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Amherst Primary School

Spring Newsletter

SPRING 2025



Headteacher Message

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

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

We will also be sharing details of proposed PTA events coming up this term too, so watch out for those!

We are very pleased to share with you that Miss Norris is now part of our Senior Leadership Team with responsibility for Year 4 and 5 from the start of this term. We'd like to thank Miss Le Prevost who had this role previously for all her tremendous hard work and support.

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 – Spring

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...

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Events this term

We have several things to look forward to this term including Eisteddfod. There are also a number of lunchtime and after school clubs for children to take part in if they are interested.

So please look out for these!

If you would like to help out in school, read to children, assist with trips and visits, support our PTA etc. please get in touch and we can see how we can work together to help the children who come to Amherst!



KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY!

Tuesday 28 th January	Year 6 to Les Misérables performance at Ladies College [pm] (tbc)
Wednesday 29 th January	Year 1 and Year 5 Child measurement Programme [am] (further details to follow)
Tuesday 11 th February	Bernie Fire Safety Visit for Year R [am]
Friday 14 th February	Netball Tournament at Beau Sejour (further details to follow)
Week Beginning 17 th February	Year Group 'Open Afternoons' this week (further details to follow)
Friday 21 st February	School breaks up for the half term holiday from 3.00pm
Monday 24 th February to Friday 28 th February	Spring Half Term Holiday
Monday 3 rd March	Children return to school after the half term holiday
Monday 3 rd March	Parent Evening Appointments from 3.20pm to 6.00pm (further details to follow)
Tuesday 4 th March	Year 6 children take part in the De Putron Challenge (further details to follow)
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Monday 17 th March	School Inset Day – school closed for staff training
Tuesday 18 th March	Children back in school as normal
Wednesday 26 th March	Year 1 and Year 6 Dental Screening [am] (further details to follow)
Saturday 5 th April	Tag Rugby Festival at Footes Lane (further details to follow)
Friday 11 th April	End of Spring Term: School finishes at 1.00pm
Monday 14 th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 28 th April	OAT Day – Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 29 th April	Children return to school after Easter Holidays
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday Monday
Tuesday 6 th May and Wednesday 7 th May	Children in school as usual
Thursday 8 th May	Amherst 80 th Liberation Day Picnic (see separate letter for details)
Friday 9 th May	Liberation Day – school closed for the day
Friday 23 rd May	School breaks up for the half term holiday from 3.00pm
Monday 26 th May to Friday 30 th May	Summer Half Term Holiday
Friday 18 th July	End of Summer Term: School finishes at 1.00pm

School Times			
Infants		Juniors	
8.30am	School opens	8.30am	School opens
8.45am	Start of the day and Register	8.45am	Start of the day and Register
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.

