best possible support and encouragement for your child for their final term at Amherst.

If you have any concerns, or would like further clarification, please telephone the school office and make an appointment to see the class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

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