



# AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM MR REID

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### The Lion King

Well done to all children, in particular Year 6, for the performances of The Lion King this week. One of my favourite times of the year is when I stand at the back of hall and watch as a proud headteacher what the children and staff have managed to achieve. The level of performance was outstanding and it was wonderful to see so many children loving being part of the production. The children performed with such confidence. It was amazing! **Thank you** to the Year 6 team, Mr Clarke and Miss Foinette for enabling the children to be able to perform to such a high standard.

### Breaktime Snacks

I am pleased to be able to inform you that from mid September you will be able to **purchase fruit as a snack** for your child from school. We want to replicate a system similar to children receiving fruit in Key Stage 1. You will be able to pay online and then your child will be given a piece of fruit for breaktime each day. If your child does not have the school fruit please could they have fruit or vegetables as their snack. We would really like to cut down on the amount of snacks in packets as it creates issues regarding litter and it will be healthier for your child.

### Smartphone Survey

Thank you to everyone who took part in the **recent smartphone survey**. I have now had the opportunity to look at the results. It makes for interesting reading and will be really helpful in informing school policy moving forward. It is such a hard area to navigate as a parent and as a school we want to help where we can to enable a balanced approach. I will keep you updated on any developments during the next academic year.

### Thank you

It has been **another year of successes and achievements**. Teamwork and community are at the centre of that success and we could not do it without your support. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all staff for their hard work and commitment to ensure every child is successful.

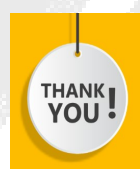
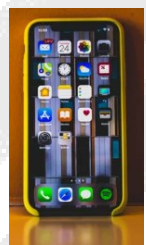
### Sports Day

We have our last two days next week with Sports Day on Monday afternoon beginning at 1.30pm. **Please could you ensure your child has their full PE kit on Monday including trainers to ensure they look smart for Sports Day and are able to compete effectively.**

### Rose Clifton Match

End of term finishes on **Tuesday** with the **annual cricket match** (Mr Reid's team vs Year 6 parents) at Holmesdale Cricket Club starting at 5.30pm. **You are all welcome to attend**, the cricket club will be running a bar and BBQ so food and drinks will be available.

I hope you all have a good weekend and enjoy the return of summer weather.



# 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

Please click here to find all the information you need for your child's start next year:

[Pre-Year 3 letter](#)

[Pre-Year 4 letter](#)

[Pre-Year 5 letter](#)

[Pre-Year 6 letter](#)

## POOL FUND

We are asking for a voluntary donation of £25.00 towards our school's pool fund, which goes towards maintenance and upkeep of this fantastic on-site resource.

## LION KING DVD'S TO ORDER

Please order your copy of the Lion King performance on [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com).

## WINNING HOUSE – KNOLE

Children in Knole can wear BLUE CLOTHES on Tuesday as they were the winning house this term.

## VACANCIES

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

- 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

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

23 July - Rose Clifton Memorial Cricket Match  
(5.30—8.00pm @ Holmesdale CC)

23 July - Term Ends

# NEW PTA

 YOUR AMHERST PTA  
**UPDATE**  
July 2024

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**UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR**

We have finally gotten to the end of the school year and what a great year it has been.

We finished off with the hugely successful Amherst BBQ! It was a brilliant day and I am so thankful for all of the support.

I have loved chairing the PTA over the last 2 years, it has been wonderful to meet so many new people and to work alongside them.

It has been a lot of fun (and some stress to add to the mix).  
We now hand over to a brand new team (see below).  
I wish Lydia, William, Natasha and Alexandra all the best.

Thank you once again for supporting the Amherst PTA and have a wonderful summer!

*Hayley x*

Click here for our FINAL newsletter of 2023-2024!

We are exciting to introduce our **NEW PTA Lead Team** to you.  
A big thank you also to the new class reps who signed up to part of the PTA with the 2024-2025 FUN and FUNDRAISING.



**Lydia Sage, Chair**  
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**William Penry, Treasurer**  
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**Natasha Liow, Vice Chair**  
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**Alexandra Evans, Secretary**  
Newsletter and marketing  
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## 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

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**



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.

Through the season we run a mixture of friendly/training sessions and competitive matches. All children will play each match with their team in our internal leagues and cup tournaments. Games are competitive with trophies and medals to be won, but played in the right spirit as "one club".

All sessions are held during term time on Saturday mornings on Chipstead Common. The emphasis is on children having fun and developing their skills through playing, rather than extensive training sessions.

The success of the club is thanks to all the volunteer parents who give their time to coach the children so if you would like to be involved do get in touch!

- ✓ 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

**REGISTER NOW AT**  
**AMHERSTFC.CO.UK**



For more information check the FAQ Section on the website or get in touch:  
amherstfc@gmail.com

### PTA hoodies & bottles

### AJFC football

Please buy your **stationary pack** by clicking on [www.schoolgateway.com](http://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	Sammy F	5A	Sydney H & Beatrix D
3H	All of 3H	5HR	Macey B
3W	Sam H	5J	All of 5J
4C	Raghava R M	6A	Lucas I-C
4S	All of 4S	6B	Seb A
4SF	All of 4SF	6W	Louis B-T

## WE WON GOLD!



At Amherst we pride ourselves on the wide range of sports we offer as part of our curriculum and through clubs. As a result, we are proud to have achieved our **Gold Your School Games Mark** which recognises our dedication to sport within our school.

Thank you to the children, parents and staff who enable sport to be such a success at Amherst School.

## GYMNASTICS

Felicity B (6W) took part in the JGA gymnastics competition this weekend and came 1st in the 11 - 13 girls category for her combined Vault and Floor routine, representing Spectrum Gymnastics Academy. Congratulations Felicity!



## MUSIC

**Congratulations** to the following children who passed their music exams:

Jasmine M	Grade 1 Musical Theatre—Merit
Zach G	Grade 1 Piano—Pass
Prakruti H	Grade 2 Piano—Merit
Zain W	Grade 3 Piano—Pass
Caroline K	Grade 4 Piano—Pass
Nell C	Grade 3 Violin—Distinction

# THE LION KING



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## West Kent Athletics club

### Summer Athletics Camp 2024

3 days of athletics where anyone and everyone will take part in all the athletics events, play games and receive an athletics stats sheet with all their best results on to compare each time they come to an athletics camp to track progress.

Each group will have tailored sessions with their designated coach and will be in groups with others of a similar age ready for action packed athletics! Events we will cover:



75M/100M  
600M/800M  
HURDLES  
LONG JUMP  
POLEVAULT  
HIGH JUMP  
TRIPLE JUMP  
JAVELIN  
DISCUS  
SHOT PUTT  
HAMMER  
RACE WALKING

#### Details

**Dates** – Monday 29th July – Wednesday 31st July  
**Duration** – 10:00am – 15:00pm

**Location** – The Judd School, Brook Street, Tonbridge, TN9 2PN  
(Please bring your own packed lunch)

**Cost** – £120 for full course.

£45 per day (Please email to book individual dates)

Age range – 6 – 14 (athletes will be split into groups based on age) u9/u11/u13/u15

Website: <https://www.westkentathleticsclub.co.uk>  
Contact: 07368 234321 Email: [westkentac@gmail.com](mailto:westkentac@gmail.com)

#### Club night information

Come along and do athletics - no experience and any ability can turn up to our pay as you go sessions.  
Monday - Tunbridge Wells - 6:00pm - 7:00pm - £7 per session  
Wednesday - Tonbridge - 6:30pm-7:30pm - £7 per session  
Saturday - Medway - 11:00am - 12:00pm - £5 per session  
Check our website or email for more information & 1-2-1 sessions

"OUR GO TO HOLIDAY CLUB. NO SCREENS, JUST GOOD FUN IN NATURE"

"IT'S CHILD CARE DURING THE HOLIDAYS THEY WANT TO GO TO!"

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BOOK SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUBS NOW



## SUMMER OF FUN 2024

**ROBIN HOOD** WILDCRAFT VS MINECRAFT  
**HARRY POTTER DAY** FIRE LIGHTING  
**GANGSTA GRANNY** BUSHCRAFT  
**POKEMON DEN BUILD** QUIDDITCH & POTIONS CLASS  
**CAMPFIRE COOKOUT** NERF NINJAS  
ANNUAL WORLD SUPER STICK CHAMPIONSHIPS  
**CIRCUS SKILLS & BUBBLE WANDS**  
**SURVIVAL CHALLENGE** WATER WET 'N WILD  
**CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY**  
**ZELDA'S EPIC ADVENTURE + TONNES MORE ACTIVITIES, LAUGHS, GAMES AND THE KEY INGREDIENT EVERY DAY - FUN!!**

[WWW.THEOUTDOORSPROJECT.CO.UK](http://WWW.THEOUTDOORSPROJECT.CO.UK)



## ANIMAL TRAIL

### 20th July - 31st August

Join in our trail around the farm to find the animals  
Collect your prize from the Tea Room  
No booking needed

£5 per entry

Open daily (except Tuesday)  
from 1.30pm - 4.30pm

Foal Farm Animal Rescue  
Jail Lane, Biggin Hill, TN16 3AX  
[www.foalfarm.org.uk](http://www.foalfarm.org.uk)



### SGS Netball Camps

South Graysland Sports Active

## AUGUST NETBALL CAMPS

St. Michael's Prep School, Otford. TN14 5RY.

Current years 2-4

Thursday 1st, Wednesday 7th, and  
Tuesday 20th August

Current years 4-6

Friday 2nd, Thursday 8th, and  
Wednesday 21st August

Current years 7-10

Thursday 22nd August

10am-3pm

£40 per day, 5% discount on subsequent days

We offer a warm, friendly and inclusive environment to play netball and enjoy lots of fun games and activities.

The Camp will provide a mixture of:

Fun Team Games  
Activities  
Match Play  
Work on Ball Skills  
Improve Ball Skills

Book a place today by visiting [SGSActive.com](http://SGSActive.com) WhatsApp 07711876035 or send an email to:

[sarahgrayland@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sarahgrayland@hotmail.co.uk)



Why not come along on

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July

12:00pm – 4:00pm

Mote Farmer's Market

Mote Road, Ivy Hatch, Sevenoaks TN15 0NT

Local farmers and producers will be joining us to sell an array of fresh produce to include:



Craft activities for kids

Tractor & trailer rides

Cows & sheep will be in the farmyard



Mote Farm burgers and hotdogs available off the barbecue

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Parking available on the farm

Please be advised WIFI connection can be difficult so cash might be easier for you