



ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

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We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back to school to start another new and exciting year at St Alphege. We have been so impressed by how well the children have come back to school and it has been so lovely to hear all of their news from the summer break. They have all settled into their new classes brilliantly and look so grown up in their new environments. Our new Reception children have had a wonderful morning with us today and it has been lovely to properly welcome them into our St Alphege family. We have also received fantastic feedback about our children who have moved on to their junior schools this term and how ready and prepared they were for making that next step.

This year, we are launching our school vision statement of: *"Loved, Inspired, Shining"*. To ensure that our school continues to shine like a beacon in our wonderful Whitstable community.

School Development Plan

As you are aware, each year the school community creates a School Development Plan (SDP) highlighting key priorities to drive the school forward. These are identified following a review of the previous academic year and the current data that has been collected from each child. I would like to thank all of the parents that shared their views with us throughout the year, as these have really helped to inform our plans moving forwards. The children have also contributed to the priorities through discussions about what they love about St Alphege and what they would like in the future. We have also discussed these priorities with all members of staff and the Governing body. We feel it is vitally important that everyone has a voice when setting these priorities so that we can all support the achievement of these in the coming year.

This academic year our School Plan will focus on ensuring a diverse and enriching experience for our whole school community. The key areas of focus that we would like both our children and their families to focus on again fall into an acronym. We hope that this will help our whole community to understand what it is that we are working on from September. This year we are focusing on **S.T.A.R.S**



St Alphege Values
Terrific Writing
A amazing Maths
Remarkable Curriculum
Super Phonics



St Alphege Values



Koinonia



Forgiveness



Trust



Kindness



Love Joy

As you know, we do love a bit of art at St Alphege! This term, the entrance will be transformed to reflect our STARS theme. All of our children have been working with Jo Dyer from Animate Arts to design and create a large star themed art installation which will take pride of place in the entrance hall. The children have learned new artistic skills and have enjoyed working together to complete this adventurous and arty challenge. We will let you know when this is complete so that you can pop in and have a look!

St Alphege Values will remain a focus for us this year as we continue to strengthen our whole school ethos. We have chosen The Lost Sheep as our school parable as it encapsulates all of our school values as well as the vision for our school that each of us feels loved and welcomed into the school family. There is more information about this on our school website and I am sure you will hear all about the little lamb who keeps getting lost as the term progresses!

Terrific Writing: This year, we will be building on our work around reading to focus on strengthening our children's love of writing. Whether this be children taking their first steps into mark making, or producing beautiful written gems for others to discover. Miss Hughes our English Leader will be running parent information workshops to explain how we teach writing and how you can support your child at home.

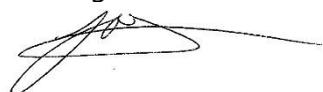
Amazing Maths: Mastery in Maths will remain a focus for us this year as we continue to provide opportunities for using and applying Mathematical skills and concepts in a variety of situations. In term 2, Ms Strike our Maths Leader will be running Parent information sessions to explain our current focus and advise you on how you can support your child at home.

Remarkable Curriculum: We will be refining our curriculum this year with a focus on intent, implementation and impact to ensure we continue to provide a rich and exciting learning opportunities in all subjects. We will be building on the strengths of our current curriculum and looking at ways to further enhance the opportunities to use all of our outdoor spaces, including The Nest, on a weekly basis.

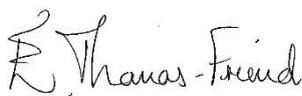
Super Phonics: Our children's understanding of phonics has a remarkable impact on their reading and spelling skills. We will continue to provide high quality, exciting and engaging daily phonics teaching with a focus on supporting your child to figure out how to read words they have never seen before and apply their knowledge to their spelling.

Many thanks for your continued support in what I am sure will be another incredible year!

Kind regards,



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Head of School



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