

# AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM MR REID

### Summer BBQ



It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Summer BBQ on Saturday. It was a great event and fantastic that the England football team gave us the right result too. The children loved watching the game with their friends in the hall. The hall erupted when England scored their final penalty! Thank you so much to the PTA for all their hard work to ensure the event was such a success. Thank you also to you as parents for attending and supporting the event so generously.

As mentioned in a previous newsletter we have been fundraising to support a new play area at school. Having had initial discussions with Sevenoaks District Council regarding planning options, we would like to revisit the design to enable the project to move forward. This is an exciting project to improve the grounds, and I will keep you updated as we move into the next academic year.

## SPORT

District

### District Sports and Cricket Finals

It has been a week of sporting success for Amherst. Firstly, on Tuesday our school cricket team competed in the Kwik Cricket County Finals in Ashford. They managed to come second only losing one game to the eventual winners.

On Wednesday we competed at the Sevenoaks Sports Partnership District Sports event held at Tonbridge School. Amazing competing from all children that took part which resulted in us winning the Year 5/6 relay (Derry Wiltshire Plate) and the overall title for Large Schools. Thank you to Mr Barratt, Mrs Wheeler and Mr Taylor who organised and ran the event so smoothly for the Partnership. Thank you also to you as parents who supported (y)our children and cheered them on during the event.

Please see page 4 of the newsletter for pictures and more information.

### Lion King—Water Bottles



The children have been working so hard and are now looking forward to the performances next week. Please could we request that the children have a plastic water bottle for the performances as metal bottles are rather noisy when they fall over!



### School Reports

Your child should have brought home their end of year school report today. Please check their bag if it has not already been given to you.

As we enter the last full week of term and the Lion King performances, please help support your child through this busy period by ensuring they get a good night's sleep every day. It makes a huge difference to energy levels, patience and tolerance of each other!

I hope you all have a great weekend.

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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.

### BREAKFAST CLUB SPACES AVAILABLE

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

### LETTERS SENT

3H Letter — "Dare to be You"  
Whole School — Lion King Final Arrangements  
Whole School — Swimming Pool Donation

### PE AND SWIMMING KIT

Please can children have their PE kit and swimming wear at school everyday as we might go off time table and squeeze in an extra session when we can.

### CHANGES IN PRICES FOR 2024-2025

Parents, please note that there are a few changes to the prices we charge for the following items:

- Lunch money (per lunch) — £2.65
- Breakfast Club per session—£7.00
- After School Club per session—£16.00

### PARKING

It is illegal to park on double yellow lines or on pavements. Please be considerate towards our neighbours when you drop children off in the morning and collect them at the end of the day. Thank you for your support.

### VACANCIES

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

Teaching Assistant / Midday Meal Supervisor / Clerk to the Governors / After School Club Assistant

### PLEASE RETURN

Please can we ask that the following items are returned to school before we break up:

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

### LIBRARY

We are looking for donations of age-appropriate books to the library; but please **NO** Roald Dahl, David Walliams or Enid Blyton as we are lucky enough to have loads of those.

### FUTURE DATES

- 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



Tickets can be purchased on the Amherst PTA website : [www.pta-events.co.uk/amherst](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/amherst)

# THE LION KING

All children are expected to attend both evening performances.

The children should arrive at school at the following times:

- Choir (Years 3, 4 and 5) arrive no earlier than 6.45 pm
  - \* Children should use the usual entrance gate to the school and go to their classroom to be registered.
  - \* Year 3-5 children are to arrive in 'choir' costumes
- Year 6 arrives at 6.30 pm
  - \* Change into their costumes which will be in their classrooms when they arrive.
  - \* When Year 6 have changed and been registered, they should go to 5J and 6A.

## Face paint (Years 3, 4 & 5)

Please inform your child's class teacher if your child cannot wear a small amount of face paint for the performances. (This will be applied at school)

Plastic water bottles for the performances please.

## Parents / Guests

Audience members should enter through the main school entrance via reception.

Please have your ticket ready on your phone.

There will be a collection on the door and this year it will go towards the cost of The Lion King Production.

## Parking

Riverhead Infants' School has kindly agreed to allow parking on their site.

# 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:amherstfc@gmail.com)

For more information check the FAQ Section on the website [amherstfc.co.uk](http://amherstfc.co.uk)



Please buy your **stationary pack** by clicking on [www.schoolgateway.co.uk](http://www.schoolgateway.co.uk)

## PTA hoodies & bottles

- 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.

## AJFC football



£12.00 pp (RRP +/-£16)

# LET'S CELEBRATE



## STAR OF THE WEEK

3CL	Stevie A-C	5A	Maddie H
3H	Zack H	5HR	Isabe N
3W	Jasper D	5J	Jack J
4C	Jacob L	6A	Kimi M
4S	Matthew C	6B	Alex P
4SF	Ollie P	6W	Ansh G

## DISTRICT SPORTS



Congratulations to everyone taking part in District Sports on Wednesday.

You have represented our school wonderfully and competed brilliantly bringing 'home' the trophy!

## CRICKET

Congratulations to the school cricket team who competed on Tuesday at the Kwik Cricket County Finals held in Ashford. The team played superbly and only lost one game which was a low scoring tight match. This loss was to the eventual winners which resulted in Amherst coming second. This means they are officially the second best Kwik cricket team in Kent! Well done to Annbelle W, Ansh G, Conor B, Eden G, Gabriel D, Noah W, Phoebe D, Ryan G and Tom L.

Thank you also to Ms Ruff for the Crunchie bar incentive and reward!



## MUSIC

Congratulations to Léonie S (4SF) for passing her grade 4 singing for musical theatre ABRSM exam.



## JU JITSU

Congratulations to Beatrix D (5A) who attained the fantastic achievement of black belt in Ju Jitsu!

She has been working towards this since she started learning Ju Jitsu four years ago, and after a gruelling 2.5 hour long grading (involving a lot of exercise, multiple throws, escapes, stand-up fighting as well as ground fighting) she emerged victorious!

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## OAKBURY TENNIS CLUB

### SUMMER HOLIDAY 2024

EVERY WEEK : WEEK 1 JULY 15 TO WEEK 7 AUG 26 2024

VENUE : WALTHAMSTOW HALL JUNIOR SCHOOL

#### MINI TENNIS CLUB 4-7 YRS

FUN INTRODUCTION TO TENNIS  
8.00AM - 12.30PM MON TO FRI 22.5 HOURS  
£ 112.50 (NO ADDITIONAL COST FOR 2ND FAMILY MEMBER) OR £31.50 / DAY

#### JUNIOR TENNIS COURSE 8-13 YRS

DETAILED INTRO / REVIEW OF BASIC TENNIS SHOTS  
4.00 - 7.00PM MON TO FRI 15 HOURS  
£ 105 (£ 150 FOR 2 FROM SAME FAMILY) OR £24 (£36 FOR 2) / DAY

WWW.TENNIS-SEVENOAKS.CO.UK  
07821 621 403 OAKBURY@LIVE.CO.UK



## CHIDDINGSTONE BIG WEEKEND PRESENTS WILD WEST HOEDOWN

### SATURDAY 13TH JULY

CHIDDINGSTONE SPORTS GROUND

7PM-1AM

BUCKING BRONCO | DJ  
LINE DANCING | BAR  
FOOD TRUCKS

ADVANCE TICKETS  
£10 ADULTS  
£5 CHILDREN




## FESTIVAL THEATRE

boxoffice@heverfestival.co.uk  
www.heverfestival.co.uk  
Box office 07379 488 477 (M-F 10am-2pm)  
The Festival Theatre at Hever Castle, Hever Castle, Edenbridge Kent TN8 7NG

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