

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
1st October, 5th November

KEY EVENTS

Platinum Artsmark Celebration Day



On Thursday 3rd October we will be celebrating our new Platinum Artsmark status. The children will be taking part in a range of different arts activities during the day including music, drama, dance and art. In the afternoon, we will be taking the whole school to The Playhouse Theatre for a celebration event and the presentation of the plaque. Special guests have been invited to join us for this part of the day including artists and cultural organisations who helped us on our journey. We will return to school for the usual end of the day collection arrangements.

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 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. [Book online](#)

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

Creepy Claws – After School Animal Club



We are looking to run an animal club after school through a company called Creepy Claws. Their experienced animal handlers will come into school with a different animal each week. The children will be able to see, touch and hold many species of animals including rabbits, guinea pigs, small rodents, snakes, lizards, tarantulas, insects, hedgehogs, birds and few surprises too! The club will run for 10 weeks and each week will cost £4.00 per child for the one hour session. In order to run successfully there must be 20 children attending each week so we would like to know if you would be interested in this for your child, before we sign up for it. Please email office@st-alphege.kent.sch.uk if you would like your child to attend and let us know which day of the week you would prefer this club to run on.

Weekly Awards

King Alphege Attendance Lion

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



King Alphege Attendance Lion
Shells Class
100%

Whole School Awards

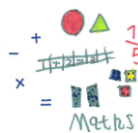
New award stickers have been created and will be awarded next week.



St Alphege Values
Honey
Pebbles Class



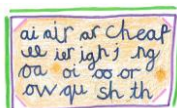
Terrific Writing
Frankie E
Seagulls Class



Amazing Maths
Barney
Puffins Class



Remarkable Curriculum
Janie
Shells Class



Super Phonics
Oscar
Pearls Class



Learning Dinosaurs
Padme
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

Age UK Herne Bay & Whitstable – Volunteers required

Do you have some spare time on your hands now the children are back at school? There are many opportunities to support Age UK in our local area. Please contact Gill Ball on 07735556811 or agecorecruiter@btinternet.com

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

This week in Sunbeams we have been thinking about our school values in relation to the story The Lost Sheep. We have found lots of practical examples of times when our Sunbeams children demonstrate forgiveness, trust, love, joy, kindness and koinonia. The children even had to go on a hunt to find our own little lost sheep, Ruth and we talked about how it might feel to be lost. We have used the theme of lost sheep to find opportunities for counting. We have also introduced our Sunbeams to helicopter stories this week. The children make up their own story and then we act it out together. Mrs Memmott continued with her Gruffalo theme music session and developing our listening skills.

From Mrs Keeble & Mrs Humphreys

Year R

It has been a very busy week for Reception this week. We have kicked off our maths, phonics and English learning with a bang! We have been reading the Funny Bones story and retelling the book using puppets and split pin skeletons. In phonics we have been playing lots of fun listening games and made our own big ear hats to wear on our listening walk around the school. We heard all sorts of noises and also spoke about what quiet sounds like whilst the other children in school were working. This week in maths has been full of activities exploring our numbers 1-5. We have practiced recognising, writing and counting by playing games, digging in the sand for buried numbers and using paint to create number posters. We also had a lovely afternoon hunting for all things to do with autumn. We did leaf rubbing, apple printing and have been learning songs for our upcoming harvest celebration. Well done for a great week Reception!

From Mrs Arnott & Miss Goodsell

Year 1

It has been a very busy week in Year 1! We continued the story 'Superworm' and have been writing amazing descriptions using adjectives to describe characters and scenes from the story. Next week we will start a new story called 'Supertato'. In maths we have been learning to compare and order numbers. We have filled in blank number lines, ensuring the numbers are in the correct place and using ten frames to make numbers greater or fewer than given numbers. In ICT this week we created our own story about the Spaceship. We learnt all about attacking and defending in PE this week and had a class game of benchball! Next week we will put our skill into play in hockey.

From Mrs Jones & Miss Johnson

Year 2

This week we have been learning ten more and ten less of numbers up to 100. We have practised adding multiples of ten and even completed some tricky missing number problems using multiples of ten! In English we have read the book 'Class 2 at the Zoo'. We have wrote question sentences, used conjunctions and wrote perfect sentences using nouns, verbs, adverbs and adjectives. We also practised acting out some verb and adverb pairs in the hall! We went for a walk to compare Africa to Whitstable for our Topic. In RE we planted some bean seeds to help us understand how God cares for and loves Christians. We have been improving our hockey defending and attacking skills this week and evaluating our animal habitats we made in Science. Don't forget PE kits are needed for a Monday (Including shoes!) and swimming kits for a Friday.

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Keeffe