

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



Joy

Loved, Inspired, Shining

Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October

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 Nativity to parents 2.00pm
Thur 12th – Year 1 Nativity 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, 3rd December, 7th January, 4th February.

KEY EVENTS

Non Uniform Day – Friday 18th October

Tomorrow is a non-uniform day and our Arts Enterprise Day. We are collecting monetary donations for wearing non-uniform. We also have our Enterprise Day. Children can purchase items that have been made in other classes. Each item will be 20p.

Water Bottles

Please can you provide a named water bottle for your child to bring to school every day. These can be refilled in class and will be brought home at the end of each day.

Spare underwear

We would welcome donations of underwear, both boys and girls pants, vests and socks, to have as spares in the classrooms. If your child has borrowed some recently, please wash and return them so we can keep our spare box filled. Alternatively, you can provide some named spare underwear in a separate bag if your child requires assistance with their personal care during school.

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.

Online Safety Information

Please see the attached information about keeping children safe online. There is also extra information on our school website.

Extra-Curricular Clubs – Years 1 & 2

We will be running clubs next term for children in Years 1 and 2. Please send your reply slips back to school as soon as possible as places are offered on a first come first served basis. There are also sports clubs with Achieve Sport for children in Years R, 1 & 2 to attend.

Creepy Claws Club – Term 2

We are offering an animal club called Creepy Claws, on Thursday's after school next term. Full details about the club, including costs and contact details can be found on the letter emailed to parents, or a paper copy can be collected from the school office.

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.

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
99.6%

Whole School Awards

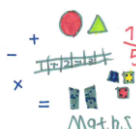
This week the awards went to the following children.



St Alphege Values
Isla
Puffins Class



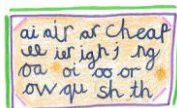
Terrific Writing
Keira
Shells Class



Amazing Maths
Bea
Oysters Class



Remarkable Curriculum
Bobby P
Seagulls Class



Super Phonics
Leo
Pebbles Class



Learning Dinosaurs
Tyler B
Pearls 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>

Whitstable Castle – Halloween Scavenger Hunt & Spooky Craft Workshops

Monday 21st – Friday 25th 11.00am – 4.00pm

See picture for full details.



Animate Arts Free Workshop

Animate Arts are running free pop up art events to help generate support for their crowd funding campaign. On Thursday 24th October from 2:30pm until 6:00pm they will be at the Whitstable Umbrella centre. Why not pop along to create something special with an animate artists. This session will be in the garden if dry or in the café if not.

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

This week in Sunbeams we have been exploring basic 2D shapes. We have been on walks around the school, looking for familiar shapes in our environment and learning what common shapes are called. We recorded our findings on tally charts. We have begun to use vocabulary to describe the properties of some of these shapes and have made them ourselves or sorted them according to their properties. We have been doing lots of phonic games to help us to develop our listening skills. Mrs Memmott came in on Tuesday and we played clues. We had to listen and watch very carefully so that we would know how to position and play them. We have been busy making bookmarks to sell for Art Enterprise day on Friday. We hope they will be useful for the whole school extreme read magical task over half term!

From Mrs Keeble & Mrs Humphreys

Year R

What a brilliant last week of term Reception have had! In English this week we have been reading the story of The Leaf Man. We thought about where we would go if we were a leaf man flying around and even went hunting for some crunchy autumn leaves to make our very own Leaf Man. In maths this week we have been thinking about more than, less than and equal to. We have also been playing lots of counting games. All the children have been showing off with their sounds this week. We have played lots of matching and listening games with initial sounds and even simple words. Amazing! We have also had fun making playdough to sell at the arts event on Friday, we hope we can sell all of our lovely pots! We could not be more proud of how well all of the children have settled in this term. They have all made such a wonderful start to their school journey and we can't wait for more next term! Our topic next term is A Walk in the Woods. We would really appreciate any sticks, conkers, acorns etc that you may find on autumn walks of half term, thank you! Hope you all have a lovely well-deserved break!

From Mrs Arnott & Miss Goodsell

Year 1

We have had a wonderful week in Year 1. In English we watched 'The Incredibles.' We had a focus on questions and thought about what the question words are. We wrote different questions that we would like to find out about the film. We also thought about what our super power would be and used the conjunction and within our writing. In Maths we have been focussing on number bonds. We challenged ourselves to find all the number bonds and tried to work systematically so that we didn't miss any. We loved making objects this week to sell! Oysters made book marks and Pearls made sensory bottles. We hope that selling them and buying our own object on Friday helps towards Animate Arts projects next year! We had the Harvest Service at Church and learnt about the importance of giving. We hope you have a lovely half Term!

From Mrs Jones & Miss Johnson

Year 2

Year 2 really enjoyed our trip to Canterbury Cathedral on Monday. We listened to stories from the bible, made stain glass windows and walked around the Cathedral, learning about all the interesting features. We have been busy making arts and crafts for our Enterprise Day on Friday afternoon; Seagulls painted rocks into different characters and Puffins made stress balls. In Maths we have been learning how to solve larger additions by using column addition, we have also learnt how to exchange ones into tens using this skill. In English we finished reading 'The Gorilla' story by Anthony Browne, and completed our first, independent big write.

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Keeffe