

AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MR REID

Cooperation

This term's school value is **cooperation**. The school rule that accompanies this value is:

We will all work together to include each other as a team at Amherst School.



This applies to all of us not just the children. Strong **relationships between home and school are vital** to ensure achievements are celebrated but also when things are difficult, **good dialogue and communication** is maintained. This is a **strength at Amherst** and something we work hard to develop. So often I hear teachers phoning parents, or catching them at the gate to keep them up to date. Thank **you for the role that you play**

in that relationship too.

Hilltop

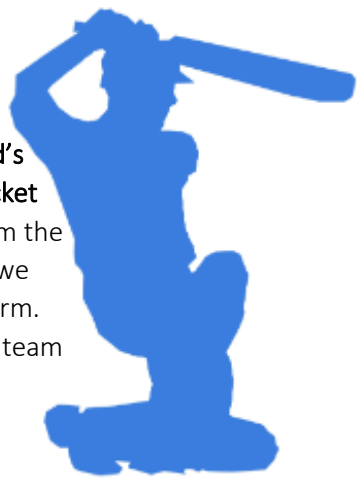


One of my favourite weeks of the year is going away with **Year 6 on their residential trip** to Hilltop (north Norfolk coast). Year 6 will be arriving at school by 6.30am on Monday morning ready for a 7.00am departure. It is such a wonderful week and I enjoy the change in routine and the opportunity to spend time with the children in a different way. **The children gain so much from the trip which helps develop their confidence, resilience and independence.** All key skills they will need as they transfer to secondary school in **September**. For some children this will be the first time they have been away from their family. This can be more of a challenge (for parents and children) than some of the adventurous activities. One of my favourite moments of the trip is when we return on Friday and I watch tired but **proud children excitedly telling their parents all that happened during the week.** Miss Jones (assistant headteacher) will be available in my absence next week if needed.



Rose Clifton Memorial Cricket Match

As is now the tradition, after school on the **last day of term Tuesday 23rd July**, we will hold the **Rose Clifton Memorial Cricket match**. This is between the **Year 6 parents and Mr Reid's team**. The match will take place at **5.00pm at Holmesdale Cricket Club**. The club will have the bar open and be serving food from the **BBQ. All families are welcome to attend**, not just Year 6, and we look forward to a wonderful evening and successful end of term. If you were not aware Rose Clifton was member of our office team until 2018 and her son Paul will be playing in the match.



I hope you all have a great 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.

KENT TEST: YEAR 5 – KENT TEST REGISTRATION

Please note that the Kent test registration has now opened. Please [click here](#) for more information on how to register.



SUMMER BBQ – 6TH JULY (4-8pm)

Please **SAVE THE DATE** for our annual **Amherst Summer BBQ / End of year celebration!** Enjoy **fete games**, **MUSIC** in the background and **6 different inflatables** - all free to use once you're in through the gates. It promises to be a **FANTASTIC** afternoon to **end our school year!**



KIDENZA– TESCO TOKENS

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



YEAR 6 PARENTS – ROSE CLIFTON CRICKET MATCH

Mr Reid is **inviting parents to please contact the school office** (or himself) if you are able to organise a Year 6 Parents & Friends team for the annual Rose Clifton Cricket Match. The match will be played on the last day of the year at 5.00pm at Holmesdale Cricket Club.



CLUBS Week 10–14 June:

NO Curling Club (Tuesday 11/06)

NO ART Club (Tuesday 11/06)

NO Forest School Club (Wednesday 12/06)

NO Lego Club (Wednesday 12/06)

NO Cricket Club (Wednesday 12/06)

NO Hockey Club (Thursday 13/06)

NO Football Club (Friday 14/06)

NO Cricket Club (Friday 14/06)

All other clubs are expected to run as normal.



YEAR 5 KENT TEST MEETING & HILLTOP

If you did not manage to attend Mr Reid's Kent Test Meeting on Tuesday this week, please [click here](#) to view the slides used in the presentation.



AMHERST SPONSORED SWIM

Sadly we had to postpone the sponsored swim that would have taken place this week. We will confirm the new dates shortly.



YEAR 4—HAMPTON COURT PAYMENT & CONSENT DUE

Parents, please log onto www.schoolgateway.com to give consent for your child to go on this trip.



VACANCIES

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



FUTURE DATES

10-14 June- Year 6 Hilltop Residential

13 June - Amherst's Got Talent

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 (Year 6 will visit their new secondary school)

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	James T
3H	Fatheha C
3W	Florence V
4C	Teddy H
4S	Oliver L
4SF	Jake R

5A	Isla S
5HR	Henry A
5J	George B
6A	Seb G
6B	Jack R
6W	Imogen H

HOCKEY

Sevenoaks Hockey Club U10 Boys team, including Xander W (4C), competed at the UK Indoor Hockey Championships in Derby. The boys put in an outstanding team performance, winning 5 out of their 6 matches.

Only a goal in the final seconds of one of their games denied them winning gold and becoming National Champions, but with some of the squad playing together for the first time, winning silver was an amazing effort.



CRICKET

Congratulations to the school cricket team that competed in a six a-side tournament at Sutton Valence School on Wednesday. The team played superbly winning all their games in the group stage beating Kent College Canterbury, Dulwich Cranbrook, Saint Ronan's and Hilden Grange. They qualified for the semi-finals which they lost to Ashford Prep School. Well done to Noah W (6A), Ansh G (6W), Gabriel D (6B), Eden G (5J), Phoebe D (6A), Tom L (6W) and Ryan G (6A).



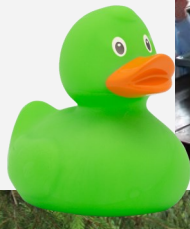
ATHLETICS

The Year 3 athletics team took part in a competition on Wednesday afternoon at Sevenoaks School. Every member of the team should be really proud of themselves as they showed skill, agility & determination to compete against 11 other schools. They came 3rd overall, which is a fantastic achievement. It was a brilliant event to take part in.



YEAR 3 SCHOOL TRIP

HORTON KIRBY



COMMUNITY EVENTS



D-Day 80

VINTAGE TEA PARTY

SUNDAY 9 JUNE 2 P.M. – 5 P.M.
RIVERHEAD VILLAGE HALL

Live jazz band. Refreshments. Childrens Activities
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Do you love netball or want to try it out?

Are you available on a
Tuesday night from 5pm-6.15pm for regular training
(to start this term)
and when match ready
available on a Saturday to play league matches (both at
Trinity School Sevenoaks)?

TASTER SESSION
Email our membership secretary
who will arrange a date to come
along and try it out!

Spaces are limited, please register with our
membership secretary Paula on
membership@otfordnetballclub.com

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