

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



Joy

Loved, Inspired, Shining

Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October

Tue 8th – Year R Harvest service at St Alphege Church.
Parents are invited to attend with tea/coffee from
1.30pm and the service from 2.15pm
Thurs 10th – Non-Uniform day. Wear yellow for World
Mental Health Day
Mon 14th – Year 2 all day trip to Canterbury Cathedral
Tue 15th – Whole School Parent Evening 3.30pm –
7.00pm
Wed 16th – Whole School Parent Evening 3.30pm –
5.30pm
Thur 17th – Year 1 & 2 Harvest service at St Alphege
church for children only 1.30pm. Joint service with The
Endowed.
Fri 18th – Whole School End of term 1
Mon 28th – Whole School Staff training day. School
closed to all children including Sunbeams.
Tue 29th – Whole School return for Term 2

November

Sat 9th – Open morning 10.00am – 12.00pm for children
starting school in Sept 2020.
Wed 13th – Year 2 afternoon workshops at WJS
Thur 14th – Whole school individual children's photos.
Fri 29th – Year 2 last swimming lessons

December

Thur 5th – Flu vaccinations for Year R, Year 1 & Year 2
children
Sat 7th – Christmas Fair. Time TBC
Mon 9th – Year R Nativity to parents 9.15am
Tue 10th – Year R Nativity to parents 9.15am
Wed 11th – Sunbeams Nativity to parents 9.30am
Wed 11th – Year 1 Concert to parents 2.00pm
Thur 12th – Year 1 Concert to parents 9.15am
Thur 12th – Year 2 Nativity to parents 2.00pm
Fri 13th – Year 2 Nativity to parents 9.15am
Mon 16th – Whole School Christmas Service at St
Alphege Church 1.45pm. All parents are invited.
Wed 18th – Whole School End of term 2

January 2020

Mon 6th – Whole School return for Term 3

Advance notice of events later in the year

Wed 29th January – Year 1 led worship at St Alphege
Church 2.00pm. Year 1 parents are invited to attend.
Wed 11th March – Year 2 led worship at St Alphege
Church 2.00pm. Year 2 parents are invited to attend.
Mon 18th May – Sports Day 1.30pm – 3.00pm for Year R,
Year 1, Year 2
Thur 16th July – Whole school end of term service
1.45pm. Parents of all children are invited to attend.

2nd Hand uniform sales will be on the Community Room
patio from 2.30pm – 3.15pm on the following dates
5th November

KEY EVENTS

Harvest Collections

This year we will be supporting the Canterbury Foodbank with our harvest collections. We are asking for donations of dried foods such as pasta, rice and cereals; tinned foods or jars (especially pasta sauce, potatoes, and jams); washing powder, toilet rolls and cleaning products; toiletries (toothpaste, soap, shampoo etc); packets of biscuits, individually wrapped biscuit/cereal bars and long life milk.

For more information on requested donations or the work of the foodbank please visit

<https://www.canterburyfoodbank.org/>.

The children will carry their items to the church on the day of their harvest service. **Year R - please bring your items to school on Tuesday 8th October and Years 1 & 2 on Thursday 17th October.**

Whole School Wear Yellow for World Mental Health Day

We are having a non-uniform day and we would like everyone to wear something **yellow** on Thursday 10th October to recognise world mental health day. The children will be exploring their own feelings and discussing ways to stay happy. We will collect any monetary donations you would like to give. More details can be found at www.youngminds.org.uk/helloyellow

Year 2 Canterbury Cathedral trip

Please return your completed consent form if you have not already done so. If you have made a payment using online banking please could you email finance@st-alphege.kent.sch.uk and tell us the amount, child's name and what the payment is for. This avoids us chasing you for payments you have already made and ensures we can reconcile all payments when we receive our bank statement.

Art Builders

On 1st October, we were lucky enough to be invited to the Turner Contemporary to speak about the impact of the Art Builders project this year. Mrs Spinks delivered a speech about the importance of creativity and the immense benefits of an arts rich curriculum. Art Builders project was organised by Animate Arts Company and has reached over 200 children from Kent schools. The beautiful work created by our school was displayed as part of this event and the people attending were very impressed by our passion for the arts as well as the quality of your children's work. The project that we were a part of, including the big Build Day at Dreamland and the creation of our bird themed art exhibit and film, was funded by the Arts Council and Animate Arts are now looking to fund a second year, so that more children can benefit from the same experiences we were lucky enough to have.

If you would like to donate to the crowd funding campaign, or know of any organisations who would like to invest in this project, please use the link: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/artbuilders2020>

Sunbeams Parents - Reception school places for September 2020

Parents of children in Sunbeams will need to apply for a Reception school place for your child for September 2020. We have our Open Morning on Saturday 9th November from 10.00am – 12.00pm which you are invited to attend. Alternatively, we have various tour dates throughout October and November for you to book onto. Please contact the school office to book.

Applications are made through Kent County Council at www.kent.gov.uk/ola You can submit your application between Tuesday 5th November 2019 and Wednesday 15th January 2020. More information can be found at <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places> If you have any questions or need support with the application process please speak to Mrs Cullen in the school office.

Year 2 Parents - Junior school places for September 2020

Parents of Year 2 children will need to apply for a Junior school place for your child for September 2020. Both WJS and The Endowed have parent tours for you to book onto. Please contact the junior schools directly to book. All of our children will visit both schools next term and take part in activities and see the schools. If you do want to take your child with you onto one of the tours, please advise our school office of the date so we are aware of your child's absence. Applications are made through Kent County Council at www.kent.gov.uk/ola You can submit your application between Tuesday 5th November 2019 and Wednesday 15th January 2020.

Weekly Awards

King Alphege Attendance Lion

King Alphege is awarded to the class with the highest percentage attendance each week.



King Alphege Attendance Lion
Puffins Class
97.5%

Whole School Awards

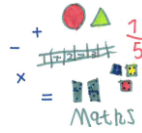
New award stickers have been created and will be awarded next week.



St Alphege Values
Marnie
Seagulls Class



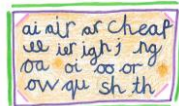
Terrific Writing
Class



Amazing Maths
Milo
Pearls Class



Remarkable Curriculum
Chanel
Puffins Class



Super Phonics
Class



Learning Dinosaurs
Isaac
Oysters Class

Community Events

StArs + Community Café

Starting on Wednesday 2nd October there will be a weekly community café at St Andrews Hall, Grimshill Road. From 3.30pm to 5.00pm you will have the opportunity to come along with your child for fun games, crafts, help with homework, refreshments and company. 50p per adult/child. For more information contact Jane Myhill on 07761963971.

Volunteers to help run the group and give some support to the children with their homework are always welcomed, so if you have a bit spare time each week and would like to help please contact Jane.

SNAAP – Drop-in Support Sessions

Information, advice and support for parents and carers of children aged 0-25 with disabilities or additional needs. 9.30am – 11.30 at the Umbrella centre on the following Thursdays. 17th Oct, 14th Nov, 12th Dec.

www.snaap.org.uk

Half Term Pumpkin Hunt

Demelza are running a pumpkin hunt in Whitstable on Friday 25th October from 11.00am. Tickets cost £5.00 per child and must be pre-booked online at www.demelza.org.uk/pumpkin-hunt

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

This week in Sunbeams we read the story Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We acted out the story all together and used movement and gesture to demonstrate the different sizes of things in the story. We went on to do lots of size sorting and ordering activities to help us develop our confidence with using the vocabulary of size comparison. We have also been doing lots of activities with scissors that have helped us to develop our scissor grip and skill. On Thursday, we celebrated with the rest of the school our Artsmark Platinum Award achievement. We had a music session with Mrs Memmott that was star and space themed. We played instruments that some of us have not used before, drums, boom whackers and triangles. We continued throughout the day with star themed craft activities such as splatter painting and making clay stars and party hats.

From Mrs Keeble & Mrs Humphreys

Year R

It's been another busy and exciting week in reception! We have been practicing hard for our Harvest celebration, learning all our songs and lines and getting into the acting spirit! We can't wait to perform to everyone next week! In English this week we have been reading The Little Red Hen, we have had fun making masks and showing off some of our amazing writing skills already. We were so excited by the story that we decided to make our very own bread rolls. We learnt all about what ingredients are needed to make bread and especially enjoyed the eating part! Thursday was a very special day celebrating our platinum Artsmark award. We made sparkly party hats, clay star decorations and got very messy painting silver and golden stars. The creativity didn't end there, the children had a wonderful time playing instruments to recreate a spaceship blasting off and creating their own star dances!

From Mrs Arnott & Miss Goodsell

Year 1

WOW! What an amazing week we have had in Year 1! We have loved reading Supertato in English and completing lots of activities. We visited the green grocers to see if we could spot the vegetables from the story for sale! We also did lots of vegetable printing, made our own supertato and created scenes from the story! We have thought about the characters in the story and written sentences about what they may have been saying. As the weather changes, we have been thinking about the season, Autumn. We went on a autumnal hunt, collected leaves, did leaf printing and sketched trees. In Science, we explored our sense of taste. There were lots of different food that we tasted while blindfolded and we had to guess what it was and describe the texture and taste. On Thursday we celebrated the school receiving the Platinum arts award! This was done by completing lots of star themed art. We also visited the Playhouse theatre to watch the award be presented.

From Mrs Jones & Miss Johnson

Year 2

In Year 2 this week there have been some mysterious boxes in the classrooms! There have been some strange noises coming from it and some scratch marks. We have wrote some questions and ideas about what we think might be in the box in our English lessons. We have been adding numbers this week in Maths. We have tried to count on from numbers mentally, for example. $34+5$. We have 5 fingers so we can count on quicker than any other method. Practise counting on with us at home! In Science we created paper chains of different food chains we know. We learnt they always start with the sun and include a produce, herbivore and carnivore. We all loved the celebration of our Art award on Thursday and loved all the star themed activities. Have a look on Facebook to see photos of what we've been up to!

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Keeffe