

AMHERST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

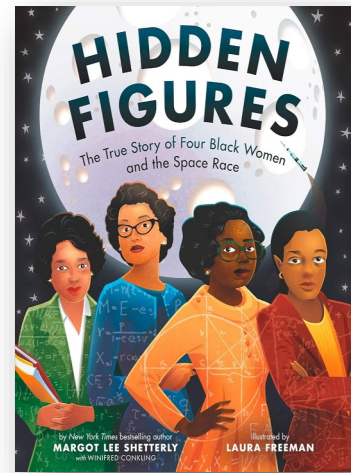
5th EDITION - 4 October 2024



MESSAGE FROM MR REID

Black History Month

As part of celebrating Black History Month 2024 next week's assemblies will focus on the stories of Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson and Christine Darden. One of this year's themes is celebrating pioneering black woman. We will be reading the book *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly and Laura Freeman. Below is a little more information about Katherine Johnson:



Katherine Johnson, born in 1918, loved maths and excelled at a young age. Her town did not have a high school for Black children, but despite racial segregation laws, she persevered and even started university aged just 15 years old.

However she struggled to get a job as a mathematician afterwards, despite her talent and her passion for the subject.

In 1952, Katherine Johnson applied to join the government agency developing advanced aircraft, as it was hiring female mathematicians to perform complex calculations for their aircraft designs.

Initially, her role was to check calculations, but after she demonstrated her expertise in analytical geometry, she became an irreplaceable part of the team.

In 1958, the agency she worked for was renamed NASA. Katherine contributed significantly to the space program, helping to calculate the trajectories for historic space missions, including the first American orbit around the Earth and the moon landing in 1969.

Her efforts went unrecognised until later in life when she received acknowledgment.

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everybody who donated food for our Harvest Festival which was held yesterday.

A big thank you also to the parent volunteers Mrs Bates, Mrs Stewart, Mr & Mrs Comer and Ms Lyon who transported all the donations to the Loaves and Fishes foodbank.



We have now completed five weeks of Term 1 and have a further three to go.

I continue to be really impressed with the positive start all year groups have made to this academic year. Now clubs are up and running it has been great to see so many children getting involved and trying new things. Attending a club can spark a life long interest in that area.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Mr Reid

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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 Table Tennis Year 3 - 08/10/2024

All other clubs should run as normal.

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



HORNCASTLES – UNIFORM SHOP UPDATE

Our **shop will be closed on Tuesdays** during our quieter period of the year. This will take effect next week. We will re-open on Tuesdays during our busier times, including the summer months and Easter break.

Please note our website and online ordering will not be affected by the new shop opening days and times. Web: www.horncastles.co.uk



DATA COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who sent in their data collection forms this week—we had a **fantastic response in a quick turnaround**. Please can we ask for the final few forms to be returned on Monday. Many thanks for your support.



NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please remember that **we are a nut free school** as we have children with severe nut allergies. Please refrain from sending in any form of nuts—peanut butter, Nutella and cereal bars with nuts.



COLD WEATHER – JUMPERS, COATS & WELLIES

Please can you make sure to **send your child to school** with a **jumper** and a **warm coat** for playtimes—even if it is not raining. Please also feel free to send in a **pair of wellies** for children to go on the field in wet weather.



SLEEPING MASKS

Thank you for all the donations of sleeping masks this week. 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.



LETTERS SENT THIS WEEK

Year 6 - WW II Day Letter

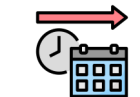
Year 4 - Poetry Homework Information

Year 3 - Swimming rota for next week



SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSITION MEETING

Please [click here](#) to view the slides of the secondary school transition meeting held on 25 September 2024.



TERM DATES 2025 – 2026

Please [click here](#).



FUTURE DATES

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

LET'S CELEBRATE

STAR OF THE WEEK



3B	Falisha C
3CL	Charlie B
3WH	Nauris V
4C	Heidi F-G
4SF	Holly C
4T	Karolina H

5A	Adhyanviraj S
5HR	Isla D
5J	Juliet H
6A	Nell C
6MW	Naomie C-W
6W	Kitty B

DUATHLON SUCCESS

Maddie M (6W) competed in her first triathlon this weekend at Hever Castle!

A few days before the event we were notified that the swim leg of the race had been cancelled due to the poor water conditions in Hever Lake (record rain falls!) The race was changed to a duathlon with a 1.3km run/4.2km cycle/1.3km run instead.

Maddie had so much fun and had a smile on her face throughout the event. She is very pleased with her castle medal too.

Brilliant achievement Maddie!



HOCKEY—WINNERS

Well done to our Year 4 hockey team who played in the Sevenoaks Sports Partnership tournament on Monday.

The team played superbly and did not lose a match. This led to them being overall winners.

Well done to Oliver B, Thomas P, Jasper K, Marnya N and Lara H.



PTA NEWS



Event	Date
Term 1 (3rd Sep - 24th Oct)	
Uniform Sale	Fri 13-Sep
Riverhead Carnival	Sun 15-Sep
Family fitness	TBC
Cake/Hotdog Sale	Fri 18-Oct
Term 2 (4th Nov - 20th Dec)	
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

Your PTA Team

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Online workshop

A Peaceful School Run

That sets everyone up for a good day

Wednesday, October 9, 1-2 pm UK time

Register



Getting children to school on time can be the most stressful part of the day.

This workshop can help you to:

- Empower your children to take a more active part in getting ready in the mornings and develop life skills that will serve them well at school and in other areas of life.
- Save you time and energy because you don't have to repeat the same things over and over again
- Create more space for connection and fun in your mornings.

By the end of the workshop, you will have a clear list of simple steps you can take to make your school runs more peaceful.

It's free to attend; all you need to do is to register by clicking below. The replay will be available for a week to all registered participants.

Register

TONBRIDGE ANGELS FC IN THE **COMMUNITY ANGELS CAMPS Soccer**

On the the Tonbridge Angels 3G pitch!

Football coaching & fun football themed activities for boys & girls age 5 to 12 years. Our team of FA qualified coaches will help the children develop their football skills in a fun and friendly environment.

Family & friends discount offer
£140 per 2 children for all 4 days!
EARLY BIRD 10% OFF
If you book by 27th Sept 2024!

October Half Term
For school years 2-9

FOOTBALL COACHING & FUN
MON 28th October - THUR 31st October
(9am - 3pm)

Scan to book now using our online booking system
<https://tonbridge-angels.class-jurkids.co/camp/3>

Book Now!
If you book by 27th Sept 2024!

£25 per day (9am - 3pm)
£80 for 4 days (9am - 3pm)

Make sure you wear the correct footwear and bring a water bottle and packed lunch!
Footwear Guide

Tonbridge Angels Football Club
Halcyon Health Longmead Stadium, Darenth Avenue, Tonbridge TN10 3JF

TONBRIDGE ANGELS FC IN THE **COMMUNITY ANGELS CAMPS Soccer**

Sevenoaks School of Dance

Dance Workshop

Monday 28th & Tuesday 29th October
10am till 3pm

250 Pop Digs

Come and join us for some spooky fun!
Dance - Drama - Crafts - Games

@ Riverhead Infants School,
Sevenoaks TN13 2AS

Children ages 4 - 11 years

Contact: amy@sevenoaksdance.co.uk

TONBRIDGE ANGELS FC IN THE **COMMUNITY ANGELS CAMPS Soccer**

On the the Tonbridge Angels 3G pitch!

Football coaching & fun football themed activities for girls from school years 2-9. Our team of FA qualified coaches will help the children develop their football skills in a fun and friendly environment.

Special Girls day
For school years 2-9

GIRLS ONLY SESSION
FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER
(9am - 3pm)

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