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Amherst Primary School

Autumn Newsletter

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Headteacher Message

After returning to school last week following the summer holidays, the children have been settling into their new classes and learning again at the start of term – and it's great to see them back with us at Amherst!

Since returning to school, it's been nice to say hello to you each morning at the school gates as the children arrive! We are really looking forward to another busy term ahead for the children, you and all our staff in school!

Please look carefully at the dates and events planned 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

Please note: All school uniform needs to have **children's names** on it – **clearly labelled**.

White blouse or white polo shirt

Grey knee length skirt, pinafore dress, plain grey trousers

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

Sensible black shoes - not boots or sandals.

PE Kit

'House Colour' T-Shirt and dark green shorts and trainers on days when children are timetabled to have PE. In winter black or dark green joggers may be worn instead of shorts.

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

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

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 Seesaw – a **free app** which is our school's main communication tool. You can access this on a phone, tablet, laptop or computer/PC.

If you haven't signed up to Seesaw – please do so 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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Start of the Day

At the moment, our school gates are open at 8.15am to allow children to enter the school site and **wait quietly on the junior playground** until 8.30am, when school begins.

At 8.30am, when asked to do so, children are allowed to enter their respective buildings and walk to class for the start of the day.

Registration is at 8.45am each day!



KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY!

Friday 26 th September	Pupil Leadership Day – further details to follow
Wednesday 8 th October	School Individual Photographs – further details to follow
Monday 6 th October	Year 5 and 6 Zedra Cross Country Challenge – further details to follow
Friday 10 th October	Amherst Primary School takes part in the Guernsey Swimathon at Beau Sejour
Monday 20 th October	Parent Evening Appointments from 3.00pm to 6.00pm – further details to follow
Tuesday 21 st October	Parent Evening Appointments from 3.00pm to 6.00pm – further details to follow
Tuesday 21 st October	Key Stage 1 Author Visit [am]
Thursday 23 rd October	Key Stage 2 Author Visit [am]
Friday 24 th October	School breaks up for the half term holiday
Monday 27 th October – Friday 31 st October	Half Term Holiday
Monday 3 rd November	Inset Day – Teacher Training Day - no school for children
Tuesday 4 th November	Children return to school after the half term holiday
Monday 10 th November	Anti-Bullying Week begins – this year's theme 'Power for Good'
Monday 10 th November to Friday 14 th November	Parent 'Sharing Learning' sessions across the week – further details to follow
Friday 12 th December	Year R Christmas 'Christingle' to Parents from 2.15pm – further details to follow
Monday 15 th December (further details to follow on these events)	Infant Christmas Parties
	Year 3 Christmas Parties
	Year 5/6 Christmas Carol Concert to Year 5 Parents from 9.00am
Tuesday 16 th December (further details to follow on these events)	Year 4 Christmas Parties
	Year 5/6 Christmas Carol Concert to Year 6 Parents from 9.00am
	Year 1 Christmas 'Sing-a-Long' to Year 1 Parents from 10.30am
Wednesday 17 th December (further details to follow on these events)	Year 5 Christmas Parties
	Year 3/4 Christmas Carol Concert to Year 3 Parents from 9.00am
	Year 2 Christmas Nativity Performance to Year 2 Parents from 10.30am
Thursday 18 th December (further details to follow on these events)	Year 6 Christmas Parties
	Year 3/4 Christmas Carol Concert to Year 4 Parents from 9.00am
Friday 19 th December	Key Stage 1 / 2 whole school Christingle for children from 10.00am
Friday 19 th December	End of Term: School finishes at 1.00pm
Monday 5 th January	Inset Day – Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 6 th January	Children return to school after Christmas Holidays

School Times			
Infants		Juniors	
8.30am	School opens	8.30am	School opens
8.45am	Registration	8.45am	Registration
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 the Amherst Primary School to provide appropriate support, dependent on the needs and wishes of the child. The Designated Safeguarding

Leads at the 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 the Amherst Primary School is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have experienced a domestic abuse incident.

