

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

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Values



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Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May 2023

Mon 1st – Bank Holiday
Tues 2nd – Closed for Teacher Strike
Weds 3rd – Kic Theatre
Thurs 4th – Kic Theatre
Fri 5th – Coronation Lunch
Mon 8th – Bank Holiday – King Coronation
Thurs 11th – Class photos
Fri 19th – CACOT Fund Raising Day
Fri 26th – End of Term 5

June 2023

Mon 5th June – Staff Development Day
Tues 6th June – Start of Term 6

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KEY EVENTS

National Strike Action - 2nd May 2023

Thank you to all of the parents who have expressed their messages of support. As a reminder the school will be closed on Tuesday 2nd May 2023.

Stay and Play Session for Sunbeams Children

Friday 9th June 8:30am - 9:30am

Reception Share the Learning Session for Parents

Friday 9th June 8:45am - 9:30am

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Coronation Celebrations

We are planning to celebrate this historic occasion in our nation's history. We will be learning all about what a coronation is, listening to music and creating art work around this theme. We shall also be working with our friends at Kic Theatre to re-enact this special event. On Friday 5th May we will have a Coronation lunch all together followed by a party on the playground. On that day, we invite your children to wear Red, White and Blue to celebrate this national event.

Year 2 have created some amazing portraits of King Charles III and we have displayed them on our 'External Art Gallery' outside the front of the school.

Community

NHS Blood & Transplant

NHS Blood & Transplant are holding a blood donation session we Whitstable on Bank Holiday Monday 1st May 2023. Please see the attached flyer for further information.



Food Friends

Food Friends is an innovative meal sharing initiative, which connects volunteers – who are willing to deliver an extra portion of their home cooked food – with a neighbour, who would benefit from a nutritious meal and doorstep chat. Since Food Friends began, their volunteer network has delivered more than 4000 portions of home-cooked meals to neighbours in need. The volunteering opportunity is simple, uniquely rewarding, built on people's love of food and its ability to connect those in a community who would otherwise never cross paths. Food Friends are seeking volunteers.

www.food-friends.co.uk



Family Coronation Celebration



King Alphege Attendance Lion

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



King Alphege Attendance Lion
W/E 31.3.23
Shells Class – 99.3%

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Keeble & Mrs Humphreys

This week we had another stay and play session on Monday to which we invited our families to join their children in Sunbeams to play. It has been lovely to welcome so many of our families in over the last few weeks to our stay and play sessions and we hope to invite you to some more before the summer break. We have begun our Sunflower topic which will continue throughout the term. We kick started our investigation by brain storming all the things we already knew about sunflowers and thinking about what we would like to find out over the next few weeks. If anybody has some sunflower seeds, old seed packets, any seeds that you don't want or seed pots for planting them in, we would be very grateful for your donation to our topic. We would like to take this opportunity to remind all our families to apply sunscreen to your children before they come into nursery. Although it is still a little on the chilly side, the wind and the sun are strong enough that we are noticing a few pink faces at the end of the day. We spend a lot of our time outside and we need to make sure that the children are protected from the sun.

Year 1

From Mrs Jones & Mrs O'Malley

This week we really enjoyed thinking about how we are all different, through our text 'Something Else' by Katherine Cave. The children wrote fantastic letters to the creature from the story to say why he would be welcome in our school. We learnt how to follow a map and went for a walk using a small version of the map on the wall outside Year 1. We noticed different physical and natural features and learnt the different symbols used on maps. In music we have been learning about pitch and played listening games, including acting out Goldilocks and the three bears. Well done children on a brilliant first visit to the swimming pool – thanks for all your support with preparing the children.

We are looking forward to our coronation learning next week. As part of our celebrations, we will be making 'Wild Crowns' using natural materials. If you are going for a walk over the weekend, please could you bring in a few light natural items such as leaves, feathers, grass or seed pods and we can add them to our crowns.

The children are continuing to work hard with phonics in preparation for the phonics screening in Term 6. Sheets will be sent home each week for you to read with your child.

We hope you enjoy the long weekend.

Year R

From Mrs Arnott & Mr Mead

In Reception this week we have had a lovely time exploring the classic story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. The children have enjoyed joining in with the story and worked hard recalling and sequencing the story in the correct order. We worked especially hard on our writing this week with everyone writing the most they have written so far; we are so proud of them! The children have loved making their own caterpillars out of junk modelling, playdough and finger painting. They even made a caterpillar out of different fruits and vegetables! In maths this week we have been continuing our teen numbers and have been exploring numbers 16-20. The children have worked hard thinking about place value and what each number means. In Music the children have been having a great time learning some new minibeast themed songs and enjoyed listening to The Flight of the Bumblebees. Well done for another great week everyone, enjoy your long weekend!

Year 2

From Mrs Swindells & Mrs O'Keeffe

We have all enjoyed another brilliant week in Year 2. Puffins loved their trip to Duncan Downs where they learnt more about growing conditions of different plants and trees. We learnt all about equality and fairness by participating in different experiments whilst thinking about how significant individuals of the past have made such a positive impact on how we live our lives today. Children loved writing a wanted poster for a friend for Simon Sock, whilst in RE they learnt about the story of the Prophet Muhammed in why this is an important story to Muslims.

Throughout our shorter week next week, Ian from KIC theatre will be coming to deliver exciting dramatic workshops with us to learn more about the Kings Coronation. We will be celebrating the Coronation together on Friday with a special outdoor lunch and party in the afternoon. During the week we will be completing activities in Music, English, History and Art inspired by this special event.

For a future textiles themed art project this term, children will be exploring T-shirt design with a range of different techniques. We are looking for donations of spare white T-shirts of any size that you may no longer need. Year 2 staff will be collecting these in the next few weeks if you would like to donate them to school.

Wishing you all a lovely, longer weekend.