



MESSAGE FROM MR REID



New Play Equipment

You may have noticed this week that we have had some **new play equipment** installed. The children have been excitedly watching the work progress and are looking forward to using it. We have installed **new playground huts**, increasing from three to five. At the top of the field we have installed a **Sandy Lodge** which has a sand pit at the front and also contains a bucket on a pulley. And finally, in the corner behind the trim trail, we have installed three **teepee wigwams**. All the new equipment really adds to the provision on offer and helps support imaginative play.

Thank you to the Combe Bank Trust who have generously funded the whole project. I'm sure the children will enjoy many hours of fun and play.

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Open Afternoon reminder - 14th March 2.45pm

A reminder that we have our Open Afternoon on **Friday 14th March at 2.45pm**. This is a chance for your child to share their work with you and the opportunity for you to gain greater insight into their school experience at Amherst. We schedule our Open Afternoon prior to Parents' Evening, which is on Tuesday 25th and Thursday 27th March. This helps you approach Parents' Evening hopefully feeling well informed of your child's progress and achievements.



World Book Day

It was wonderful to see children and staff dressed up and enjoying World Book Day yesterday. Developing **confident readers** is one of the most important jobs we as teachers and parents need to nurture. Being able to **read fluently is vital** to accessing the wider curriculum and life in general.

Reading for pleasure is an even better attribute to develop and can give a life time of enjoyment and relaxation.



Pancake Day

Thank you to our kitchen team for treating us to pancakes celebrating Shrove Tuesday this week.



I hope you all have a great weekend and continue to enjoy the glorious sunny weather.

The days of blue sky and sunshine lifts everyone's spirits .

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.



CLUBS – WEEK 10 – 14 MARCH

Tuesday 11/03/2025 - Table Tennis Squad WILL BE training

Friday 14/03/2025 - Last day of clubs!

All other clubs are expected to run as normal.



AMHERST MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Amherst Music Concert will take place on **Tuesday 1st April at 6.00pm**. If your child learns an instrument out of school and plays to a high level and would like to take part in the concert, please can you let us know by completing the following [registration form](#).



SCIENCE DAY

Our Science Day is on 11th March and we are looking for donations of the following:

- Plastic Milk [bottle lids](#)
- Empty [plastic drinks bottles](#) (not large 2L bottles.)
- Empty [tissue boxes](#)
- Cardboard [tubes](#) & [Cereal boxes](#)
- [Yogurt pots](#) & [tin cans](#) (clean with no sharp edges!)



CLASS PHOTOS

Please order your child's class photo via www.getphotos.co.uk and using the class codes in the body of the email. The **cut off** for ordering photos with **free delivery** to school is **13 March 2025**.



VACANCIES

We currently have a position available for a Teaching Assistant. Please apply via [Kent Teach](#)— application closing date 14/03/2025.



AMHERST SCHOOL LIBRARY

You are invited to enter our first ever 500 word story-writing competition!

Closing date: 28 March 2025

Please hand in your entry to the **library desk**.

Make sure you have written your **name** and **class** on your story.



PTA DISCO

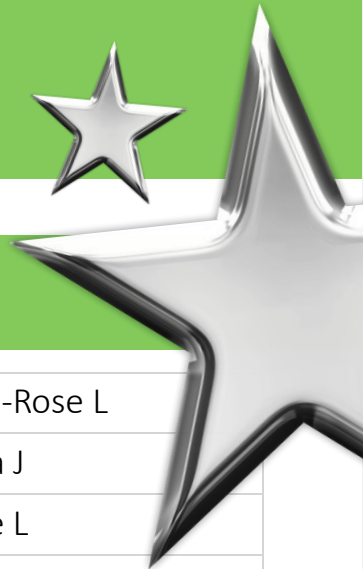
Please make sure your ticket for the school disco is booked! Don't miss out:

www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta/



11 March	Science Day
14 March	Clubs end
14 March	Open Afternoon - 2.45pm
17 March	Year 6 - Parliament Trip 6A
19 March	Year 6 - Parliament Trip 6MW & 6W
21 March	Red Nose Day
21 March	PTA Meeting - 1.45pm
21 March	PTA Cake and Hot Dog Sale 3.30pm
22 March	PTA Spring Ball
24 March	Year 6 - Love to Dance Show - Stag Theatre
25 March	Parent Consultations
27 March	Parent Consultations
28 March	PTA School Disco
31 March	Year 3 Easter Production - 2.00pm
1 April	Year 3 Easter Production - 2.00pm
1 April	Amherst School Music Festival - 6.00pm - 8.00pm
4 April	Last Day of Term 4

LET'S CELEBRATE



STAR OF THE WEEK

3B	Oliver W
3CL	Xavi D P
3WH	Gracie-Sue L-S
4C	Layah W
4SF	Florence V
4T	Zachary H

5A	Thea-Rose L
5HR	Mina J
5J	Neve L
6A	Josh K
6MW	Jess S
6W	Macey B

MUSIC

Congratulations to Maya S who passed her grade 2 Flute exam with merit!

HOCKEY

Congratulations to our Under 11 Boys hockey team that competed in the UKSA tournament on Wednesday in Burgess Hill. The team played superbly.

They managed to draw two games and win two, which resulted in them reaching the semi-finals. It was a very close game and they narrowly lost one nil to St. Michael's Prep School. This meant they were placed in the top four out of sixteen teams.

Well done to Joey S, Ben G, Oliver K, Freddie K, Jacob B, Xander W, William E-W and Isabe N who supported the boys as goalkeeper for the day.

Mr Reid



BASKETBALL

On Monday 3rd March, a team of children from Year 6 participated in the Sevenoaks School Sports Partnership Basketball league at Sevenoaks School.

The children were incredible! They played with such skill, determination and teamwork. Amherst 1 won all of their 8 matches and Amherst 2 only lost one match. These results were brilliant, especially considering some of the children had not played this sport before.

Each member of the team was a real credit to the school and Amherst were given a special mention by the organisers of the competition about their skill and fair play in the matches. Huge congratulations to Eden G, Henry A, Maya S, Lucy I, Beatrix D, Lyra G, Chayila M, Nathan I-C, Alex B and Eitan D.

Thank you to all the parents who transported and supported the children.

Mrs Wheeler



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RED NOSE DAY

FRIDAY, 21 MARCH 2025

Raising money for children around the world who are living in poverty



This year we are planning to celebrate Red Nose Day. The School Council have chosen the following activities to fund raise.

Children do not have to take part but if they would like to they need to donate £1 per activity or go on www.schoolgateway.com to pay.

Fundraising Activities children can enter:



• Wear pyjamas to school (no slippers) or something red (£1)



• Quiz (£1)



• Draw off (£1)



• Bake off (no need to donate as cakes will be sold)



Donations can be made via www.schoolgateway.com

YEAR 3—ROMAN DAY

