

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



Love

Loved, Inspired, Shining

Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October 2021

Mon 18th – Y2 Harvest Service 2.00pm
Tues 19th – Parents Evening 4.00-6.00pm
Weds 20th – Parents Evening 3.30pm – 5:30pm
Thurs 21st – Parents Evening Oysters 3.30pm-5.30pm
Fri 22nd – Wear Red Day
Fri 22nd – End of Term 1

November 2021

Mon 1st – Staff development day – School closed
Tues 2nd – Term 2 starts

Fri 5th – Applications for Reception places open
Fri 5th – Applications for Junior places open
Mon 8th – Individual children school photos
Mon 8th – Remembrance event in school
Fri 19th – Children in Need – Herne Bay High School
Dance Dash

December 2021

Thurs 2nd – Flu vaccination (Years R, 1 & 2)
Fri 17th – End of Term 2

KEY EVENTS

Parents evening – video appointments

Reminder to parents to book a 10-minute video appointment with their child's teacher next week. All appointments will be accessed through our Parent Evening booking system which now has the facility for video calls. A parent guide is attached to help you book your appointment on **Tuesday 19th October, 4.00pm – 6.00pm** or **Wednesday 20th October, 3.30pm – 5.30pm**. For parents of children in Oysters, we have set Thursday 21st October, 3.30pm – 5.30pm instead of Tuesday as Mrs Jones is on a training course.

If you would prefer a telephone appointment please speak to your child's teacher directly and they will arrange a suitable time to call on an alternative day.
Please use the guides below which explain how to access the video appointment.

<https://support.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/article/801-video-parents-how-to-attend-appointments-over-video-call>

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



Harvest Worship in Church

Due to us still having a few numbers of confirmed Covid-19 cases in our parent community, we have made the decision to just hold our harvest services with our children. On this occasion parents will not be able to join us but we hope to be able to welcome you all back into school at Christmas.



The children in Year 2 will be visiting the Church as planned on Monday 18th October at 2.00pm. Worship will be led by Rev Rachel and her team. We are supporting the Church's collection for the Riverside food pantry, so if you feel able, please bring tinned or long-life food to school over the next few weeks to be shared with those in need in our community. Thank you.

Wear Red Day - Friday 22nd October

We have been celebrating Black History Month in school and the children have really impressed us with the maturity of their discussions and the empathy they have shown. We would like to take part in Show Racism the Red Card's "Wear Red Day" which will be taking place on Friday 22nd October where we will continue to discuss diversity, recognise and celebrate differences and discuss how we can always show love and kindness to everyone we meet. Children do not have to wear uniform on this day, and we ask that you please send your child to school in something red. If you would also like to show your support to this charity through a donation, please text **RED** to **70470** to give £1.



Mentoring Awards

We would like to say a big congratulations to Ms Strike for winning a Mentor Award this term. This was awarded by Christ Church University in recognition of her outstanding work in mentoring staff and student teachers within the school. St Alphege is committed to supporting the growth of new teachers into the profession and we are very proud of Ms Strike for being recognised for her strengths within this role. Her support has enabled teachers at the start of their careers to reflect, learn, grow and develop in order that they have been able to maximise their skills and potential. She is a real credit to the school, and we are very proud of her!



Flu Nasal Vaccinations - 2nd December 2021

We will once again be facilitating the NHS Immunisation teams flu vaccination programme for all children in Years R, 1 and 2. You have received a letter by email from the school this week to explain how you can give your consent or opt your child out of this vaccination. Please respond to the Immunisation Team by going to <https://childconsent.co.uk/kchft> before 29th November. Please note that school staff are unable to take messages or answer any questions about this programme, so please use the contact details in the letter if you have any concerns.



Year R Health Screening Programmes

We have sent a couple of letters from the NHS School Health Team regarding the screening programmes on offer for children in our Reception year. Please read them carefully as you will need to give your consent or opt out by **12th November 2021**.

Hearing screening – opt in (no parent action = your child **won't** have their hearing checked)

Vision screening – opt out (no parent action = your child **will** have their eyes tested)

Height & Weight – opt out (no parent action = your child **will** be weighed and measured)

Sunbeams Parents - Reception school places for September 2022

Parents of children in Sunbeams will need to apply for a Reception school place for your child for September 2022. We have various tour dates throughout October and November which you can book via the school office. Applications are made through Kent County Council at www.kent.gov.uk/ola between 5th November 2021 and 15th January 2022. More information can be found at <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places> If you have any questions or need support with the application process please speak to Mrs Cullen in the school office.

Year 2 Parents - Junior school places for September 2022

Parents of Year 2 children will need to apply for a Junior school place for your child for September 2022. Both WJS and The Endowed have parent tours for you to book. All of our children will visit both schools next term and take part in activities and see the school facilities. If you do want to take your child with you onto one of the tours during the school day, please advise our school office of the date so we are aware of your child's absence. Applications are made through Kent County Council at www.kent.gov.uk/ola between 5th November 2021 and 15th January 2022.

Community

Unpaid Carers

If you are caring for someone at home and would like some support, please see the attached flier from the Rotary and Carers UK who are offering help.

Weekly Awards

King Alphege Attendance Lion

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



King Alphege Attendance Lion
W/E 15.10.21
Oysters – 95.7 %

Whole School Awards

Our awards this year represent our priority improvement areas SHINES. Each year group will nominate a child to receive each award every week.



St Alphege Values

George – Shells class
Demmi – Oysters class
Winnie – Seagulls class



Healthy Mind, Body & Spirit

Isabelle – Shells class
Millie – Oysters class
Chip – Seagulls class



Inspiring Curriculum

Charlotte – Pebbles class
Jackson – Oysters class
Harriet – Puffins class



Nature and Outdoor Learning

Theo – Pebbles class
Bella – Pearls class
William – Puffins class



Exceptional English

Edie – Pebbles class
Albert – Pearls class
Frank – Puffins class



Spectacular Vocabulary

Florence – Shells class
Hattie – Pearls class
Preston – Seagulls class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Keeble & Mrs Humphreys

Thank you to those of you who have emailed in a family photo for us to display in our home corner. If you haven't yet, please can you email in a family photo to sunbeams@st-alphege.kent.sch.uk

This week in Sunbeams we have been developing our scissor skills. We have learned a chant to help us remember how to use scissors safely and placed stickers on our thumbs to support us to use scissors effectively. We have also been using our noticing skills to begin exploring differences in size. We have read the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears to support our vocabulary development when talking about, and comparing, size.

Year R

From Mrs Arnott & Mr Mead

What a great week we have had in Reception. We have been reading *The Little Red Hen* and have had fun acting out the story wearing the masks of the different characters. We also had a great time creating our own bakeries in the role play area and then baking our very own bread rolls on Wellbeing Wednesday. We loved mixing the ingredients and kneading the dough and they were delicious! This week the children have been exploring what Harvest is and what the meaning is behind the celebration. We had fun listening to harvest songs. In Maths we have been enjoying exploring the world of repeating patterns! The children have created some lovely patterns using colours, shapes and different objects, including natural objects collected from the nest. We had a great time on Thursday making patterns using instruments with sound and making patterns through exercise with different actions. Everyone has been working hard in phonics learning our new sounds **ck, e, u, and r**. We can't believe next week is the final week of term. Have a lovely weekend Reception!

Year 1

From Mrs Jones & Miss Johnson

Year 1 have had a fun filled and exciting week this week! We absolutely loved learning about all of the different animal types and learning how to categorise them. We also had a fantastic treat afternoon to celebrate filling our bead jar! Next week we will be reading 'The tiger who came to tea.' We will be having a small tea party and designing our own before writing an invitation to our friends and family. Our focus will be on nouns and identifying these within our writing. Our spellings will be: **there, will, be, have**. In Maths we will be learning all about fact families and recognising the relationship between numbers and writing the number sentences. We will be extending our learning about animals and learning about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. We will be completing lots of different activities relating to this and learning how to identify what an animal eats.

Year 2

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Keeffe

Wow, we can't believe next week is the last week of Term! Next week, we are going to be using our oceans song to ensure we know the names of the five main oceans. On Monday we are visiting the church for a Harvest Festival celebration. If you have a donation for the Riverside Church Pantry, please send this in to school with your child on Monday as these will be taken to the church to be added to the community donations. In our Science, we are going to be learning about food webs and the food chains in the eco-system. We will be discussing and identifying herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. We have all been working so hard in class that we have managed to fill our bead jar! As a special treat, the children have decided that they would like to visit the local park on Wellbeing Wednesday. We are very proud of them all for being so brilliant! Please send your children into school on Wednesday in their own shoes in case it is muddy or wet at the park. Don't forget to send your child into school wearing red on Friday 22nd when we will be talking about difference, diversity, acceptance and kindness within our community. What a fun week!