

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



Joy

Loved, Inspired, Shining

Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October

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 – Non-uniform & Arts Enterprise Day

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

Fri 6th – 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

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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 Service Years 1 & 2

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 **Years 1 & 2 on Thursday 17th October**. As this is a joint service with our children and The Endowed, unfortunately there isn't capacity in the church for parents to attend this service. We hope to see you all at the Christmas service in December.

Extreme Read Magical Task

Please don't forget to take part in our end of term extreme read. Please see the information previously sent out this week. Try to take a photograph of your child or family reading in an unusual location. These can be printed or emailed to the school office at office@st-alphege.kent.sch.uk Please use Extreme Read as the subject heading.

Extra-Curricular Clubs – Years 1 & 2

We will be running clubs next term for children in Years 1 and 2. Please look out for the letter early next week and send your reply slips back to school as soon as possible. Places are offered on a first come first served basis. There will also be sports clubs with Achieve Sport for your child to attend.

End of term holiday and Staff Training Day

The school will be closed to all children from Monday 21st October to Friday 25th October for the holiday. We also have a staff training day on Monday 28th October so the school is closed to children. We will look forward to welcoming all years, including Sunbeams, back on Tuesday 29th October for the start of Term 2.

Mental Health Awareness Day

Thank you for supporting World Mental Health Awareness Day yesterday. All of the children looked lovely in **yellow**. We raised **£90.97** and had some discussions about 'what makes us happy'.

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
100%

Whole School Awards

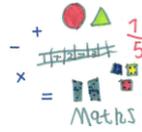
New award stickers have been created and will be awarded next week.



St Alphege Values
Frankie E
Seagulls Class



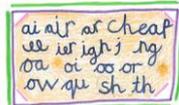
Terrific Writing
Archie
Puffins Class



Amazing Maths
Albie
Pebbles Class



Remarkable Curriculum
Jude
Shells Class



Super Phonics
Hugo
Pearls Class



Learning Dinosaurs
Frankie-George
Oysters Class

Community Events

Animate Arts Crowd Funding

As we have worked with Animate Arts for many years, we are happy to support their fund raising project to ensure every primary school in Kent experiences an art activity in 2020.

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>

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

This week in Sunbeams we have read the story Spinderella and found out how important numbers are. We have found lots of opportunities to count with a spider theme, such as going on spider hunts and keeping a tally chart and making spiders out of playdough and counting their legs. We have been thinking about colour and have been learning our St Alphege Rainbow song. We sorted various objects according to colour and also thought about other properties the objects had and how else we could sort them. On Thursday we wore yellow for World Mental Health Day. The children talked about how they feel when different things happen – happy, angry or sad. And we talked about what we can do to make ourselves feel better when we find those feelings difficult.

From Mrs Keeble & Mrs Humphreys

Year R

Reception were absolute heroes this week! We are so proud of how confident and brilliant they were in their Harvest celebration. It was wonderful to see so many smiley faces from family members who were there to support the children. We have enjoyed reading The Enormous Turnip this week. We have had lots of fun digging up our own vegetables and chopping them all up to make delicious 'vegetable soup' in our new mud kitchen. In maths we have been sorting different objects and talking about reasons why we might group things in certain ways. Congratulations to Shells class who filled their marble jar this week, Pebbles are very close to filling theirs!

From Mrs Arnott & Miss Goodsell

Year 1

We have had a lovely week in Year 1! In English we have finished the story 'Supertato' and have loved reading it for the last 2 weeks. On Wednesday we made our own treasure chests and made something that the veggies may have found in it. We then worked really hard to create a story map and add in our version of the treasure chest. On Friday we re-wrote the story and made sure we added in all of our skills including adjectives and exclamation marks! In maths we have been finding number facts and number bonds for given numbers. We were really good at working systematically to ensure we found all possibilities! We thought about how schools have changed over time and the difference between resources we have and what our teachers had. We loved experimenting with our writing on slate boards, blackboards, whiteboards, interactive whiteboards and iPads. We all agreed that we prefer using interactive boards to using the slate boards! Next week we will be creating something to sell on Friday! We will also have the opportunity to buy something from another class to help raise money for Animate Arts.

From Mrs Jones & Miss Johnson

Year 2

This week in Maths we have been adding three 1-digit numbers, such as $3+4+7=$. We have practised adding numbers on mentally and drawing things to help us. We have also been ordering numbers up to 100 and practising counting up in ones and crossing over the next ten. We started reading 'Gorilla' this week by Anthony Browne. We are loving finding the hidden meanings and pictures in his drawings. We loved finally finding out what had been hiding in our mystery box on Monday! We looked after the tortoise all day, wrote some adjectives about him and even got to touch his shell. We have been caring for our plants each day to remind us how God feels about Christians. We have also played a hockey match and learnt about food chains in Science. We are looking forward to our trip on Monday!

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Keeffe