

# TRUST

AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM MR REID

### Trust

At Amherst we have **six school values** which underpin all we do. The values are for children and adults, and act as a guide for how we will treat each other.

# OUR *Are* VALUES



We will act responsibly and honestly to earn the trust of each other at Amherst School.



We will treat everybody and everything with care and respect at Amherst School.



We will work hard to do our best even when things are difficult.



We will be well-mannered and courteous towards everyone at Amherst School.



We will treat everyone as our equal(s) at Amherst School.



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

**Each value is linked to the six terms of the school year.** This term's value is Trust. We have written our own Personal, Social, Health Education curriculum based on our values. This means we actively teach that term's value rather than it just being up on the wall or in school policy. This term your child will be having a weekly lesson that is teaching them about trust.

**Assemblies are themed on that term's value too.** Your children may have come home this term talking about William Walker (diver who saved Winchester Cathedral) or from this week, Joe Simpson and Simon Yates (climbers involved in having to cut their rope to save each other). In assembly we explore that term's value through inspiring stories and what we can learn from those events.

Most behavioural incidents can be referenced to one or more of our values not being followed. We have a **behaviour reflection sheet** which a child may complete understanding which value was not followed and how they could manage that situation better in the future.

When I speak to the children about our values, **kindness is regularly chosen as the most important one.** I agree. I firmly believe that we all flourish and achieve our full potential when treated with kindness. Kindness should not be confused with being soft. You can be very firm but still ensure kindness underpins what is being dealt with.

## Next weekend

I am looking forward to going to Brands Hatch on Sunday to watch the British Touring Car finals. Jake Hill (local Kent driver) is leading the championship by two points with three races left. It should be a very exciting day. Also, children under 13 go for free!

I hope you all have a great weekend.

*Mr Reid*

# NOTICES



## REPORT ABSENCES

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



## PE KIT

Many children **do not have** the correct PE kit in school. This often means that **valuable teaching time is wasted** on finding warm enough or even just any PE kit to wear. Please can you ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school.



## CLUBS

**NO Hockey Club** - 03/10

**All other clubs should run as normal.**

**\*\* Please ensure that prompt payment is made to outside club providers. Thank you.**



## HARVEST FESTIVAL – 3 OCTOBER 2024

Please can children bring in **food donations** which will be going to St John's Loaves & Fishes Foodbank.

**Items they would like include:**

**Tinned (spam, beef casserole, custard, vegetarian meals, ravioli),**

**coffee, teabags, vegetable oil, milk, jam, chocolate spread, peanut butter, milk, men's toiletries, shower gel.**

**Please DO NOT donate pet food, baby food, bottled water, canned drinks or pasta.**

Please can we also ask for **donations of heavy duty shopping bags to transport the food in.** Thank you for your support.



## SCHOOL PHOTOS – 6TH OCTOBER

The school **photographer** will be visiting us on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October.**

Please could you ensure that your child comes to school in correct school attire (**winter uniform**), with a **hair brush** if needed.



## SLEEPING MASKS

The year 5 team is looking for 'aeroplane type sleeping masks' to use as a blindfold in their circle time sessions. If you have any lying around at home, please consider donating them to the school?



## VACANCIES

Please apply on [Kent Teach](#) for the vacancies we have: Midday Supervisor Assistant & Clerk to the Governors.



## PARENT READERS / VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to those who offered their help. One final plea for readers—**this time for 4SF and 4C** please. If you can spare even an hour it would be much appreciated. Please indicate your availability on [www.schoolgateway.com](#).



## REQUEST FOR GAMES – YEAR 6

During wet play we have a games room for the children to use but our board and card game supply is very low. If you are able to donate any unwanted or unused board games this would be greatly appreciated. Please either send these in with your child and ask them to bring them to 6W or leave at the office labelled for Year 6.



## LETTERS SENT THIS WEEK

Year 3 - Matilda Consent

3CL & 4T - Letter from Mr Reid

Year 6 - DT Soup Making



## FUTURE DATES

2 October	- School Photos	15 November	- Open Afternoon 2.45pm
3 October	- Harvest Festival	26 & 28 November	- Parents Evening
21-23 October	- Year 3 Rocks Workshop	29 November	- Clubs End
23 October	- Year 6 - WWII day	7 December	- PTA Christmas Bazaar 12.00pm
24 October	- Last Day of Term	9 December	- Year 4 Christmas Production 2.00pm
25 October	- Inset Day	10 December	- Year 4 Christmas Production 6.00pm
4 November	- Term 2 starts	16 December	- Carol Service 6.00pm
5 November	- PTA Match Funding Evening 7.00pm	17 December	- Whole School Pantomime Trip
12 November	- PTA AGM 7.00—8.00pm	18 December	- Christmas Lunch
15 November	- Children in Need	20 December	- Last day of term

# LET'S CELEBRATE

## STAR OF THE WEEK

3B	James S	5A	Hope B
3CL	Santiago V	5HR	Max L
3WH	Louisa-Mae L-S	5J	Brooke M
4C	Evie A	6A	Lauren S
4SF	Reuben M	6MW	Chayila M
4T	Rowyn L	6W	Anna J

## TRIATHLON

On Wednesday 25th September, a team of four children from Year 6 participated in a Triathlon competition at Sevenoaks School. Each child had to swim 50 meters, then cycle 1 kilometre on a static bike and finally run 1.2 kilometres.

It was the first time that the children had taken part in a triathlon and they all showed incredible stamina, strength and determination during their heats.

12 schools took part in the competition and Amherst came in 2nd place overall.

Jacob B achieved 2nd place out of all the boy competitors and Beatrix D came 3rd in the girls' category.

Huge congratulations to Lia G, Alex B, Beatrix D and Jacob B.

Many thanks to all the parents for their support too.

MRS Wheeler



## SCHOOL GATEWAY

### Schoolcomms

#### Bank Transfer has changed to One-click payments

Please notify your parents, and encourage them to use One-click payments if they aren't already



# PTA NEWS

Dear Parents,

Naming the 5<sup>th</sup> jumper of the year in week 4, or needing to quickly distinguish your child's goggles from all the others?

STIKINS is the perfect answer and you can fundraise for the school without any effort! Every time you order name labels (I use them they are fab) and quote fundraising number 570 we receive 30% commission on your order.

Let's make this a bumper year not only for fundraising, but for the least number of un-named items in the lost property come July!!!

Lydia

## PTA MEETINGS for the YEAR

Please see below the dates for the PTA meetings for the school year.

Attendance of these meetings is voluntary but all are very welcome to attend, not just the Committee and the Class Reps. There will be a Zoom link available on request for those who cannot be there in person.

Location: The Bullfinch, London Rd, Sevenoaks TN13 2DR

1	Xmas Bazaar planning	Fri 04-Oct	1.45PM - 2.45PM
2	AGM & constitution update	Tue 12-Nov	7.00PM - 8.00PM
3	Spring ball planning	Fri 24-Jan	1.45PM - 2.45PM
4	General	Fri 21-Mar	1.45PM - 2.45PM
5	BBQ planning	Fri 09-May	1.45PM - 2.45PM
6	Year end review & plan for 25/26	Fri 11-Jul	1.45PM - 2.45PM

## We are delighted to share with you this year's PTA events calendar as follows:

Event	Date
<b>Term 1 (3rd Sep - 24th Oct)</b>	
Uniform Sale	Fri 13-Sep
Riverhead Carnival	Sun 15-Sep
Family fitness	TBC
Cake/Hotdog Sale	Fri 18-Oct
<b>Term 2 (4th Nov - 20th Dec)</b>	
Uniform & Xmas Jumper Sale	Fri 29-Nov
Xmas Bazaar	Sat 07-Dec
Cake/Hotdog Sale	Fri 13-Dec
Secrets Room	Mon 16-Dec
Christmas Lunch	Wed 18-Dec
<b>Term 3 (6th Jan - 14th Feb)</b>	
Family Quiz	Sun 19-Jan
Cake/Hotdog Sale	Fri 07-Feb
Uniform Sale	TBC

<b>Term 4 (24th Feb - 4th Apr)</b>	
Cake/Hotdog Sale	Fri 21-Mar
Spring Ball	Sat 22-Mar
School Disco	Fri 28-Mar
Uniform Sale	TBC
<b>Term 5 (22nd Apr - 23rd May)</b>	
Cake/Hotdog Sale	Fri 16-May
Quiz Night	Fri 16-May
Uniform Sale	TBC
<b>Term 6 (3rd Jun - 18th Jul)</b>	
Team Amherst Hoodies & Water Bottles	Thru Jun-Jul
Lolly & Ice Cream Sales	Fri 06-Jun
Lolly & Ice Cream Sales	Fri 13-Jun
Lolly & Ice Cream Sales	Fri 20-Jun
Lolly & Ice Cream Sales	Fri 27-Jun
Summer BBQ	Sat 28-Jun
New Entrants Uniform Sale	Mon 30-Jun
Sport Day - PTA supply ice lollies	Fri 04-Jul
Lolly & Ice Cream Sales	Fri 04-Jul
Leavers Disco	Fri 11-Jul
Lolly & Ice Cream Sales	Fri 11-Jul
Lolly & Ice Cream Sales	Fri 18-Jul

## Cashback Schemes:

The following schemes are a really easy way of raising extra funds for the school, with cash being paid directly into the Amherst PTA bank account. This open to everyone so please ask friends and relatives to sign up too!

### 1) Asda Cashpot

Cashback on all Asda/George purchases online and instore until 30th Nov 2024

<https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>

Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards App:

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/asda-rewards/id1578902078>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.asda.rewards&pli=1>

Search TN13 2AX in the school finder.

### 2) Easyfundraising

Cashback for online purchases in over 8,000 stores.

By following this link we get £1 for sign up (no purchase necessary) and £5 bonus after the first qualifying purchase: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=132502>

If anyone has any questions on either of these schemes, please email [Amherst-treasurer@outlook.com](mailto:Amherst-treasurer@outlook.com) or for any other PTA related questions please contact [Amherst-secretary@outlook.com](mailto:Amherst-secretary@outlook.com).

This promises to be another action packed and successful year of fun and fundraising and we're really looking forward to working with the whole school community!

Wishing you all a great weekend.

*Your PTA Team*

# COMMUNITY EVENTS



**Sevenoaks Counselling**  
a professional service offered by Christians to the whole community

**Annual Open Meeting**  
**8th October 2024 - 7.00pm**  
**St Mary's Church Hall Kippington**  
**TN13 2LL**

All welcome, including young people.  
Do join us for an interesting evening!

Guest Presentation:

**Embracing Neurodiversity:**  
**Celebrating the Unique Contributions**  
**and Value of Neurodiverse Minds**

Dr Sirja van Zyl, Clinical Psychologist  
Kent Psychologist-Therapy, Autism Assessments & Training

Sirja is an experienced clinician, speaker and trainer. She is passionate about enabling all children and young people to achieve their full potential and to live happy and meaningful lives. Sirja has a special interest in the assessment and support of autistic young people and those with ADHD.

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<https://www.sevenoakscounselling.org.uk/>



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- 1** Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards app  
Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select a specific primary school or select Schools in Need.
- 2** Shop in store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com  
Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school each time you shop and scan.
- 3** Asda does the rest  
The money raised will be donated through Parentkind to schools to spend on what they need most. This won't affect your own Cashpot earn.

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[LAURATROTT.ORG.UK/CHRISTMAS-CARD-COMPETITION](http://LAURATROTT.ORG.UK/CHRISTMAS-CARD-COMPETITION)

**Work coming up on the A25 and A21 at Westerham**

National Highways operates, maintains and improves England's motorways and major A-roads.

The A25 at Westerham will be closed westbound overnight from Monday 23 September for four nights.

The same stretch will then be closed from the Friday at 8pm through to the Monday at 6am (the whole weekend) on:

- Friday 27 – Monday 30 September
- Friday 4 – Monday 7 October

The stretch will also be closed **just overnight on Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 October** (closed 8pm to 6am each night).

And finally, in November we will return to finish work from **Friday 15 to Sunday 17 November when we will close the road from 8pm on the Friday night through to 8pm on the Sunday night.** During all these closures of the westbound side there will also be a lane closure on the eastbound side for safety.