

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



Koinonia

Loved, Inspired, Shining

Newsletter

Term 1 Week 2 | 10.9.2021

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September 2021

Mon 13th – Achieve Sports clubs start

October 2021

Fri 1st – Friends (PTA) coffee afternoon 2pm

Fri 22nd – End of term one

November 2021

Mon 1st – Staff development day – School closed

Tues 2nd – Term 2 starts

Mon 8th – Individual school photos

December 2021

Thurs 2nd – Flu vaccination (YR, 21 & 2)

KEY EVENTS

Welcome Back!

We are so proud of how brilliantly our children have settled into their new year groups. It has been wonderful to see their smiling faces skipping into school each morning and we hope that they are sharing all of the exciting things they have been doing with you. We would like to say a special well done to our new Reception children who have had such an amazing first week in school. They have settled so quickly and it feels like they have been a part of the St Alphege family for much longer than a week!

Thanks also must go to you as parents. The morning and end of the day procedures seem to be working very smoothly and we will continue to review our systems as we return to some form of normality. It has also been so lovely to see your smiling faces again after months of face coverings!

Covid-19

Please continue to be vigilant around possible Covid-19 symptoms and follow current guidelines for test, track and trace. As you may be aware, schools are no longer required to notify families if there is a positive case in school. However, we feel it is still important that this information is shared so that you can make an informed decision and look out for potential symptoms in your own child. Whilst we are not able to insist on your child taking a non-symptomatic, lateral flow test, we would ask that you consider this as an option should there be a

positive case within your family or close contacts. We want to ensure that we are returning to some form of normality this year, whilst keeping our school community safe.

SHINE

As many of you will now know, each year our school has an acronym that sums up the schools priorities for the academic year and the things that will be a focus for us. This year our acronym is SHINE.

Spectacular Vocabulary
Healthy Mind, Body and Spirit
Inspiring Curriculum
Nature and Outdoor Learning
Exceptional English

The children are currently designing the stickers for this year and awards will be given throughout the week for children who demonstrate brilliant learning in each of these areas. Please look out for these awards on the weekly newsletter each Friday.

Next week we will send out a letter to explain what we plan to develop in each of these areas and how you can support this at home with your children.

Scooters and Bikes

Thank you for continuing to walk bikes and scooters through the school and for parking these up appropriately in the bike park behind the library or taking them home again. It is important for the safety of our community that these are not ridden on the school site.

Our four-legged friends

Now that we have relaxed our start and end of the day procedures, there are more people on site and without a one-way system. We have made the difficult decision to prevent dogs coming onto the school site, even when being carried. There has been a dramatic increase in dog ownership since lockdown and whilst we are delighted to meet the new furry members of your family, we do not wish to put yourselves and your pets at any increased risk. Whilst we appreciate that the majority of your dogs are trained and well behaved, we cannot take responsibility or the increased risks that bringing a dog onto the site could pose. We thank you for your understanding and for working with us on this matter.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

If your child attends Breakfast Club or After School Club please can you return the registration forms and signed agreement forms which have been sent home. After School Club invoices for the term have been sent home this week and are due for payment within 2 weeks. Breakfast Club invoices continue to be sent home weekly and are due for immediate payment.

Achieve Sports

Achieve sport clubs will start week commencing Monday 13th September and run for 6 weeks until the end of this term on Friday 22nd October.

Data Collection sheets

Data Collection sheets will be coming home. Please check the details are still correct or amend if necessary, sign and return to the school office as soon as possible.

Friends (PTA)

Our Friends (PTA) would like to welcome everyone on 1st October at 2.00pm for tea, coffee and a chat. Get your thinking caps on for fantastic fundraising ideas for the year ahead! We welcome support from all parents whether you can give a little of your time or a lot. We look forward to welcoming you all.

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 10.9.21

Oysters – 99.3%

Whole School Awards

Coming soon..... Our new SHINE awards will be ready soon.

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Keeble & Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have enjoyed welcoming our returning and new members of our Sunbeams community. We have been getting to grips with our routines such as welcome time and our expectations such as putting on our wellies for wet play. Mrs Memmott joined us on Tuesday for a musical session. We sang Old McDonald and used our hands and bodies to make accompanying movements. We have been making insects to go in our forest area such as butterflies and caterpillars. We used our fine motor skills to make the caterpillars, then blew through straws to make them move. It has been a wonderful first week back and we can't wait to see you all again next week!

Year R

From Mrs Arnott & Mr Mead

What an amazing first week at school year R has had! We could not be more proud of how well all the children have done and how quickly they have all settled in. It has been lovely to see all their beautiful smiles every morning! We have had fun exploring our new school such as visiting the library, playing in the big playground and the nest! We've also managed to find the hall where we have our lunch. Not to mention how much fun we have had digging in the mud kitchen, building and dancing on our stage and playing in the water area because it's been so hot! We have made lots of new friends and we can't wait to see you all back on Monday morning!

Year 1

From Mrs Jones & Miss Johnson

What an amazing first few weeks we have had in Year 1! We are extremely happy to be back at school and are all settling well into our new environments. Our teachers are very proud of how well we have all adapted and are enjoying being back at school as much as we are. Next week we will continue to learn all about ourselves and begin to identify our main body parts. We will be thinking about the importance of good hygiene and how to keep ourselves healthy and well. Our art will continue to focus on the artist Hunderwasser. We will be colour mixing and making different shades of colour by adding white and black to primary colour. In maths we will be focussing on finding one more and one less than given numbers. We will be reading the story 'Funny Bones' in English and writing about the different bones the characters have. The words of the week are: it, is, arm, head, leg, foot.

Year 2

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Keeffe

We have had a super first week in Year 2. We have all come into school each day so joyfully and beautifully. Thank you so much for all of the wonderful homework! If you have any still at home, please feel free to bring it in any day. This week we have had lots of fun salt painting in Art, playing team games in P.E. and learning about animals and humans in our Science lessons. Seagulls have P.E. on a Thursday afternoon and Puffins on a Wednesday, please make sure your child has a kit in school each week. Please can you also ensure your child brings their bookbag to school each day, so that their reading record is ready to be signed by the adults in the classroom and we can let you know at home words that they need to learn. Have a wonderful, well-deserved weekend! 😊