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ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
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Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sept 2022

Tue 6th – 12.45pm to 3.15pm new Reception children first session in school

Fri 9th – Bean Machine in the playground from 8.20am

Thurs 25th – Dot day

Oct 2022

Weds 19th - Flu vaccination (YR, 1 & 2)

Fri 21st – End of term one

Mon 31st - Staff development day – School closed

Nov 2022

Tues 1st – Term 2 starts

Dec 2022

Fri 16th – End of term 2

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KEY EVENTS

Welcome Back!

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. The Reception team are out and about visiting all of our new Reception children over the next few days and we are very much looking forward to welcoming them into our St Alphege family next week. 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.

The Bean Machine

After a successful trial last term, our fabulous Friends Association have organised for The Bean Machine to visit the school again on Friday 9th September. The Bean Machine will be on the playground at the start of the day from 8:20am, selling hot drinks and pastries. Please do stop by and pick up a drink and a snack and use the opportunity to chat to other parents for a while. The school playground will need to be cleared by 9:00am so that the Bean Machine can safely drive back through the Junior School grounds. This was such a lovely community event last term that we hope you will enjoy the opportunity to connect and meet other parents. Everything The Bean Machine uses is sustainable and they will be selling a variety of drinks and pastries. Prices are from £2.00 - £3.00 across their menu and they accept both cash and card payments. We are planning to make this a regular arrangement and will inform you of other upcoming dates soon!

Timings of the School Day

Thank you to you all for remembering our slightly extended timings of the school day. Just a reminder that the classroom doors will be opening at 8:40am each morning and children need to be in class by 8:45am to start their learning. The school gates will be closing shortly after this time. We will be releasing the children at the slightly later time of 3:15pm. As this timing is the same as Whitstable Juniors, we have come up with a collective plan to make life simpler for those parents with children at both schools. Please see the attached letter for revised collection arrangements for any older siblings at WJS.

Uniform Reminders

Thank you for sending your child to school in the correct uniform each day. Uniform is an important part of being in school as it helps to give children a sense of belonging and community. Please make sure your child's uniform is named so that we can return any misplaced items to the correct owner! We fully appreciate the financial challenges that we are all facing at the moment with the rising cost of living and how providing uniform can be another expense for families. Uniform does not have to bear the school logo and can be picked up at supermarkets as long as the colours are correct. There are also many great initiatives, such as the Whitstable Community Wardrobe, where good quality uniform can be donated or collected free of charge. Recycling uniform once your child has grown out of it is also good for the planet, so we would encourage you all to take a look and donate anything you no longer need. You can contact them on Facebook using the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/WhitstableWardrobe/> or email the organiser Jane Myhill on: jane.myhill@btinternet.com

Bike and Scooter Park

While building works are continuing at the Whitstable Library, we have unfortunately needed to close our bike and scooter park as access to this area could pose a health and safety risk to the community. You are welcome to leave children's bikes and scooters by the wooden fencing, just before the Year 1 classrooms but we ask that you make sure these do not block any walkways. There is a sign to show you where they need to be left for the day. Thank you.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

If your child attends Breakfast Club or After School Club please can you return the registration forms and signed agreement forms which have been sent home. After School Club invoices for the term will be sent home next week and are due for payment within 2 weeks. Breakfast Club invoices continue to be sent home weekly and are due for immediate payment.

Achieve Sports

Achieve sport clubs will start week commencing Monday 12th September and run for 6 weeks until the end of this term on Friday 21st October.

Music Mark

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded Music Mark again this year. This award is given in recognition of our outstanding music curriculum and the teaching and learning provided for our children. It also recognises our contributions to influencing teaching and learning in other schools through our frequent outreach work and training. Huge thanks to Mrs Memmott for the vital role she has played in securing this award for another year.

St Alphege Team

Miss Hughes has begun her adventures, travelling the world and we wish her lots of luck as she discovers new and exciting places on her journey. Mrs O'Malley has taken over Pearls Class this year and has settled brilliantly into the role. We have no doubt that she will be a wonderful asset to the team. Mrs Cullen is also taking on a new and exciting challenge this year, by taking over the school business manager duties at both St Alphege and Whitstable Junior School. Mrs Cullen has many years of knowledge and experience in this role and we have agreed to share this expertise across both schools. Mrs Cullen will be with us every morning and will spend the afternoons at the junior school. We know that you will join with us in wishing her the very best of luck in this new role. Mrs Smith and our other office-based staff will ensure that the school office remains a functional and happy place for our whole school community. We are so lucky to have such a dedicated and enthusiastic team of staff across the school, who work tirelessly to support all of our children to thrive in all that they do.