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Amherst Primary School

Autumn Newsletter

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Headteacher Message

After returning to school following the summer holidays, the children have been settling into their new classes and learning again at the start of term.

Since returning to school, it's been nice to see you each morning at the school gates as the children arrive and I am really looking forward to being your new Headteacher from the start of this Autumn term and getting to know you, the children and the school!

As usual, we have a very busy term ahead and we have outlined below some of the planned events for the weeks ahead.

More details about some of these will follow soon and other events will be shared with you as we progress through the term.

If there's anything we can do to support you or your son or daughter, please contact us in the usual ways – all staff are happy to help.

Best wishes,

Mr. Hind
Headteacher



School Uniform – Autumn

White blouse or white polo shirt

Grey or black knee length skirt, pinafore dress, plain grey or black trousers

Amherst Primary School green named sweatshirt or cardigan. White or grey socks or tights

Sensible black shoes - not boots, sandals or trainers.

Jewellery, dyed hair, fake tattoos and inappropriate shaved haircuts are not appropriate school uniform, but a simple, stud earring may be worn.

White or coloured trainers, non-uniform sweatshirts, boots, 'croc's' or sandals, nail varnish, elaborate headbands are also not part of our school uniform. We ask that long hair is always tied back appropriately.

PE Kit

'House Colour' T-Shirt and dark green shorts and trainers. In winter black or dark green joggers may be worn instead of shorts.

For further uniform information and detail about the above, please see visit our school website using the link below...

<https://www.amherstprimary.co.uk/our-school-uniform/>

Seesaw

We hope that as parents, you have signed up to our school communication tool, which you can access on a phone, tablet, laptop or computer/PC.

If you haven't signed up to Seesaw – please do so and contact us at school for this quick and easy way to communicate with us and catch up on the latest information from school and track how your child is learning in class.

For more information on Seesaw, please see our school website...

<https://www.amherstprimary.co.uk/seesaw/>

Events this term

We are excitedly looking forward to seeing if all our hard work in recent years will be rewarded by gaining UNICEF's Rights Respecting School's Gold Award in the weeks ahead!

As and when we find out the results, we will be letting you know soon – hopefully before half term!

Watch this space for further details!



KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY!

Thursday 26 th September [am]	Individual School Photographs
Wednesday 2 nd October [evening]	Year 6 parents open evenings at Secondary Schools
Friday 4 th October	Amherst Primary School takes part of the Guernsey Swimarathon at Beau Sejour
Thursday 10 th October [am]	Children's nasal flu vaccinations – further details to follow
Friday 25 th October	School breaks up for the half term holiday
Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November	Half Term Holiday
Monday 4 th November	Children return to school after the half term holiday
Monday 11 th November	Anti-Bullying Week begins – further details to follow
Monday 11 th November	Parent Evening Appointments from 3.00pm to 5.00pm – further details to follow
Tuesday 12 th November	Parent Evening Appointments from 3.00pm to 7.00pm – further details to follow
Monday 16 th December (further details to follow on these events)	Infant Christmas Parties Year 3 Christmas Parties Year 5/6 Christmas Performance to Year 5 Parents from 9.00am
Tuesday 17 th December (further details to follow on these events)	Year 4 Christmas Parties Year 5/6 Christmas Performance to Year 6 Parents from 9.00am Year 1/2 Christmas Performance to Year 1 Parents from 10.30am
Wednesday 18 th December (further details to follow on these events)	Year 5 Christmas Parties Year 3/4 Christmas Performance to Year 3 Parents from 9.00am Year 1/2 Christmas Performance to Year 2 Parents from 10.30am
Thursday 19 th December (further details to follow on these events)	Year 6 Christmas Parties Year 3/4 Christmas Performance to Year 4 Parents from 9.00am
Friday 20 th December (further details to follow on these events)	Year R Christmas Performance to Parents from 9.00am KS1 / KS2 Christingle from 10.00am
Friday 20 th December	End of Term: School finishes at 1.00pm
Monday 6 th January	OAT Day – Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 7 th January	Children return to school after Christmas Holidays

School Times			
Infants		Juniors	
8.30am	School opens	8.30am	School opens
8.45am	Start of the day	8.45am	Start of the day
8.50am	Registration Closes	8.50am	Registration Closes
12.00noon	Lunchtime	12.00 noon	Lunchtime
1.00pm	Start of the afternoon	1.00pm	Start of the afternoon
3.00pm	End of the School Day	3.00pm	End of the School Day



Please remember that we are an Operation Encompass school.

This is a scheme that runs across the UK in order to provide immediate support for children and young people who are involved in or witness domestic abuse incidents. We are pleased to advise you that schools and colleges in Guernsey and Alderney will be participating in this scheme, which is run jointly with Bailiwick Law Enforcement.

Operation Encompass enables information to be shared with Amherst Primary School prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced, any domestic abuse. This allows Amherst Primary School to provide appropriate support, dependent on the needs and wishes of the child. The Designated Safeguarding Leads at Amherst Primary School have been trained to enable them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, while ensuring that Amherst Primary School is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have experienced a domestic abuse incident.

Should you wish to find out more about the scheme, details can be found at www.operationencompass.org.

