

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



Love

Loved, Inspired, Shining

Newsletter

Term 2 Week 3 | 19.11.2021

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November 2021

Fri 22nd Nov – Kindness Week

December 2021

Thurs 2nd – Flu Nasal vaccination (Years R, 1 & 2)

Sat 4th – Festive Fun Day 10am – 12pm (for Yr R

September 2022 starters)

Fri 10th – Save The Children's Christmas Jumper Day

Wed 15th – Christmas Lunch

Fri 17th – End of Term 2

January 2022

Tue 4th – Start of Term 3

KEY EVENTS

Kindness Week

Next week our whole school community will be celebrating Kindness Week. We will be taking lots of opportunities throughout the week to explore how we show and receive kindness both in school and outside at home and in our wider community. We will be celebrating acts of kindness by distributing kindness tokens to the children when we spot them being kind to others and taking part in activities across the week. If your child has supervised access to online resources, we would love them to join the Kids Kindness Club following the link below: <https://schoolofkindness.org/kids-club>. Your child will be able to complete kindness challenges and work towards earning a Kindness Badge among other things. Let us know how they get on! Next week we would like our children to share their kindness with those less fortunate than themselves. We will be asking everyone to bring in a donation for the Canterbury Food Bank. For ideas on the kind of donations they would appreciate please look on their website <https://canterburyfoodbank.org/>. Children can bring their donations into school throughout next week.

We will also be posting daily acts of kindness for the community on the school Facebook page so look out for them and see how many you can complete. A little kindness goes a long way!



Festive Fun Day

We would like to invite all children who are due to start school in Year R in September 2022, to a fun filled festive activity morning on Saturday 4th December 2021 from 10.00am – 12.00pm. There is no need to book, just come along on the day.



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. 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.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We are pleased to announce that we have a vacancy on our governing body for a parent governor. We are looking for someone who has experience and knowledge of The Arts. Full details of the role and how to apply have been emailed out separately. If you would like to discuss this further please contact the school office to make an appointment to speak to Mrs Spinks.

Community

Animate Arts

Courtesy of the incredible Animate Arts Company, CRAFTERNOON CLUB IS BACK!!!

They have special Christmas sessions - in-person and online to get you in the Christmassy mood. They will be crafting door wreaths and Christmas crackers. Fuelled with mince pies, these will be popular - so book now to avoid disappointment!

And whilst you are looking... 2022 Crafternoon Club to get you through the wintering months! Three amazing new craft sessions, which you can treat yourself to - or gift as Christmas presents!

All available from www.animateartscompany.com/shop

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Live, online craft workshops with professional artists

CRAFTERNOON CLUB

GIFT VOUCHERS AVAILABLE

10% discount
when you book all 3 sessions valid until 31/12/21

£30 per person
(Includes a beautiful, posed materials and tools kit with afternoon treats)

RAG-HEART WREATHS
Sunday 30 January, 2-4pm

BOOKBINDING AND WATERCOLOURS
Sunday 27 February, 2-4pm

STAINED-GLASS PHOTOS
Sunday 27 March, 2-4pm

Booking essential - Book online
www.animateartscompany.com/shop

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CRAFTERNOON CLUB

£30 per person
(all materials & tools included)

CHRISTMAS CRAFT WORKSHOPS

WHAT A CRACKER!
Cracker making workshop
Saturday 4 December, 10-30am (Faversham)
Saturday 4 December, 2pm (Faversham)
Friday 10 December, 5-30pm (Ashford)
Sunday 19 December, 2-4pm (Online event)

GOOD WREATH
Traditional Christmas wreath workshop
Saturday 11 December, 10-30am (Faversham)
Saturday 11 December, 2pm (Faversham)

BOOKING ESSENTIAL - BOOK ONLINE
www.animateartscompany.com

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 19.11.21
Seagulls Class – 97.3%

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

Serenity – Pebbles class
Daisy-Mae – Pearls class
Jasper – Seagulls class



Healthy Mind, Body & Spirit

Pippa – Shells class
Faith F – Oysters class
Scarlet – Seagulls class



Inspiring Curriculum

Shane – Pebbles class
Miya – Pearls class
Albie – Seagulls class



Nature and Outdoor Learning

Monty – Pebbles class
Beau – Pearls class
Frank – Puffins class



Exceptional English

Isabelle – Shells class
Archie M – Oysters class
Harvie – Puffins class



Spectacular Vocabulary

Marcus – Shells class
Rowan – Oysters class
Jude – Puffins class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Keeble & Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have been creating our own stories for the grown-ups to write down – we call them Helicopter Stories – although they are rarely about helicopters! We then act them out altogether. In our music session with Mrs Memmott on Tuesday we sang nursery rhymes and accompanied her ukulele playing with our own choice of instrument to play. We have been reading stories with alliterative phrases and using our listening phonic skills to notice the initial sounds in words. On Friday we dressed up as Dalmatians for Children in Need. We had lots of fun having our faces painted and playing games with a Dalmatian theme – such as What's the Time Cruella Deville? and decorating biscuits with black and white icing. We talked about how Children in Need is a special charity that helps lots of children throughout the UK.

Year R

From Mrs Arnott & Mr Mead

We have had a wonderful week in Reception! In English we looked at the story of Little Red Riding Hood and created our own wanted posters for The Big Bad Wolf! The children did a great job using their phonic sounds to write describing words about The Big Bad Wolf. In maths we have been looking at how we can make the number 3! We used cubes and numicon to find out which numbers add up to 3. We found that all numbers are made up of smaller numbers! In Phonics we have been learning some new digraphs, **zz**, **qu** and **ch**. On Friday we had lots of fun learning about Children in Need and we even got to see a Dance Dash in our playground!

Well done for a great week Reception!

Year 1

From Mrs Jones & Miss Johnson

Year 1 have had another wonderful week! Thank you for all of your kind donations to both the RNLi and Children in need.

Next week is kindness week and we will be thinking about how we can show kindness in our daily lives.

In English we will be reading 'The snail and the whale' and our focus will be on writing adjectives to describe the different settings from the story. In Maths we will be continuing to count on and begin to learn about subtraction. We will also be learning to name and recognise different 3D objects.

In Geography our focus will be on the UK and locating the 4 countries on a map. We will also be learning about their traditions, capital cities and flags.

Year 2

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Keeffe

We have had a super week in Year 2! We started learning our Christmas songs for our school concert and we loved learning about germs in Science.

Next week is Kindness week! We will be trying to earn tokens for acts of kindness that we complete throughout the week.

We are starting a new book: 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers and we will be learning how to use commas in lists in our English lessons. We are moving onto subtraction in Maths and will be learning how to take single digits away from 2-digit numbers. In Science we will be learning how to keep our teeth healthy and we are looking at features of a city in Geography. We love our Dance P.E lessons this term and we will be learning about Bollywood dancing next week!