

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

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 – Non Uniform Day –
Monetary donations will be given to Herne Bay High
School Dance Dash dancers

December 2021

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

KEY EVENTS

Individual Children's Photos

Profiles Photography will be in school on Monday 8th 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 Monday morning, and you would like them to have their photo taken, please bring them via the school office at 8.30am.



Remembrance

We are delighted to be able to mark this event in our usual way, through inviting service personnel into school to spend the day with our children. The children will be learning about Remembrance and understanding the meaning behind this significant event. Our classes will be busy creating a poppy wreath which will be laid at the cenotaph for Remembrance Sunday. Please do have a look for it if you are passing!

Poppies

We have poppies and poppy items available in school to support this year's Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. If your child would like any items or a poppy, please send some money in an envelope with your child. There are zip pulls and reflectors (suggested donations 50p), silicon wristbands (suggested donation £1) and snap bands (suggested donation £1.50) as well as the traditional paper poppy.



Sports Clubs

We will continue to run our sports clubs next term and we are pleased to offer them to Year R children too. The sports on offer are -

Monday	Year 1 & 2	Team Games
Tuesday	Year 1 & 2	Gymnastics
Wednesday	Year R	Multi-sports
Friday	Year R, 1, 2	Dance



Please reapply for next term if your child has been to a club this term.

Bailey Yanik Cup

In honour of a previous pupil who sadly passed away, we award the Bailey Yanik Cup once each term. This cup is awarded to a little person who has the gift of finding joy in everything, and makes a big difference to everyone around them. **This term it goes to Mia Williams in Year 1.**



Covid update

As you will be aware there are still isolated cases of Covid-19 within our local community. If you are at all concerned that your child or a member of your family may be displaying Covid symptoms, we would remind you that you must take a PCR test prior to returning to school in November. Lateral flow testing kits can also be picked up for free at a local chemist, or ordered online to be delivered to your home if you do not have symptoms but would still like to test prior to the start of term.

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.

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Keeble & Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have read the book Walters Wonderful Web and been thinking about the properties of shape. We have explored lots of things in our environment, both natural and manmade, and thought about how we might describe them and sort them according to their properties. We have had some spectacular vocabulary from the children! We have also been playing some phonic games to help us develop our listening skills. We have distinguished between some of the initial sounds in words through games like I-spy and continued to listen carefully to and distinguish the sounds we hear around us in our environment. We wish you all a restful and enjoyable half term break and look forward to seeing you back on the 2nd November.

Year R

From Mrs Arnott & Mr Mead

Wow, we can't believe it's the end of term already! We are so proud of all the children in Reception and how well they have all settled in to school life. Everyone has had a lovely last week. In English we have been reading a story all about Autumn – The Little Acorn. We spoke about how the little acorn grew to become a big acorn tree and then thought about what we would want to be when we grow up. All the children worked really hard to use their sounds and write their own sentences. In maths we have been practicing our counting skills. We had lots of fun playing board games and counting objects we found outside. On Wednesday we had a great time collecting Autumnal objects in the Nest and talking about what we found. Mr Thomas-Friend taught us all about why leaves fall to the ground during autumn. Everyone loved visiting the church on Tuesday and talking about Harvest. We are all very thankful for our food, especially the Pumpkin spiced muffins we made together to celebrate the end of a brilliant term! Enjoy your well earned half term break Reception; we can't wait to see what Term 2 has in store!

Year 1

From Mrs Jones & Miss Johnson

What a lovely last week of Term 1 we have had! We had a wonderful first term in our new classes and have settled so well. We are ready for a well-deserved half term! Next term we will still be focussing on the theme 'Better Together'. In our first week, we will be thinking about the type of house we live in and describing it. We will be learning about instructional writing and for our English will be writing instructions on how to make a gingerbread biscuit. We might even be able to follow our instructions to bake and enjoy the biscuit too! Our spellings will be: **mix, roll, bake, put**. On Friday we will be learning all about bonfire night and thinking about the gunpowder plot and the reason behind firework night. We hope you have a wonderful half term break and look forward to seeing you again on the 2nd November!

Year 2

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Keeffe

Next term we will be reading 'The Storm Whale' by Benji Davies. We will be writing from the perspective of the whale, and thinking of different synonyms for the word 'sad'. In geography we will be learning about maps, so please bring in any map homework you create as we will display it in the classroom. We will be introducing our new R.E. topic of 'incarnation' and starting to learn about the story of Jesus' birth. We will also be celebrating bonfire night by creating bonfire themed art work and learning about the history behind the gunpowder plot. In Maths we will be moving onto column addition and learning how to add single digits together to solve addition problems. Have a wonderful half term and we will see you fully refreshed on Tuesday 2nd November.