

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



Joy

Loved, Inspired, Shining

Newsletter

Term 1 Week 2 | 13.9.2019

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September

Fri 20th – Year 2 start swimming lessons
Tue 24th – Year R first class photo for KM newspaper

October

Tue 8th – Year R Harvest service at St Alphege Church.
Tea/coffee from 1.30pm with the service from 2.15pm
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
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 parent worship at St Alphege
Church 2.00pm
Wed 11th March – Year 2 parent worship at St Alphege
Church 2.00pm
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

2nd Hand uniform sales will be on the Community Room
patio from 2.30pm – 3.15pm on the following dates
1st October, 5th November

KEY EVENTS

Year 2 Swimming Lessons

Children will swim on Friday mornings from 20th September to 29th November. Lessons are at Whitstable pool and the children will walk to and from the pool each week. Please provide your child with a swimming costume and towel in a separate bag and a coat for the walk. Voluntary contributions of £17.50 will go towards all 10 lessons. Please bring payments to the school office or pay online.



Year R First class photo

A photographer from the KM newspaper will come into school on Tuesday 24th September to take a photo of the children in Pebbles class and Shells class. These will appear in a future edition of the newspaper.

Year R Harvest service

Parents of reception children are invited to St Alphege church on Tuesday 8th October. The church will open for refreshments at 1.30pm giving you the opportunity to meet your fellow reception parents. The children will arrive at the church for the service which will start at 2.15pm.



Whole School Parent Evening Appointment

All parents are invited to make an appointment with the class teacher to discuss how your child has settled into their class. Appointments can be booked via our online system, or through the office if you don't have online access. Full details will be sent out shortly.

Whole School Nut Free School

We have several children in school and nursery with nut allergies so we would like to remind all parents that we are a nut-free school. Please refer to the letter sent out last week or view a copy on the school website

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

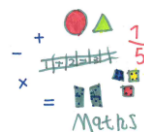
New award stickers have been created and will be awarded next week.



St Alphege Values
Child
Class



Terrific Writing
Child
Class



Amazing Maths
Child
Class



Remarkable Curriculum
Child
Class



Super Phonics
Child
Class



Learning Dinosaurs
Child
Class

Notice Board

Choir

Mrs Memmott will be starting Choir on Tuesday mornings at **8.35am** in the Community Room from Tuesday 17th September. If your child would like to try choir, please take them directly to the Community Room. They will be taken to their classroom afterwards.



Cleaner

We have a vacancy for an after-school cleaner, to work daily from 2.30pm – 4.30pm. Please let any interested family and friends know. Details are available at www.kent-teach.com

Parent Governors

We have vacancies on our governing body for parent governors. Full information on the election process will be sent out soon but if you are interested and would like further information please speak to Mrs Spinks or Mrs Cullen via the school office.

Friends Association Members

All parents are members of our Friends Association (PTFA) and this year we are looking for extra volunteers to help with the wonderful events that are organised for both families and the children. If you have spare time to give please volunteer through the school office. We are especially interested in someone who would be willing to be the Chair of the committee and we would welcome anyone with financial experience to take on the role of treasurer. If you would like to find out more about these roles please speak to Mrs Spinks or Mrs Cullen.

Sports Clubs – Achieve Sport

There are still places on this terms sports clubs for Year 1 and 2 children.

Dodgeball on Mondays, Hockey on Tuesday, Football on Wednesdays, Rounders on Thursday and Dance on Fridays, all from 3:00pm-4:00pm. Please sign up at the school office.



Aldi Kit for Schools Stickers

We are collecting the Get Set sports stickers from Aldi. Please hand them to your child's class teacher.

Gardening Company

We are looking for a local gardening company to carry out some work in our small forest school area (The Nest). Initially, this will be a few days' work to get it fit for purpose again after a hot summer, followed by regular work to keep on top of it and make sure it is always looking its best. Please let us know if you are able to help, or if you have used a local company that you would recommend

Community Events

St Alphege Church Service

On Sunday 15th September the 9.15am service will focus on the parables of The Lost Sheep and The Lost Coin. As The Lost Sheep has been chosen as the focus for our Values this year, it would be lovely for our families to attend this service.

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.

12th Sept, 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

We have been welcoming and settling in all our new and returning Sunbeams over the last two weeks. We have been encouraging the children to be as independent as possible through our routines. We very much enjoyed Jo from Animate Arts, who came in last week to support the children in some space themed craft activities. We have made some of the star lights and the big moon that are just inside the entrance to our main school! We have been introducing the children to our music and movement times. Squiggle while you wiggle helps to develop the gross motor movement and skills the children need to get ready for writing later on. We make a movement in the air with scarves or wands to music, then transfer that movement to paper or sand so that we are mark making. Dough Disco encourages fine motor development as the children manipulate the dough in different ways with their hands, also to music. We like the children to be as independent as possible and it would greatly help us if you could please send your children into nursery with shoes they can easily take off and put on, such as those with a Velcro fastening.

From Mrs Keeble & Mrs Humphreys

Year R

What an amazing first week at school Year R has had! We could not be more proud of how well all the children have done and how quickly they have all settled in. It has been lovely to see all their beautiful smiles in the morning! We have had fun exploring our new school such as visiting the library, playing in the big playground and having our first school dinner! Not to mention how much fun we have had digging in the sand and mud, building and dancing on our stage. We have made lots of new friends! Thank you for joining us for our celebration of the first week at school and we can't wait to see you all back on Monday morning!

From Mrs Arnott & Miss Goodsell

Year 1

What an amazing week we have had in Year 1! We have been reading the story 'Superkid' and thinking about all of the amazing powers he has! We have learnt all about nouns and adjectives and have labelled Superkid with both types of words. We then used our labels to write some wonderful sentences! Next week we will continue to focus on adjectives and using them to make our writing exciting. In Maths we have been focussing on place value and number placement. We have ordered numbers and filled in missing numbers using both numerals and words. We have been learning about our super senses and this week focussed on sight. We created our own tool to help us see and explored our playground using them! We loved our first hockey lesson in PE and are looking forward to continuing on improving our skills each week!

From Mrs Jones & Miss Johnson

Year 2

This week in Y2 we have learnt about Africa. We have sorted animals into different habitats and grouped them in different ways. We also included some African animals in our beautiful sunset paintings! We are practising our ball skills in PE but don't forget we need our swimming kits next Friday as our weekly swimming lessons start! In RE we have thought about how Christians could look after the world for God. Our Maths this week has seen us look at our place value of numbers and practise partitioning them into tens and ones, we have also been using the greater than/less than symbols. We have been reading 'There's a Lion In My Cornflakes' in English and our writing has been around the characters in the book. We have wrote questions for the characters and improved simple sentences. What a week!

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Keeffe