



AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MR REID



International Day

Well done to all children that took part in our International Day on Wednesday. This day was led by the School Council who came up with the excellent idea of celebrating the wide range of countries and cultures that many Amherst families come from. Please see page 5 of newsletter for photos. Thank you to Miss Jones for helping the School Council organise the day.

Sevenoaks Partnership Heptathlon

On Tuesday 25th June our Year 6 House Captains and Vice Captains accompanied Mr Barratt to help run a Year 2 Sevenoaks Partnership Heptathlon at Riverhead School. Ten local schools took part and it was the job of our Year 6s to help run the events and support the Year 2 children. I was delighted the next day to receive an email from a Dunton Green teacher that attended the event:

I just wanted to say how lovely all of your year 6 children who helped at the heptathlon were this morning! They were all helpful, polite and really encouraging to all of the year 2 children. Many teachers noted how brilliant they were!

Well done and thank you to those Year 6 children for being such wonderful ambassadors for Amherst School. We are very proud of you all.



Swimming Pool

I am pleased to be able to tell you that the swimming pool is now open and the first classes of children swam yesterday. It was great to see children enjoying their swimming session. Please could I remind you that every child must have a swimming hat and swimming trunks must be worn not swimming shorts. This rule is in place to avoid getting loose items caught in the filter.



Lion King rehearsals have begun in earnest now and as I am writing this I am listening to the whole school singing and learning the songs with Mr Clarke. I look forward to seeing many of you at Open Afternoon today. This is the opportunity for your child to share their work with you and all the things they are proud of. I have spent most of this morning giving out headteacher awards (a gold sticker) to children who have been sent to me to share their amazing writing.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the good weather while it lasts.

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NOTICES

Attendance

REPORT ABSENCES

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



YEAR 6— APPLY FOR KCC TRAVEL SAVER BUS PASSES

The KCC Travel Saver is a bus pass that can save parents and pupils (in secondary school) up to 50% on the cost of travel to and from school. To apply for bus passes (2024-2025) please click on the following [link](#).



CLUBS 1-5 July:

ALL CLUBS have now stopped—EXCEPT catch up sessions for the following clubs:

Little Musketeers is ON (Monday 01/07)

Street Dance is ON (Monday 01/07)

Mandarin Club is ON (Wednesday 03/07)



VACANCIES

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

Teaching Assistant / Breakfast Club Manager / Clerk to the Governors / After School Club Assistant



SEVENOAKS FOOD BANK

For the last few months, we have seen a significant reduction of food donations and as a result, our stores are quite empty. Our number of clients has not reduced and we are providing food about 120 to 160 people.

Items needed are tins of meatballs, hot dogs, chicken curry, sweetcorn, fruits and rice pudding. We are also low on pasta, biscuits, salt and pepper, soap, shower gel and sanitary towels. Thank you very much for your help. Please find the [address here](#).



KENT TEST REGISTRATION CLOSES

Just to remind you: Kent Test Registration opened on 3rd June and closes on **1st July**. The Kent Test is to be completed at school on 12th September.



SWIMMING

Please can you ensure your child has the correct swimming equipment:

- swimming trunks (not loose fitting) or a full body swimsuit
- a swimming hat
- a towel
- swim goggles (optional)



FUTURE DATES

28 June - Open afternoon - 2.45pm today

28 June - Clubs End (except those mentioned above)

1 July - New Parent Meeting 2.00pm

4 July - Kent Transition Day

6 July - **PTA Amherst Summer BBQ - 4.00—8.00pm**

12 July - **PTA Year 6 Leavers' Disco - 6.30—8.00pm**

15 July - Summer Production—Dress Rehearsal 1.45pm

16 July - Summer Production—Matinee Performance 1.45pm

17 & 18 July - Summer Production—Evening Performance 7.00pm (all children to attend)

22 July - Sports Day 1.30—3.30pm (Parents welcome to spectate)

23 July - Rose Clifton Memorial Cricket Match (5.00—8.00pm @ Holmesdale CC)

23 July - Term Ends

FOOD, DRINKS, FETE GAMES, BOUNCY CASTLES, RAFFLE PRIZES & MORE!

TICKETS ON SALE NEXT WEEK!

CASH & CARD ON THE DAY

AMHERST SUMMER BARBECUE

6TH JULY | 4-8PM

We will be using the tokens again this year. Tokens are £1 each, and can be purchased in bags of 10. Tokens are for the children to get ice creams, popcorn & drinks, candy floss & raffle tickets.

The 5pm football game will be played in the hall!

FRIDAY 12TH JULY

CALLING ALL YEAR 6 LEAVERS TO

AMFEST 2024

BAT AND BALL COMMUNITY CENTRE

6.30-8PM TICKETS £8

Dance - Activities - Drinks - Snacks
Festival Face Painting

Tickets can be purchased on the Amherst PTA website - www.pta-events.co.uk/amherst

AMHERST SUMMER BBQ



Bring your picnic blanket and camping chairs and enjoy an afternoon with your friends - **MUSIC** in the background, fete games and **6 different INFLATABLES** - **all free to use once you're in through the gates** - it promises to be a **FANTASTIC** afternoon!

WHERE: **AMHERST SCHOOL FIELD**
DATE: **SATURDAY 6th JULY 2024**
TIME: **4.00pm-8.00pm**



Advance tickets will be cheaper than on the day tickets so please don't forget to **BUY YOUR TICKETS** via our PTA website: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta>

TICKETS via PTA events in advance: Adults £6.00 / Children £5.00/pre-school free
Family ticket £20.00 (max 2 adults, 3 children) / Tokens (£10 for 10 tokens)

TOKENS will be used at the following stalls: ice cream, waffles and sweets in order to reduce the need for lots of cash and coins. **PLEASE NOTE** that the Gate, BBQ and BAR will have payment facilities for card and cash.

GET READY FOR 2025

TEAM AMHERST!
Join the squad!
Hoodies & Personalised Water Bottles

****Order before 18 July 2024****

Order via:
www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta

Water bottles
£15.00



Hoodies
Child size: £22.00
Adult size: £27.00



AMHERST JUNIOR FC
2024-25 SEASON



Amherst Junior Football Club (AJFC) is a parent/volunteer run club supported by but run independently from Amherst School. Running since 1972, AJFC welcomes boys and girls of all abilities, giving them the chance to play regular football matches in a fun and inclusive environment.

All children play in mixed teams and will play every Saturday morning in our internal league and cup tournaments and friendly/training sessions.

- ✓ Junior League (Years 2 - 4)
- ✓ Senior League (Years 5 & 6)
- ✓ Mixed ability girls and boys
- ✓ £60 fee for the whole season
- ✓ No mid week training
- ✓ No away games
- ✓ All children play every week

★ GIRLS OPEN AFTERNOON ★

Calling all girls going into Y2-Y6 next year!
AJFC invite you to our Girls' Open Afternoon

What: A fun kickabout to give you a taster of playing at AJFC!
When: Sunday 7th July, 3 - 4:30pm
Where: Chipstead Common
Bring: Trainers, shinpads and your water bottle
Interested?: Let us know you are coming! Email us at amherstfc@gmail.com

Please note, parents are required to stay for the duration of the session.

INTERESTED IN JOINING?
To register interest for your son or daughter and be notified when registration for the 2024-25 season opens please email amherstfc@gmail.com

For more information check the FAQ Section on the website amherstfc.co.uk



PTA hoodies & bottles

Please buy your **stationary pack** by clicking on www.schoolgateway.com

The pack includes:

- a clear popper wallet,
- a 30cm/300mm ruler,
- a large clear pencil case,
- a pair of scissors,
- 5 HB pencils,
- a double pencil sharpener,
- a rubber,
- a whiteboard pen,
- a Pritt stick
- a pack of 12 colouring pencils
- a pack of 10 coloured fineliners.

Packs will be given to children on the first day of the new school year.



£12.00 pp (RRP +/-£16)

LET'S CELEBRATE



STAR OF THE WEEK

3CL	Joseph L	5A	Sofia C
3H	Millie M	5HR	Joey S
3W	Imogen H	5J	Joby C
4C	Tom O	6A	James J
4S	Dougie B	6B	Jack G
4SF	Luca H	6W	Trent S

CRICKET

Conor B (4S) competed and was part of the tournament winning team for Holmesdale on Sunday. He played for Holmesdale 3 in the inaugural Holmesdale U9 cricket tournament. He was the only one from Amherst competing in that team, though there were quite a few children from Amherst competing in the 4 other Holmesdale teams. Well done Conor!



FLUTE CHOIR

One of our flute teachers, Philippa Henderson, held a flute assembly last Thursday which all of her pupils at Amherst performed in. A number of her pupils performed duets and pieces that they had played in the Sevenoaks Arts Festival the week before, as well as some of the beginner pupils playing in public for the first time.

The flute choir from this group also performed in front of an audience for the first time. Well done to all of those involved, with Mr Clarke particularly impressed that they all introduced their pieces and bowed at the end to round off their performances.



FOOTBALL

On Thursday 27th June, the Amherst School football team played in a tournament at Charlton Athletic training ground competing against 20 other teams (including six academy teams). Amherst were in Group A playing against six other teams. Throughout the group format, Amherst played impressively well as a team, scoring some fantastic goals as well as defending superbly by blocking numerous opposition shots.

Amherst won five group matches and lost one - this resulted in Amherst finishing top of the group and through to the semi-finals! We faced one of the Millwall FC academies and after battling hard and scoring a fantastic team goal, Amherst managed to progress through to the final.

In the final, Amherst played one of the Charlton Athletic academies and after showing some very impressive levels of determination and teamwork once again, unfortunately Amherst lost the game to a brilliant goal from the opposition.

An amazing accomplishment to finish runners up out of 21 teams and also considering the very high-standard of the competition. Numerous coaches, teachers and scouts expressed how impressed they were with the Amherst team throughout the day. Huge congratulations to all involved: Jack G, Charlie H, Richard L, Trent S, Ansh G, Reggie S and Albert R-C. Thank you to all the parents for transporting the children and their support throughout the day.





INTERNATIONAL



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Next Thing

TECH CAMP 2024

TWO WEEKS OF TECH FUN AT EACH LOCATION

WEEK 1
ROBOTICS, VR & TECH FUN

WEEK 2
MINECRAFT & LEGO ENGINEERING

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 5-11, 9 AM - 4 PM DAILY

FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP ON OUR WEBSITE

www.nextthing.education

CHILD CARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2024

JULY - AUGUST

NEW ACTIVITIES THEY'LL LOVE!

ORDER OF WEEKS MAY VARY, PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE

WEEK 1 ROBOTICS, VR + TECH FUN

Program robots, design games, model 3D creations, experience Virtual Reality, learn to mix like a Pro DJ, master Videography and Editing... plus MEGA LASERTAG! A week of inspiration and creation with MAXIMUM excitement. Children will experiment and challenge themselves, whilst learning real-world skills.

WEEK 2 MINECRAFT + LEGO ENGINEERING

Designed for ULTIMATE fun and education! Students can dive into Minecraft Education and design game elements, build Redstone circuits and delve into coding fundamentals. Then take a deeper look into engineering using LEGO bricks combined with sensors and motors, to create cool inventions powered by code.

What to bring to camp?

- Packed Lunch and Snacks (we eat)
- Water Bottle
- Medication if Required
- Weather Appropriate Clothing

We are in your area!

We have more than 80 camps running this Summer. Find your local camp on our website: www.nextthing.education

RAVE REVIEWS ★★★★★

"Both my son and daughter had lots of fun, made new friends, learnt new skills and will not stop talking about the Robots!"
Lucy Hart - St Ebba's Primary School

Only **£175** for 5 DAYS or **£299** for 10 DAYS!

www.nextthing.education E: info@nextthing.education T: 01442 873150

Kellogg's and Millwall Community Trust Football Sessions

This year, Millwall Community Trust and Kellogg's have teamed up and will be running **free** football camps for girls and boys aged five to 12 at certain fun days, look out for the football icon! Places are limited to 40 children per session and must be booked online, in advance. To claim a free place, you'll need a promotional code which can be found on the boxes of most Kellogg's products.

More information, including how to book a football session, can be found at www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/familyfundays

Kent County Council & West Kent Housing

Kent County Council also run activities for children, young people and their families. For details about activities for under-fives, contact the Children's Centres on 03000 413333. For activities for ages eight and above, contact Swanley Youth Hub on 03000 421545.

West Kent Youth Services will be delivering 3 summer clubs during the summer holidays. For more information please contact youthservices@wkha.org.uk



If you have any questions or would like more information

t 01732 227000

e communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk

w sevenoaks.gov.uk/familyfundays

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Visit our Sevenoaks offices:
Monday to Thursday, 8.45am to 5pm
Friday 8.45am to 4.45pm

This publication is available in large print and can be explained in other languages by calling 01732 227000.

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We may take photos and film at Family Fun Days. The photos and footage may be used in our publications and shared with the local press, on social media and funding partners. If you do not want to be photographed or filmed, please tell member of staff on the day.

Family Fun Days 2024

FREE



Sevenoaks DISTRICT COUNCIL

Friday 23 August
10.30am to 1.30pm
Chipstead Recreation Ground,
Chevening Road,
TN13 2SA

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AGES 4-14

CHILD CARE FROM 8am - 6pm

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DBS CHECKED

Attempt a 540m world record tug-of-war!

Do you want to attempt a Guinness World Record for the longest game of tug-of-war and raise money for charity? The record is currently 518m and Otis, Owen & Freddie need your help to beat the record with an attempt of 540m across Tonbridge park.

Register now as there's a max of 500 spaces available for this Guinness World Record attempt. Donations go to [War Child](http://WarChild), the charity dedicated to helping children around the world who have been affected by conflict.

When: 3pm, 30th June 2024

Where: Tonbridge Racecourse Park (across all of it!)

How: £5 minimum donation per child - proceeds go to War Child. Suggested ages 5-14.

Maximum 500 entries!

REGISTRATION DETAILS BELOW...

Register now



In support of **WAR child**



SUMMER HOLIDAY FOOTBALL 2024

Chipstead FC's Holiday Football Courses

*****Skills, drills, tournaments & medals*****



Thursday 25 & Friday 26 July (2 days)

Monday 29 July to Friday 1 August 2023 (5 days)

(5 days for the price of 4 Offer)

Tuesday 27 August to Friday 30 August 2023 (4 days)

(4 days for the price of 3 Offer)

10.30am-3.00pm - Chipstead Recreation Ground

Places are limited (Our recent courses have been fully booked) - please book early to avoid disappointment

Book via the link to secure your place

<https://chipsteadfc.org.uk/courses/holiday-courses/>



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TUNBRIDGE WELLS

FRINGE

29th June-14th July 2024 FESTIVAL

Dance

Music

Kids Events

Workshops

Theatre

Cabaret

@TWFrigeFestival www.fwfringe.com

OPENING CEREMONY

SATURDAY 29 JUNE 2024

<p style="font-weight: bold; color: white;">Strings & Roses</p> <p style="font-size: small; color: white;">12:00</p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; color: white;">The Talentz</p> <p style="font-size: small; color: white;">12:30</p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; color: white;">Red, Green and Blue</p> <p style="font-size: small; color: white;">13:00</p>
<p style="font-weight: bold; color: white;">Kitty Cassis</p> <p style="font-size: small; color: white;">13:30</p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; color: white;">Music Together</p> <p style="font-size: small; color: white;">14:00</p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; color: white;">Flitt and Folio</p> <p style="font-size: small; color: white;">15:00</p>
<p style="font-weight: bold; color: white;">TN Twins</p> <p style="font-size: small; color: white;">15:30</p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; color: white;">Cascade Dance Company</p> <p style="font-size: small; color: white;">16:00</p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; color: white;">Mama's Funkin' Skunks</p> <p style="font-size: small; color: white;">16:15</p>

Hosted by The Manor House
3-5 Church Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1HT

FREE TO ATTEND!