

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



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Loved, Inspired, Shining

Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January 2022

Mon 24th – Seagulls trip to Whitstable Castle
Mon 24th – Oysters and Pearls restart Team Games
Tues 25th – Oysters and Pearls restart Creepy Claws
Weds 26th – Shells and Pebbles restart Multi-Sports
Thu 27th – Oysters and Pearls restart Gymnastics
Fri 28th – Oysters and Pearls restart Dance

February 2022

Tues 1st – YR vision, height and weight screening
Fri 11th – End of Term 3
Mon 21st – Term 4 starts

KEY EVENTS

Sports Clubs restarting for Year R and Year 1

We are pleased to restart after school clubs from Monday 24th January for children that have signed up but will keep the children in year groups 'bubbles'.

Shells and Pebbles – this means that Reception children who were signed up for Multi-Sports on a Wednesday can attend again from Wednesday 26th January. However Dance on Friday's will not be available. We appreciate this may be disappointing but we anticipate being able to offer it next term.

Oysters and Pearls – this means that any Year 1 children who were signed up for Team Games on a Monday, Gym on a Thursday and Dance on a Friday will all restart next week. Creepy Claws will also restart on Tuesday 25th January. The two missed weeks will take place on 22nd February and 1st March during Term 4.

Seagulls and Puffins - We are reviewing Covid numbers in Year 2 on a weekly basis but at the present time we have taken the decision not to run clubs for Year 2 children. We anticipate that being the case until the end of this term, but should we find the cases drop significantly we may be able to offer clubs in the last week of term. This means that we will not be running PAC, sports clubs or library club but we will keep you updated.

Year 2 Whitstable Castle Trip

We are pleased to say the Castle trip will go ahead this term and that Seagulls class will go as planned on Monday 24th January. Puffins class will go once the majority of the class are back at school. We anticipate Puffins being able to go on either Monday 31st January or Monday 7th February, but we will keep you updated.



Sunbeams Nursery

Our nursery is currently full for the rest of this academic year, but we will have places in September once our current children join the main school. If you have a child who will be turning 3 years old during the next year and you are interested in them joining Sunbeams, please ask for an Expression of interest form from the school office or print one from our website. Full details of our session times and costs can be found at <http://www.st-alphege.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Sunbeams+Nursery&pid=9>

Tax-free childcare

If you pay for nursery fees, after school club or breakfast club you could benefit from having a Tax-free childcare account. The government will top up your account with 20% of the amount you pay in. Visit <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare> to see how it works and if you are eligible.

Musical Instrument Lessons



We currently offer individual instrument lessons through Andrew Parry Music. We have guitar, drums and piano lessons on offer currently. If your child is interested in playing an instrument please contact Andrew Parry Music at <https://www.andrewparrymusic.com/>

French Club

Please contact Victoria Sullivan at La Jolie Ronde on 07889 495577 or email at lajolierondevicki@gmail.com for further information on French lessons.



King Alphege Attendance Lion

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



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W/E 21.1.22
Shells Class – 96.8%

Weekly Awards

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

Maia – Pebbles class
Demmi – Oysters class
Scarlet – Seagulls class



Healthy Mind, Body & Spirit

Pippa – Shells class
Seb – Pearls class
Shane – Seagulls class



Inspiring Curriculum

Kachi – Shells class
Quinn – Oysters class
Ivy – Puffins class



Nature and Outdoor Learning

Maggie – Pebbles class
Bella – Pearls class
Grace – Puffins class



Exceptional English

Quinn – Pebbles class
Sammy – Oysters class
Myla – Seagulls class



Spectacular Vocabulary

Bo - Shells class
Martha – Pearls class
Kiera – Puffins class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Keeble & Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have been exploring positional vocabulary. We have played Simon Says games to follow positional instructions and looked for opportunities in our play to use the correct vocabulary to describe where an object or we are in relation to something or someone else. In our music session with Mrs Memmot we worked on developing our listening skills through musical activities. We pretended to drive a bus while Mrs Memmot played music, then we stopped when she sounded the signal. We have been playing a lot with the babies in our role play area during our free play. We have seen some lovely nurturing behaviour from the children as well as lots of collaborative play. During our HeartSmart session we talked about who the special people in our lives are. We then made ourselves crowns so that we felt special and talked about what we think makes each of us special.

Year R

From Mrs Arnott & Mr Mead

This week the children in Reception have had a brilliant time exploring volcanoes and dinosaurs. We started the week by making our own big volcano made out of paper and lots and lots of glue, we then painted it when it was dry and on Friday loved erupting our volcano using baking powder and vinegar! In English we have been reading the different Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs stories. On Wellbeing Wednesday we went on our own dinosaur adventures through Whitstable and to the beach and then wrote a recount of these on Thursday. Everyone had a wonderful time and wrote some amazing sentences. In maths we have been exploring measuring some more and have had lots of fun using our feet, hands and cubes to measure how long/tall our friends are and how long dinosaur feet are. During Rainbow challenge the children created some incredible personalised dinosaurs which have brightened up our classrooms! In phonics this week we have learnt the ur, ow, oi and ear sounds, they have been super tricky but everyone has tried very hard. Well done Reception for a fab dinosaur filled week.

Year 1

From Mrs Jones & Mrs Swindells

Thank you for another fantastic week, year 1! We loved acting out and re-writing the story of the 'Three Little Pigs' and the children did really well learning about 'tens and ones' in Maths. Next week in English we will learn to use the word 'because' in our writing: should the little pigs forgive the wolf in the story? In Maths we will continue to learn about 'tens and ones' and will practise counting in 10s. On Monday we are planning a walk to 'Squeeze Gut Alley', to learn about smugglers in Whitstable - remember as always to wrap up warm! In Science we will be testing materials to see if they are waterproof or not, and in Art will be exploring collage, inspired by our artist of the term, Jane Perkins. Thank you for supporting your children by reading at home - they are enjoying their books. Take care!

Year 2

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Keeffe

Another super week in Year 2! The children have blown us away with their super multiplication skills and their descriptive and factual writing about castles. On Monday next week, Seagulls will be visiting Whitstable Castle. Puffin's trip is being rescheduled for now until they once again have a full class. We will keep you posted with dates! We will be completing some more Henri Matisse inspired Art and exploring our gross motor skills in gymnastics. We will be continuing to practise our multiplication skills and looking at a new fairy tale in English; 'Beauty and The Beast'. We hope you all have a wonderful weekend with your children 😊