

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May 2024

Weds 1st – Morris Men Visit
Mon 6th – Bank Holiday
Fri 10th – TED Team Cake Stall (after school)
Thurs 16th – Class Photos
Fri 24th – End of Term

June 2024

Mon 3rd – Start of Term 6
Weds 5th – PAC Performance – Playhouse - 6pm
Thurs 6th – Sunbeams Parent Stay and Play Session
2.15pm-3.15pm

July 2024

Weds 17th – Sunbeams end of year Performance
(School Hall) 9.30am
Fri 19th – End of Term
Mon 22nd – Staff Development Day
Tues 23rd – Staff Development Day

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KEY EVENTS

Free Parking in Whitstable between 8:30am and 9:30am for school drop off

We have been informed by the council that the Shaftesbury Road car park, behind the Umbrella Centre still offers a free hour between 8:30am and 9:30am to allow for school drop off. Please be aware that you do still need to get a ticket though and display this on your vehicle! If you press the button on the ticket machine, it will print you off a free ticket to cover that hour. We know this is not ideal and we will continue to fight this decision, but it may give some help to families needing to drive into the town to bring their children to school. If anyone has any suggestions as to how we continue to lobby the council about this issue, please let us know.

KIC Theatre

This week we welcomed back Ian from KIC Theatre who worked alongside our Year 2 children to help inspire their curriculum learning. Ian used drama techniques to explore the themes of inequality and social injustice with the children. They showed excellent recall of previous learning about Rosa Parks and the feelings and emotions linked to inequality. The children acted out different scenarios, such as being left out of games or not getting something that everyone else has and explored how they could resolve this so that everyone felt better. The drama workshops this morning will lead into the children's learning about Martin Luther King and how his actions helped to change the world.

Cake Sale – Friday 10th May

The TED Team will be holding a cake sale after school on Friday 10th of May to raise funds for their playground sign project which they wrote to you about before the Easter break. We hope to raise about £250 so that we can have signs made displaying traditional playground games to help promote physical activity during playtime. We will be asking for a discretionary donation when you purchase cake, so please support us by giving whatever you think you can manage. In addition, we ask for any enthusiastic bakers out there who would be happy to bake cakes for our sale to please donate them on the day.

Sunbeams Stay and Play Sessions

We would like to invite our early years families to join us at the following session:

Thursday 6th June 2:15pm - 3:15pm

Community



Whitstable Library – Free Event

Whitstable Library is running a free Elmer Day craft event on Saturday 25 May between 10.30am and 11.15am.



The Bagpuss Birthday Bikeathon takes place on **Sunday 19th May** at Kent's iconic race circuit at **Lydden Hill** and represents a fantastic opportunity for the community to join together to raise much-needed funds for children and adults with life-limiting illnesses, for families to cycle in a traffic-free environment and for local authorities to promote the benefits of cycling for physical and mental health. Hospices of Hope are a registered charity (number 1088475) who have a large local presence across Kent, Surrey and London and have a wide supporter base in the region that has been growing since 1991.

Full details and information regarding registration are available at <https://hospicesofhope.co.uk/events/the-bagpuss-birthday-bikeathon/>

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

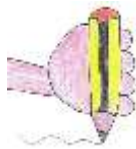


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W/E 19.04.24
Pearls Class – 97.6%

Weekly Awards

Whole School Awards

Our awards this year represent our School Development priorities: WAVES. During our Celebration Worship on a Thursday, each class will nominate one child to celebrate their achievements.



Wonderful Writing
Penny B- Pearls Class



Amazing Relationships
Thalia – Shells Class



Valiant Vocabulary
Harpo – Puffins Class



Excellent Reading
Aurabella – Pebbles Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Mariam – Seagulls Class



St Alphege Values
Otto – Oysters Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have continued to observe the changes in our caterpillars. We have noticed that the caterpillars appear to be growing at different rates so we will be interested to see if they all spin their chrysalis at similar times! We enjoyed welcoming some of our families in for a stay and play session on Wednesday morning. It was lovely for our Sunbeams to show off their nursery to their families and share with them the things they love to do when at nursery. If you missed it, don't worry, we will be inviting our families in for another stay and play session next term. We have been developing our listening and phonic skills this week with I-spy games and environmental sound games. We've had some new members join us this week and we have been introducing them to our Squiggle While you Wiggle and Dough Disco activities.

Year R

From Mrs Keeble and Mr Mead

In Reception this week we have had a lovely time exploring our book 'Mad about Mini Beasts!'. We worked especially hard on our writing this week with everyone drawing and labelling their own mini beast. We even explored adjectives! Everyone used adjectives to describe minibests, we are so proud of them! 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 the place value and what each number means. In Music the children have been having a great time learning some new minibest themed songs and enjoyed listening to The Flight of the Bumblebee. In PE we started looking at our Fit'N'Healthy unit where we were learning about healthy and unhealthy foods. We got to try lots of healthy fruits, they were delicious! Well done for another great week everyone, enjoy your weekend!

Year 1

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Malley

Oysters and Pearls have such a lot to be excited for this week! On Friday, we started our block of swimming lessons. Pearls have first session (leaving school at 9.15 to be in the pool for 10.00) and Oysters have second session (leaving school at 9.45 to be in the pool for 10.30) and we will swim for the next 10 Fridays. Everyone should have had an email reminder with dates and other information, but any questions, please do ask us. In our Maths lessons, we are learning about arrays – how to organise objects into columns and rows so that they can be counted easily. Next week, we will be using our new knowledge of arrays to help us find doubles of different amounts. In Science, we are learning about the human body, including the senses. We are going on a local walk next week, with the challenge to look out for things we can hear, things we can see, things we can smell and things we can touch. We have also identified and labelled the main large body parts, and next week we will learn about our internal organs, what their job is, and how we keep them healthy. In RE we continued our introduction to Judaism by exploring important and precious objects for Jewish people, like the mezuzah (container for a prayer scroll) kippah (head covering for males) and the shabbat candle, used to start the Friday night family sabbath celebration. In Art, we have been introduced to background, middle ground and foreground when producing a piece, and started a collage background. Next week, we will work on the middle ground of our piece and then finish it off by adding foreground detail. We have continued with our core text of 'Dogger' by Shirley Hughes, writing an introduction to our own soft toys, with a focus on using adjectives to describe and providing some additional information – why is our toy special and precious to us? How long have we had it? Where did it come from? Next week, we will produce 'MISSING' posters for our individual toys, using information language, question marks and exclamation marks. Have a brilliant weekend everyone!

Year 2

From Mrs O'Keeffe, Mrs Cook and Mr Humphreys

We have all enjoyed another brilliant week in Year 2! We have loved going on a trip to Duncan Downs where we have learnt all about different habitats, and why certain animals are suited to where they live. For our history focus this term, we will be beginning to think about social injustice and equal rights. We had the pleasure of welcoming Ian from 'KIC Theatre', who provided us with a wonderful workshop around the topic. The children were treated differently, and asked to discuss how they felt, and whether it was fair or not. It was creation week in English, and we were describing personalities and appearances of our very own Simon Sock. Using similes and synonyms to help make our writing an interesting read! We have been developing our basketball skills further, and looked at how certain passes may support us when playing as a team. We have had great fun in art, and have begun exploring with different sewing techniques. In RE we learnt about Prophet Muhammed and why this is such an important story to Muslims. We wrote down our very own special messages on sacred paper, on how to look after our school and classroom. We have had a very busy week, so have a super weekend! We will see you all again on Monday for another exciting week of learning!
