

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
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Newsletter

Term 4 Week 5 | 22.03.2024

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 2024

Mon 25th – Year R Vision and Hearing Screening
Tues 26th – Parents Evening (3.30-5.30pm)
Weds 27th – Parents Evening (3.30-7:00pm)
Thurs 28th – End of Term 4

April 2024

Mon 15th – Start of Term 5
Weds 24th – Sunbeams Parent Stay and Play Session
8.30am-9.30am

May 2024

Mon 6th – Bank Holiday
Fri 24th – End of Term

June 2024

Mon 3rd – Start of Term 6
Weds 6th – 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

KEY EVENTS

Parent Survey

As we come towards the end of another fun-packed term at St Alphege, we would love to hear your thoughts and feedback. Please can you find a few minutes to complete our parent survey to help us to reflect on what we do well and any areas we could seek to improve. Many thanks for your time.

<https://forms.gle/MLguGNaeXWTpaE5o9>

Are you the one we are looking for?

We are keen to reignite our Friends Association and to look at the planning of future fundraising opportunities for the summer and into the new academic year. We really need a willing parent or group of parents who would be happy to drive this forwards for us and lead others in organising and running events. This does not have to fall to one person, if there is a group of keen volunteers, we are happy for you to share this responsibility. If you are interested and think you have any time to offer, or would just like to find out more about what would be involved, please pop into the office so we can reach out for a conversation.

Fundraising projects and Grant Applications

Following a discussion at our Governors meeting this term, we thought we would reach out to our school community to see if anyone has any knowledge, expertise or skills with bid writing or grant applications and may be able to offer advice on ways we could apply for additional funding for school based projects or developments. Funding at both National and Local levels continue to reduce and we would like to ensure that we are maximising all opportunities to generate income for the school and ensure we continue to offer incredible opportunities and experiences for our children.

Toddler Toys

Do you have any toddler toys that your child no longer plays with? Especially those that light up and make sounds? If you so, we are looking for donations of these. Please drop to the school office if you are happy to donate.



STEAM Week

WB:25.03.24 The final week of term will be our STEAM week! In this week, we will explore our Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths skills with a whole school challenge to complete in our classes. This will be an exciting week where we get to develop our learning in more practical ways. Keep an eye on our Facebook page where we will have lots of photos of our exciting challenge!



Parents Evenings – Video Appointments

Our mid-year parent meetings will be held at the end of this term. These will be between:

3:30pm and 5:30pm on Tuesday 26th March

3.30pm and 7:00pm Wednesday 27th March.

<https://stalphegeinfant.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

<https://support.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/article/862-video-appointments-parents-how-to-invite-another-parent-guardian-to-join-your-appointments>

Sunbeams Stay and Play Sessions

We would like to invite our early years families to join us at one of the following sessions:

Wednesday 24th April 8:30am - 9:30am

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

Year 1 Swimming Lessons

Year 1 swimming lessons will be starting after Easter on Friday 26th April. Please can your child wear their swimming costume and bring a towel to school in a separate bag. The children will walk to and from the pool and be back at school before lunchtime.



The lessons will be subsidised by the school but we are requesting a contribution of £35.00 for all 10 lessons, payable in advance of the first lesson.

Please pay by cash at the school office or by direct bank payment in to the school bank account. Instalments are available if you would like to spread the cost. Please email the office to advise us that you have made a bank transfer so we can reconcile the payment on the bank statement. If for any reason you are unable to pay or require support with this payment, please contact the office where we will be very happy to help or advise you on your options.

The children will swim on Friday

**April 26th and May 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th in term 5 and
June 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th and July 5th term 6.**

There is no swimming on Friday 31st May as this is the half term holiday.



Thank you to everyone who took part in comic relief. The children looked fabulous in their items of red. We raised over £210.

JO AND THE CRAFTY CART - WORKSHOPS FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES

We are delighted to be supporting Jo from our arts partners Animate Arts Company, in a newly devised piece of work for families by promoting this offer to you.....

As part of her Arts Council 'Develop Your Own Practice' funding, she will be running a series of craft workshops in the Easter holidays. This is unlike any other crafting workshop that you have taken part in! Meet Jo and her Crafty Cart – a magical box full of crafting tools and materials...and wonderous creative happenings.

Monday 8 April, 11am or 2pm Gulbenkian Arts Centre, Canterbury
Wednesday 10 April, 11am or 2pm Revelation Ashford, Ashford
Friday 12 April, 11am or 2pm, @tThe Alexander Centre, Faversham

TICKETS: Pay-What-You-Can

BOOK: www.animateartscompany.com/events



Community



Whitstable Library Craft Evens

Thursday 27th March – Easter Arts & Craft
Thursday 11th April – Recycled Materials Arts & Crafts

Free to attend



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 15.03.24
Shells Class – 95.7 %

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
Bluebell, Annabelle &
Reuben
Oysters Class



Amazing Relationships
Rayan – Seagulls Class



Valiant Vocabulary
Kelechi – Pearls Class



Excellent Reading
Dexter – Shells Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Isabelle – Puffins Class



St Alphege Values
Lewy-Jack – Pebbles Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Humphreys

On Wednesday Sunbeams visited Whitstable Fire Station, travelling to and from there by bus. We had an amazing time exploring the rescue boat and fire engine. Firefighter Michelle and Firefighter Ian showed us a lot of the special equipment they use when fighting fires, rescuing people from rivers or mud and from vehicle crashes. We all took turns squirting the hose from the fire engine and tried some of their equipment on – the helmets are very heavy! On Friday dental nurse Jade visited us to talk about how we can look after our teeth and gums. We learned that it's not just important to brush our teeth twice a day regularly, but that we also need to be mindful of what we are eating and how that affects our oral health. We have really enjoyed our water and bubble play this week as the weather is improving. Please remember to pack a few spare clothes for your child when at Sunbeams, as we do have a tendency to get wet despite welly boots and aprons.

Year R

From Mrs Arnott and Mr Mead

This week has been a busy week in Reception. In English, the children have been thinking about when we planted seeds last week. They have been looking at what instructions are and when we might use/need them. The children have then worked extremely hard to write their own set of instructions for planting seeds. We are so proud of how well they have done; they have all shown some amazing stamina. In maths this week we have been exploring 2d and 3d shapes. The children have had lots of fun making their own shape easter eggs, shape aliens and going on 3d shape hunts around the school. In RE this week we looked at the importance of the cross for Christians and how it can symbolise a bridge between them and God, all the children then had lots of fun creating and building bridges out of a range of materials. We can't believe next week is the last of Term 4. We are very excited for all the Easter fun and for STEAM week, we know it's going to be a week full of creativity and fun. Hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Year 1

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Malley

We have loved learning about capacity, plants, Yayoi Kusama and schools of the past this week. In Maths we have been measuring different capacities and using the vocabulary: empty, full and half full. We have been writing about the functions of each part of a plant and produced some beautiful fact-file posters! We created bright and colourful self portraits on our string printing backgrounds and learnt about what school was like 100 years ago! We are very excited for all of our fun Easter activities next week and our STEAM week! We will be exploring science, technology, engineering, art and maths skills by completing a whole school challenge. Don't forget about parents evening slots, we are looking forward to speaking to you all next week! Have a lovely weekend!

Year 2

From Mrs O'Keeffe and Mrs Keeble

This week in Year 2 we have had another productive and fun filled week! We started our English work this week with the practical task of following instructions to make our own cupcakes. This was to support us with our instruction writing, having that understanding of the order in which things need to happen. We have incorporated imperative verbs and frontal adverbials to help us make our writing detailed and interesting. In Maths we have been exploring mass, using a range of scales to work out the mass of different objects, and beginning to use the measurements of grams and kilograms in our work, both practical and recorded. We had a fantastic art lesson this week where we took our learning to the beach to make our own transient art sculptures, learning about grotters and their relevance to our local history. We have loved our PE focus of football this term, learning a range of different skills to dribble, control and defend the ball and are looking forward to putting those new skills into practice in a football match. We are looking forward to our final week of term next week, where we will be engaging in STEAM week activities and getting ready for Easter.
