

AMHERST SUMMER BBQ

6TH JULY | 4-8PM

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

AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MR REID

Open Afternoon

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Open Afternoon last Friday. I always enjoy observing the children proudly showing parents their work and providing impromptu tours of the school. The sense of pride and achievement that the children display is fantastic to see.



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Buddy Olympics and transition day

On Wednesday we welcomed our new Year 3 children for their Year 5 Buddy Olympics afternoon. **Well done to the Year 5s for being superb buddies** and planning such fun events. I am always so impressed by the maturity Year 5 demonstrate and the **independence to create and lead the sporting activities**. It is a great early experience of Amherst for Year 2.

On Thursday children got to meet their new teacher and the majority of Year 6 attended their secondary schools for a transition day. The school was a mix of excitement and a few nerves which is very normal. Change can be hard but hopefully the transition work we put in place will ease the anxiety for some.

TEACHING ASSISTANT Teaching Assistant Vacancy

We currently have a **teaching assistant vacancy for September**. Being a teaching assistant is a **wonderful job and very compatible with family life**. We have flexibility to appoint the right candidates in part time or full time roles. **My wife has recently become a teaching assistant** at my son's primary school and it has been a great success. The hours enable her to still take and collect my son, and she has really enjoyed being part of a school team helping children achieve their full potential. Schools are great places to work and I would encourage you to apply. No experience of being a teaching assistant previously is needed.



School shoes

As many of you over the summer holidays will be buying new school shoes please could I remind you to **buy the correct shoes for your child**. We have noticed an increasing number of children wearing black trainers as their school shoe. For clarification your child's school shoe should **not be a trainer or have any logo on it**, even if the logo is black. Please could you also ensure that the **it is a shoe not a boot**. Correct school uniform is really important, thank you in advance for your anticipated support.



Mrs Stafford

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Stafford who welcomed Charlie Stafford into the world on Saturday 15th June. Mum and baby are doing well!

Summer BBQ



I look forward to seeing many of you at the Summer BBQ tomorrow. It is a great event and I am very grateful to have such a wonderful and hard working PTA team. Hopefully we will dodge any showers. The football will be shown in the school hall at 5.00pm.

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.

BREAKFAST CLUB SPACES AVAILABLE

We have spaces available from September, please complete our [booking form here](#)

LETTERS SENT

Year 3 — Reports enquiry
Year 5 — Year 6 Residential Letter to Hilltop Outdoor Centre
Whole School — PTA Invitation to the Summer BBQ
Year 6 — Invitation to book Lion King tickets (opening to whole school on Monday 08/07)

VACANCIES

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

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

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)

PLEASE RETURN

Please can we ask that the following items should be returned to school before we break up next week.

- Lunch bands
- Merit badges
- Library books
- Amherst Sports kit
- Year 6 official Lion King script books (after the production)

ASSISTED INSTRUMENT PURCHASE SCHEME

The Assisted Instrument Purchase Scheme enables children to purchase musical instruments through their school net of VAT providing the sale to the child meets the criteria below:

- The instrument or item must be sold to Amherst School and then supplied onto the child or their guardian;
- The instrument must be used as part of their musical tuition at Amherst;
- The instrument must be appropriate to the child's needs; and
- The price charged to the child for the purchase of the instrument must be at cost

Please speak to the office if you require further information.

FUTURE DATES

- 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!

Amherst PTA

FRIDAY 12TH JULY

CALLING ALL YEAR 6 LEAVERS TO

AMFEST 2024

BAT AND BALL COMMUNITY CENTRE

6.30-8PM TICKETS £8

Disco - Activities - Drinks - Snacks
Festival Face Painting

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

THE LION KING

Please see the arrangements for our performances of The Lion King:

- Dress Rehearsal - Monday 15th July 1.45 pm
- Matinee Performance - Tuesday 16th July 1.45 pm
- Evening Performance - Wednesday 17th July 7.00 pm
- Evening Performance - Thursday 18th July 7.00 pm

Year 3-5 children are to arrive in 'choir' costumes:

- Plain coloured t-shirt (no logos and no football shirts): Red, Orange, Yellow or Brown
- Dark shorts (school grey shorts or P.E. shorts)
- School shoes or black plimsols/jazz shoes

❖ Please can costumes come to school in a named bag no later than Tuesday 9th July.

Year 6 actors

❖ Please can costumes come to school in a named bag no later than Monday 8th July.



GET READY FOR 2024-25

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	Maksym L	5A	Noah W
3H	Alana B	5HR	Anna J
3W	Holly C	5J	William J
4C	Oliver B	6A	Gabriel K
4S	Chloe J	6B	Stellen B
4SF	Eddy M-M	6W	Charlie H

STREET DANCE CLUB SHOW

The Street Dance Club took part in the Sevenoaks School of Dance summer show last weekend. They performed a dance routine to Beyonce's 'Single Ladies'. They danced brilliantly and looked amazing in their glittery gold costumes.



GYMNASTICS

Congratulations to Lila R (4SF) who came second in her gymnastics competition at the weekend.



TAEKWONDO

Henry W (4S) participated in the Taekwondo Impact Open on Sunday 30 June in Haywards Heath. He took part in patterns, sparring and special technique. Henry came second in his group (mixed under 13s) to win silver in the flying side kick (special technique).



MUSIC

Congratulations to Sophie F (6A) who passed her Grade 2 trumpet with a (very strong) merit.

TAEKWONDO DUO

Congratulations to Jamie H (3CL) and Jack P (3H) who passed their blue belt exam.



They put in lots of hard work for this and should be super proud! Congratulations boys!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

SUMMER HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

PANTO SCHOOL

Young performers aged 8-10 years and 11-18 years are invited to join the creative team and performers from Sevenoaks Panto, and spend a week learning how to perform!

After the success of the first Panto School in February, another week of professional performance training for young people is back!

There are strictly limited places for two classes, one for older actors, singers and dancers aged 11-18 years, and one for 8-10 year olds.

Both groups will be able to try all aspects of Panto, and also to focus a little on their chosen area, which could be dance, singing, or comedy performance.

The workshop will run at the Stag Theatre from 12-16 August, both groups will run from 10am-5pm. On the last day, there will be a presentation of what the young performers have learned, at 3pm.

MONDAY 12 - FRIDAY 16 AUGUST | 10AM - 5PM DAILY
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THE MUSICAL

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MUSIC BY ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER,
BOOK BY JULIAN FELLOWES, LYRICS BY GLENN SLATER

BUZZERS ACADEMIES Summer Holiday 2024

Fencing • Circus Skills • Gymnastics • Sports • Archery • Boxing
Sand Art • Taekwondo • Dance • Science • First Aid • Cooking

Where?
BECKENHAM - Clare House Primary School, Overbury Avenue, Beckenham, BR3 6PY
BROMLEY - St Mark's Primary School, Aylesbury Road, Bromley, BR2 0QR
CHISLEHURST - Red Hill Primary School, Red Hill, Chislehurst, BR7 6DA
CROYDON - Ark Oval Primary Academy, 98 Cherry Orchard Road, Croydon, CR0 4BA
EDEN PARK - Unicorn Primary School, Creswell Drive, Beckenham, BR3 3AL
ORPINGTON - The Highway Primary School, The Highway, Orpington, BR6 9DJ
PETTS WOOD - St James' School, Maybury Close, Petts Wood, BR5 1BL
SEVENOAKS - St John's Primary School, Kennedy Gardens, Sevenoaks, TN13 3XD
WEST WICKHAM - Oak Lodge Primary School, Chamberlain Crescent, West Wickham, BR4 0LJ

Who?
Boys and Girls aged 4 (Reception class) to 12

When?
Every Monday to Friday, from 22nd July to 30th August 2024
(some venues may differ)
8.30am-5.30pm (Extended day) or 10am-4pm (Camp day)

Price?
£34 per day (Camp day)
£6 morning extended hours & £6 afternoon extended hours

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Friends For Families Sevenoaks

Do you want to help struggling families in your local area?

Are you enthusiastic about making a difference?

If you answer YES! to both of these questions then please get in touch to find out if you could join us as a trustee.

We currently have two vacancies on our board.

Experience is helpful but not necessary and we would love to talk to anyone who would like to know more.

For more details:
email us: contact@friendsforfamilies.org
visit our website: www.friendsforfamilies.org/news

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WHEN?

February half-term
Easter holiday
May half-term
Summer holiday
October half-term
Christmas

Our Buzzers Camps are aimed at children aged 4 to 12 years and are tailored to suit all sporting interests and abilities. All of our Camps are based around **Sports, Performing Arts** (Dance, Drama & Gymnastics) and **Team Games**. Each day of our Camps are tailored to ensure, inclusion and maximum participation in a fun and safe environment. Our team will ensure that all children make new friends, are physically active and have their say on the Camp day-to-day activities.

Throughout the Camp week, there will also be various **Special Events** such as Archery, Percussion, Fencing, Taekwondo, Cooking, Sand Art, Science, Circus Skills, First Aid and SEN/Disability Sports.

All Buzzers Camp staff hold enhanced DBS certificates and are trained in First Aid, Safeguarding Children and Child Protection. All senior (Lead) Buzzers staff come from a school based PE teaching background, therefore each Camp day will have a 'learning outcome' focused around:

- ABC's (Agility, Balance & Co-ordination)
- Communication Skills
- Leadership
- Team Building

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- WEEK 2 - Monday 12th - Wednesday 14th August
- WEEK 3 - Wednesday 21st - Friday 23rd August
- 10AM - 3PM

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Week 1 Week 2 Week 3

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