



MESSAGE FROM MR REID

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Hilltop

One of my favourite weeks of the year is going away with **Year 6 on their residential trip to Hilltop** (north Norfolk coast). Year 6 will be arriving at school by 6.30am on Monday morning ready for a 7.00am departure. It is such a wonderful week and I enjoy the change in routine and the opportunity to spend time with the children in a different way. **The children gain so much from the trip which helps develop their confidence, resilience and independence - all key skills they will need as they transfer to secondary school in September.** For some children this will be the first time they have been away from their family. This can be more of a challenge (for parents and children) than some of the adventurous activities. One of my favourite moments of the trip is when we return on Friday and I watch tired but proud children excitedly telling their parents all that happened during the week. Miss Jones (assistant headteacher) will be available in my absence next week if needed.



Staffing Update



I wanted to update you regarding a **staffing change for September**. Lyndsey **Billing, our Inclusion Manager**, has been appointed as the Assistant Headteacher and SENCO at Bishop Chavasse Primary School in Tonbridge. We are **delighted for Mrs Billing and congratulate her** on this significant promotion. We will recognise Mrs Billing's hard work and expertise over the last four years nearer the end of term.

I am pleased to be able to inform you that **we have appointed Miss Watson (current Year 6 teacher) as our new Inclusion Manager** from September. One of the benefits of appointing an internal candidate is that it will facilitate a thorough handover process. We know Miss Watson will build brilliantly on the foundations laid by Mrs Billing.

I hope you all have a good weekend.

Mr Reid



LET'S CELEBRATE



CRICKET

Congratulations to the school cricket team that took part in a six-side hardball cricket tournament at Sutton Valance School on Wednesday. The children played four matches during the day; winning one against Hilden Grange and narrowly losing the other three (Sutton Valance, Ashford Prep and Dulwich Cranbrook). The children were a credit to Amherst and I was very proud of their performance and attitude throughout the day. The team were: Connor B, Eden G, Josh P, Richard L, Xander W and Zach G. — Mr Reid

FOOTBALL



Congratulations to Edie S for being Selected for the West Kent Football Squad.

Congratulations to Eden G for passing his kickboxing grading at the end of May—he is now a red belt.



KICKBOXING



TENNIS

A big well done to Vihaan & Panos, Alex & Jasper, Philip & Murray, Oliver & Sam, Eleanor & Marnya, Oliver & Tobias and Mina & Emma who all represented the school in the Kent School Doubles tennis qualifying event held at Bromley Tennis Centre on Wednesday. All performed brilliantly and were a credit to the school. A special mention for Oliver & Sam, Oliver & Tobias

and Mina & Emma who qualified for the finals to be held on Friday 13th June at Bromley where they will all have the chance to compete for the Kent School Doubles title for their respective age group. Well done to all for your hard work preparing for the event in your lunchtime team training sessions with Adam & James who thoroughly enjoyed watching you all compete!



FOOTBALL

At the start of the holidays, 7 pupils from Year 6 emerged as winners of the Paddock Wood 9-a-side tournament shield, playing for a combined Chipstead FC team, winning 1-0 against Bearsted in the final. Congratulations to Seb, Lucas, Syd, Alex, Josh K, Josh and Joby!

Over the last weekend of the holidays, Alex B (6A) competed in the Club Junior European Cup in Sevilla, taking home the Shield win with EMC Academy. Played in scorching 42 degree heat over two days at the Estadio Ramon Sanchez-Pizjuan, his team were narrowly beaten in their opening group game by La Liga opposition Sevilla FC after initially going ahead, but went on to perform strongly, going on to collect the shield trophy with a 8-3 aggregate win against Bears Academy over two legs on Sunday evening.

Congratulations to all!



ATHLETICS

On Wednesday 4th June, a team of 16 children from Year 5 and 6 participated in an athletics competition at Sevenoaks School. Each child competed in either a track or a field event and all of the children took part in a relay.

There were some excellent performances in the javelin from Tobias, Heila, Nathan and Maddie. The long jump event saw brilliant jumping from Elissa and Joby. Oli and Sofia's great scores in this event enabled them both to achieve 2nd place.

In the track events, Max L. and Lucas came first in their sprint heats. Valentina and Sofia ran superbly too, gaining 4th and 2nd place respectively. A gruelling 800m race was run by Max P, Alex, Edie and Beatrix. Fantastic finishes by Edie and Alex earned them 2nd place and Beatrix came 1st overall, having run an incredible race. Both Year 5 and Year 6 teams won their relays too due to amazing running from all of the children.

Out of 12 schools, Amherst won the whole competition. Huge congratulations to the whole team.

Many thanks to the parents for transporting and supping the children. — Mrs Wheeler

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 9 – 13 JUNE

- NO Chess Club** (Monday 09/06)
- NO Lacrosse Club** (Tuesday 10/06)
- NO Forest School Club** (Wednesday 11/06)
- NO Hockey Club** (Thursday 12/06)
- NO Cricket Club** (Friday 13/06)
- NO Cross Country Club** (Tuesday 10/06)
- NO Curling Club** (Tuesday 10/06)
- NO ART Club** (Wednesday 11/06)
- NO Cricket Club** (Thursday 12/06)

All other clubs are expected to run as normal.



YEAR 5 KENT TEST & HILLTOP MEETING– SLIDES

Please [click here](#) to access the notes from the meeting Mr Reid had with Year 5 parents about the Kent Test and our Hilltop Residential.

Kent Test

For children starting secondary school in September 2026

If your child is currently in Year 5, and you intend to apply to a Kent Grammar school, register online at kent.gov.uk/kenttest

Registration opens on 2 June 2025 and closes at midnight on 1 July 2025

Key dates	
Monday 2 June 2025	Registration opens at kent.gov.uk/kenttest . You will receive a confirmation email when registration is complete.
Tuesday 1 July 2025	Registration closes at midnight. If your child attends a school outside Kent, you will receive an email by the end of August with your Allocated Test Centre.
Thursday 11 September 2025	Children who attend a Kent primary school sit the test in their school.
Saturday 13 September 2025 / Sunday 14 September 2025	Children who attend primary schools outside Kent or are Educated at Home sit the test in a Test Centre.
Thursday 16 October 2025	Kent Test Decisions emails are sent after 4pm to the email address used to register the child.



STATIONERY

Please can you check with your child if they need to **replenish** any of their personal stationery in class. **Most children need a glue stick** at the moment.



PTA

Please for our end of year school celebration at the Amherst Summer BBQ. It promises to be a fantastic afternoon enjoying friendship, food and having fun.



FUTURE DATES

9-13 June	Year 6 - Hilltop Residential
9-12 June	Amherst's Got Talent week
13 June	PTA Ice Cream Sale
17 June	Year 5 - Greek Workshop - children to dress up
17 & 18 June	Year 5 Parent Consultations
19 June	Kent Fire and Rescue Workshop
20 June	PTA Ice Cream Sale
25 June	Open Afternoon 2.45pm
26-27 June	Year 5 Bushcraft Trip
27 June	Clubs End
28 June	PTA Summer BBQ 3.00pm - 7.00pm
30 June	New Parent Meeting 2.00pm - 3.00pm
1 July	Year 5 Buddy Olympics
2 July	PTA Ice Cream Sale
3 July	Secondary School Transition Day
4 July	Sports Day 1.30pm - 3.30pm
11 July	PTA Ice Cream Sale
11 July	PTA Leavers' Disco 5.30pm - 7.30pm
11 July	Summer Production - Dress Rehearsal 1.45pm - 3.15pm
14 July	Summer Production - Matinee Performance 1.45pm - 3.15pm
15 July	Summer Production - Evening Performance 7.00pm - 8.30pm
16 July	Summer Production - Evening Performance 7.00pm - 8.30pm
18 July	PTA Ice Cream Sale
18 July	Rose Clifton Memorial Cricket Match 5.30pm - 9.30pm
18 July	Last Day of Term 6

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please click on the images for more information.




Parenting in the Digital Age

Raising kids in the digital age isn't easy. Many of us are asking the same questions and facing the same pressures.

Join us for an open, supportive discussion designed to inform and empower parents and discover some of the powerful benefits of delaying smartphones and social media for children.

Tuesday 24 June Amherst Primary School 7:00pm-8:30pm

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/bdfnc9js>



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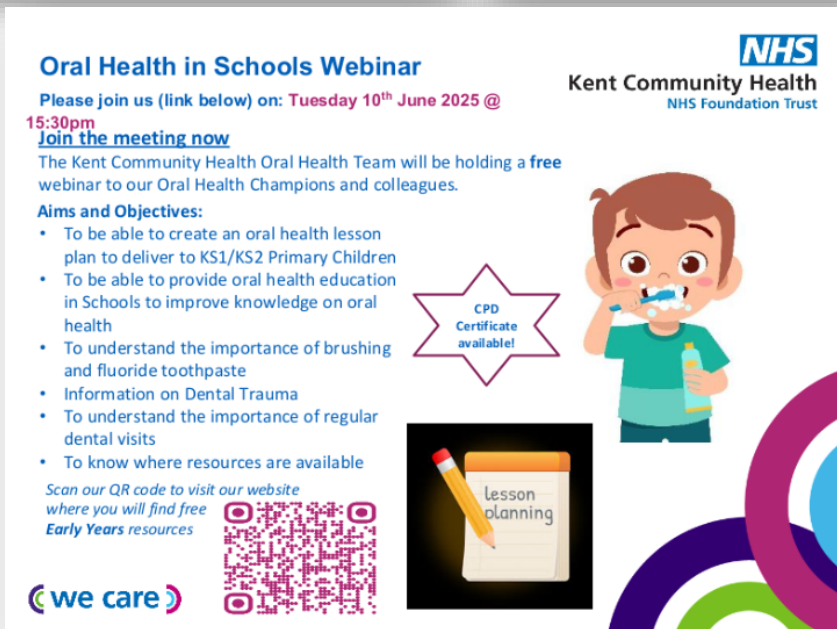
WEEKLY COURSE CONSISTS OF 3 SESSIONS

HALF DAYS - MORNINGS 9:30AM - 12:30PM
HALF DAYS - AFTERNOONS 1:00PM - 4:00PM
FULL DAYS - 9:30AM - 4:00PM

BOOK YOUR WEEK COURSE BEFORE JULY 1ST FOR DISCOUNTED PRICE

PLACES ARE LIMITED

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT TOMRMURRAY@HOTMAIL.CO.UK



Oral Health in Schools Webinar

Please join us (link below) on: **Tuesday 10th June 2025 @ 15:30pm**
[Join the meeting now](#)

The Kent Community Health Oral Health Team will be holding a free webinar to our Oral Health Champions and colleagues.

Aims and Objectives:

- To be able to create an oral health lesson plan to deliver to KS1/KS2 Primary Children
- To be able to provide oral health education in Schools to improve knowledge on oral health
- To understand the importance of brushing and fluoride toothpaste
- Information on Dental Trauma
- To understand the importance of regular dental visits
- To know where resources are available

Scan our QR code to visit our website where you will find free Early Years resources

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Lesson planning

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