

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

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Newsletter

Term 2 Week 2 | 10.11.2023

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Nov 2023

Tues 14th – Year 1 Trip to RNLI Lifeboat Station
Fri 17th – Children in Need – Non-Uniform Day –
Monetary donations will be given to Herne Bay High
School Dance Dash dancers
Tues 21st – Individual School Photos
Weds 22nd – Year 1 Trip to Whitstable Museum

Dec 2023

Fri 1st – Reception NCMP
Sat 2nd – Festive Fun day for 2024 Reception
Tues 5th – Year 1 Christmas Concert 9.30am
Weds 6th – Reception Parent Christmas Craft 9.30am
Weds 6th – Christmas Dinner
Weds 6th – Year 2 Nativity 2.15pm
Thurs 7th – Christmas Jumper Day
Thurs 7th – Year 2 Nativity 9.30am
Mon 11th – Flu vaccination (YR, 1 & 2)
Mon 11th – Year 1 Christmas Concert 2.15pm
Tues 12th – Year 2 Cinema Trip
Tues 12th – Reception Nativity 9.30am
Tues 12th – Whole School Worship at Church 2.30pm
Weds 13th – Sunbeams Nativity 9.30am
Weds 13th – Reception Nativity 2.15pm
Fri 15th – End of term 2

KEY EVENTS

Children in Need – Friday 17th November



This will be a non-uniform day for the children. We are delighted to be hosting the Herne Bay High School Dance Dash dancers. Any monetary donations will be given to Herne Bay High to add to their grand total which will be donated to Children in Need. Please send in the donations with your child at the start of the school day.

Individual School Photos – Tuesday 21st November

Profiles Photography will be in school on Tuesday 21st November to take individual children's photos. We will also be able to take sibling photos this year for those children who have a sibling that attends our school or Sunbeams. If your Sunbeams child doesn't usually attend on a Tuesday morning, and you would like them to have their photo taken, please bring them via the school office at 8.30am.

Year 1 Trip to RNLI Lifeboat Station – Tuesday 14th November

We are delighted to have been invited to the Whitstable Lifeboat Station on the morning of Tuesday 14th November. We are going to find out what they do for Whitstable to help keep us safe and why we need a lifeboat. Please send your children in sensible footwear and a waterproof coat. Oysters are still looking for parent helpers if you would like to join us. Please see Miss Hughes.



Year 1 Trip to Whitstable Museum – Wednesday 22nd November

We are happy to tell you that, as part of our history topic 'What was it like when you were young?' we have organised a trip to the Whitstable Museum. The children will have an opportunity to look at some old toys, discuss a timeline and take part in an observation game, to develop their skills of historical enquiry.

The visit takes place on the morning of Wednesday 22nd November in the morning. One class will visit at 9.15am and the other at 10.30am.

If you would like to join us as a parent helper, we would be delighted to have you. Please let us know if you would like to come along.



Festive Fun Day

We would like to invite all children who are due to start school in Year R in September 2024, to a fun filled festive activity morning on Saturday 2nd December 2023 from 10.00am – 12.00pm. There is no need to book, just come along on the day. Please note that this is not for current St Alphege children. There will be plenty of other festive opportunities for them to enjoy in school.



Scooters and Bikes

Thank you for continuing to walk bikes and scooters through the school and for parking these up appropriately in the bike park behind the library or taking them home again. It is important for the safety of our community that these are not ridden on the school site.



Christmas Tree Decorations Donations

We are looking for donations of Christmas tree decorations/baubles for our communal tree in the school hall. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.



The Maypole Project – New Art sessions for Siblings of children with complex medical or SEND



Our new and exciting Maypole Art groups for siblings of children with complex medical need or SEND from Whitstable area.

When: Mondays after school.

Timings: Age 5-7 timing 4pm 4.45pm Age 7-10 timing 5.05pm to 5.50pm

Where: The Horsebridge Arts and Community Centre, CT51AF

The sessions are designed for siblings to engage in art, in a fun and friendly environment also for children to socialise and make friendships and create peer support in an informal setting.

For more info on the art sessions and to sign your child up, please let us know you will be attending or for more information for the ongoing siblings' art sessions/refer your child or children please email: phillipprice@themaypoleproject.co.uk

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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 03.11.23
Pearls Class – 97.9%

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
Larna – Oysters Class



Amazing Relationships
Edie and Evie D – Seagulls Class



Valiant Vocabulary
George – Puffins Class



Excellent Reading
Maeve – Pearls Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Ezra – Pebbles Class



St Alphege Values
Rosie – Shells Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Humphreys & Mrs Keeble

This week in Sunbeams we have been thinking about why we wear poppies at this time of year. We have talked about the brave men and women who have committed to keeping us safe and then tried to remember times when we have been brave or when others have helped us to be brave. We then used transient art, collage materials and paint to create our own poppies. We have been thinking more about pattern this week and have used our concentration and noticing skills to recreate simple repeating patterns. We have been able to correct some of the mistakes made in patterns and even created our own! One of our colour monsters has gone missing from the nursery, it may yet turn up, but can we please ask you to have a little look at home in case it accidentally found its way there and return it if it has. Thank you.

Year R

From Mrs Arnott and Mr Mead

We have had a great week. In English we have been exploring the nursery rhyme of Incy Wincy Spider. All the children made their own spiders and then took them all on their own adventures. Everyone made us very proud by drawing their own stories of where their spider climbed. In phonics we have been learning the sounds: v, w, x and y. We have also been working hard in learning some very tricky words including "and, has, had". We have continued thinking about History this week and learning all about the meaning of Remembrance Day. We thought a lot about our own feelings and how others might be feeling on this day. The children created some lovely pieces of poppy themed artwork. All the children had a great time in PE this week where we have continued exploring different types of dance – this week was the turn of hip hop and breakdance! Well done Reception for another great week!

Year 1

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Malley

What an amazing week we have had in Y1! This week, in Maths we have added numbers together using a number line, explored the traditional tale of Red Riding Hood in our English lessons, tried out break-dancing in P.E and thought about the properties of different materials in our science lesson. Next week, we have our class trip to the Lifeboat Station, where we will learn about what the RNLI volunteers do. We will also get a chance to visit the harbour and beach. Thank you to those who have volunteered to come with us! (Don't forget children will need a waterproof coat this day) Next week we will be continuing to add numbers together using a number line, this time up to 15. We will be learning about what a statement is, and writing about the events and characters of Little Red Riding Hood. Within Science we will explore which materials are waterproof with a very messy investigation, and we will also start to look at a new History topic: toys. We can't wait already! Enjoy your weekends everyone!

Year 2

From Mrs Swindells & Mrs O'Keeffe

Year 2 have had another wonderful week. We learnt all about the basic needs of all living things (air, water, food and shelter) and thought about how this may differ depending on the living thing. We then chose an animal to create a suitable habitat for and ensured they had all of their basic needs! Next week in science we will be thinking about the different food groups and how to create a healthy diet. We absolutely loved completing a variety of engagement activities for the story 'Greta and the Giants' and are amazed at the amount of vocabulary we were able to gather. Next week we will use our ideas to create an abstract poem to describe the setting in the story using adjectives. In Maths we have been working hard on subtraction and have learnt how to take away 2-digit numbers from 2-digit numbers. Next week we will use our skills to work out how to exchange tens for ones in order to work out more complex subtraction sums. In Art, we will be focusing on colour mixing and thinking about how to use primary colours to create secondary and tertiary colours. On Wednesday afternoon we will be visiting Whitstable Junior School to complete a variety of workshops there. Friday will be non-uniform day in aid of Children in Need and we will be visited by Herne Bay High dance dash who always put on a fantastic performance! Have a lovely weekend!