

AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MR REID

Sponsored Swim

Each year we hold a **sponsored swim to raise funds** for a good cause. In previous years we have supported the British Heart Foundation raising close to £200,000. This year, we have decided to **raise funds for our school playground development project**.



The PTA's amazing fund raising efforts have already contributed significantly towards this project which is going to cost £80,000.

The more we can generate through the sponsored swim to help achieve our target the better. We are currently consulting with Sevenoaks District Council planning department regarding our proposed design.

The location of the design is an existing area where the children play on the far side of the field by the PE shed. This is an area in need of improvement.


The sponsored swim will take place as follows:

Thursday 6th June - Year 5 & 6

- 9.00am – 12.00pm (The following classes will be swimming: 6B, 6W, 5A, 5HR)
- 1.30pm – 3.00pm (The following classes will be swimming: 6A, 5J)

Friday 7th June - Year 3 & 4

- 9.00am – 12.00pm (The following classes will be swimming: 4C, 3CL, 4SF, 4S)
- 1.30pm – 3.00pm (The following classes will be swimming: 3W, 3H)

 We are looking for **PARENT HELPERS** to assist teachers and Mrs Warne counting widths and lengths. If you are able to help, please indicate your availability by [clicking here](#).

I look forward to the children participating with enthusiasm and trying to raise funds for a project which will enhance playtimes and lunchtimes for all.



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YEAR 6 Standard Assessment Test



I would like to **congratulate all children** in Year 6 for demonstrating such **fantastic attitudes and work ethic** this week when **completing their SATS tests**. Thank you to all **staff, teachers and teaching assistants**, who have supported and prepared the children so well.

This summer – Amherst Presents:

We are delighted to announce that this year's summer production will be *The Lion King*.

Year 6 will have the lead parts and Years 3, 4 and 5 will be the wonderful chorus.

Our whole school summer productions are a strong tradition at Amherst which the children gain so much from. It is such a treat to hear the songs during rehearsals from my office during the final weeks of Term 6!

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

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NOTICES

attendance MATTERS REPORT ABSENCES

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

GIFT AID

Thank you to parents who have made donations to the school over the last 2 terms. Please be reminded to complete our [gift aid form here](#).

CLUBS

Week 20—23 May:

23/05—**NO** Amherst Choir—Thursday pm

RE DAY— 22ND MAY

Year 3 and 4 will be studying **Buddhism** and Year 5 and 6 will study **Sikhism**.

The day will be filled with a variety of activities, one of which includes painting **pebbles to create** a whole school art project. To help resource the day, please can your child bring in 2 pebbles.

VACANCIES

Please apply on [Kent Teach](#) for the vacancies we have.

KIDENZA – TESCO TOKENS

Please support this fundraising initiative to bring the Kidenza orchestra to Amherst and Riverhead Infants' Schools.



LETTERS SENT

Year 6—Summer Production Letter

Year 6—Hilltop Final Arrangements Letter

FUTURE DATES

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

14 June - Year 5 Greek Show—Dressing up

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

3CL	Theo P
3H	George H
3W	Marnya N
4C	Lyla B
4S	Zach G
4SF	Kitty G

5A	Polly S
5HR	Maya S
5J	Josh K
6A	Lyla M
6B	Isla K
6W	Tom M-M

ARTISTIC SWIMMING

Matilda P-S (5J) passed her Figure grade 1 in artistic swimming last weekend. She put in a lot of hard work and practise.

Congratulations Matilda!



CHEER LEADING

Sofia C (5A) took part in a cheerleading competition at the weekend in Crawley. The team did not win the competition, but they worked extremely hard for this event!

Congratulations Sophia!



CHESS

Well done to the overall winners of last term's Delancey UK Schools Chess Challenge 2024:

Year 3 - Marcus P

Year 4 - Maddock M

Year 5 - Mark G

Year 6 tie - Alex F, Seth M and Finley S-R



COMMUNITY EVENTS

FREE first session with this voucher

Have Fun!

Weetabix Wild CATS
GIRLS' FOOTBALL

The perfect way for girls aged 5-11 to get involved with football

Every Thursday 4:30-5:30pm

For more details contact: Dom Welsh: 07587 238635
Tonbridge Angels FC, Longmead Stadium, Tonbridge TN10 3JF

ULTIMATE ACTIVITY CAMPS

GET SET FOR ULTIMATE HOLIDAY FUN!

FROM £47 PER DAY

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OUTSTANDING HOLIDAY CAMPS FOR 4 TO 14 YEAR OLDS THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS AT

THE NEW BEACON SCHOOL IN SEVENOAKS

Monday - Friday 8 am - 6 pm

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Open Farm Sunday

Visit a farm & discover the world of farming!

Mote Farm Open Farm Sunday 2024

Sunday 9th June 11am-4pm

Come and join us at the farm for the national Open Farm Sunday event 2024!

- Meet some of the Mote Farm livestock including cattle, ewes and lambs
- Children's activities
- Children's farmyard trail
- Refreshments available to buy e.g. tea, coffee, water, juice, and cakes
- Farm reared beef burgers and beef sausages available to buy from the barbecue
- Native Beef Shorthorn sired beef available to buy

Car parking, toilets and hand washing facilities on the farm

Free entry but any donations towards our chosen charity would be greatly appreciated

Mote Farm, Mote Road
Ivy Hatch, Sevenoaks,
TN15 0NT

Contact us: motefarmsales@gmail.com

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SCAN HERE TO SIGN UP

14th September

WANT THE CHANCE TO GET SCOUTED?

ATTEND OUR TALENT ID DAY

WEST HEATH SCHOOL SEVENOAKS 1.30PM

Talent ID event, run by We Make Footballers - with Professional Academy Scouts in attendance.

We have invited scouts from:

[Chelsea / Arsenal / Spurs / West Ham/ Gillingham]

For more information, or to secure your place visit:

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gill@wemakefootballers.com
0777 1146 473

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PRODUCTIONS
YOUTH THEATRE GROUP
01767 681 049

OPEN AUDITIONS

Annie

Book by **THOMAS MEEHAN** Music by **CHARLES STROUSE** Lyrics by **MARTIN CHARNIN**

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International. All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.co.uk

TUESDAY 17th JUNE
THE STAG THE STAG
SEVENOAKS, TN13 1ZZ
5.00pm-6.00pm 7-12yrs old
6.00pm-7.00pm 13-21yrs old
All auditionees must be 8 years old by the time of the show

SATURDAY 15th JUNE
THE STAG THE STAG
SEVENOAKS, TN13 1ZZ
12.30pm-2.00pm 7-12yrs old
2.00pm-3.30pm 13-21yrs old
All auditionees must be 8 years old by the time of the show

TO BE PERFORMED AT THE STAG - SEVENOAKS. 17TH - 19TH OCT 2024

**NOTHING TO PREPARE
JUST ARRIVE, BOOK IN AND AUDITION**

You only need attend one audition / A show fee is payable by all successful applicants

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FOAL FARM Animal Rescue

Drawing Competition

Draw your favourite Foal Farm animal for a chance to win a behind the scenes tour of Foal Farm

Send your entries to commercial@foalfarm.org.uk or via post to Foal Farm, Jail Lane, Biggin Hill, TN16 3AX
Closing date for entries 30th June 2024

4 age categories:
6 yrs and under
7 to 10 yrs
11 to 15 yrs
16 yrs and above

Winners announced at our Country Festival on Sunday 14th July

Love the Game UK
Football Coaching

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MAY
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