

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



Love

Loved, Inspired, Shining

Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February 2022

Fri 11th – End of Term 3

Mon 21st – Term 4 starts

March 2022

Thurs 3rd - World Book Day

KEY EVENTS

Love is in the Air!

This week we have celebrated our St Alphege Value of Love as we lead up to St Valentine's Day. We hope that you have enjoyed the musical welcome and the hearts created by the children as you have come into school this week. It is such a joy to see both adults and children singing and dancing along to the music and has been lovely to hear that we have added some fun to your day. We have even had members of the Whitstable community stopping to tell us that we have brightened their day! We hope that you enjoy celebrating the ones that you love over the half term break.



Parking

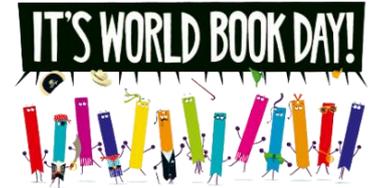
We appreciate the challenges of finding parking close to the school when families are completing the school run, but we would ask you to be considerate of our community when finding a space to park. Along with Whitstable Junior School, we have received a few complaints from local residents about illegal, unsafe parking in Argyle Road and Oxford Street. We would like to remind you that you should not park in the loading bay or bus stop in Oxford Street to drop off or pick up your child. Nor can you park on the zig zag markings in Argyle Road near the alleyway. As the weather starts to improve, we would urge you to give yourself a few extra minutes for your car journeys so that you can park safely and have time to walk your child to their class. All car parks in Whitstable, including the one behind Weatherspoon's, are free until 10.00am every morning, should you need to use these.

More exciting upgrades!

In addition to the exciting projects that we shared with you in last week's newsletter, we are delighted to tell you that the waterproof canopies over our Reception and Nursery outdoor areas will be replaced over half term. These have served us well over many years and have enabled thousands of children to play and learn outside whatever the weather! However, they are now getting a little old and are looking a little worse for wear, so we have decided to put some shiny new covers onto the existing frames. These will be installed and ready for the children to use after the half term break. We have no doubt that they will enable thousands more children to play and learn for many more years to come!

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March. We would like children to dress as their favourite book character and bring the book to school to share in class. More details will follow nearer the time.



Community

ASC Sibling Club

Canterbury District
STLS & Outreach
& Early Help

ASC SIBLING GROUP

Come along and meet other children and young people who have a brother or sister with Autism.
Learn about what Autism is and how it affects you.

Always Unique Totally Interesting SOMETIMES MYSTERIOUS

It's OK to talk about your brother or sister. Let's explore questions you might have.

All children are unique and special. Explore your own thoughts and feelings.

Come along on 9th, 16th & 23rd March 2022 (all 3 days)
1-3.30pm at St Nicholas School.
Refreshments will be provided.
Parents/careers - All absences from your child's school will be authorised under code for education officers.

Suitable for children aged 7-14
To book email: stls@stns.org.uk

ASC SIBLING GROUP
For children and young people aged 7 - 14 years

The fun we had...

Please email: STLS@STNS.ORG.UK if you would like more information or to book a place on the next 3 day course for your child - 9th, 16th & 23rd March 2022 at St Nicholas School.

Community Clothes Bank

COMMUNITY CLOTHES BANK

Winter pop up events - mens, kids & womens clothes and shoes

ARE YOU STRUGGLING TO AFFORD COATS, PJS, SHOES AND MORE THIS WINTER?
WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU WITH FREE CLOTHES/ SHOES AVAILABLE AT OUR EVENTS

9.30AM - 12PM,
WEDNESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY AND
WEDNESDAY 16TH MARCH 2022

WHITSTABLE UMBRELLA COMMUNITY CENTRE,
10 OXFORD ST, CT3 1DD

DO PLEASE CONTACT US WITH ANY QUESTIONS, AND
JOIN ON FACEBOOK: [WHITSTABLE UMBRELLA COMMUNITY CLOTHES BANK](https://www.facebook.com/whitstableumbrella)

Kids Cook Out

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A six week course aimed at getting kids in the kitchen and cooking up a feast for the family

starts 24/02
3.30-5.30pm

SUITABLE FOR KID AGED 7-11 YEARS OLD

Limited free spaces available email talk@theumbrellacafe.co.uk to book

Please see attached flyers for more information on all of these events

King Alphege Attendance Lion

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



King Alphege Attendance Lion
W/E 11.2.22
Oysters Class – 98.5%

Weekly Awards

Whole School Awards

Our awards this year represent our School Development priorities: SHINES. Each year group will nominate a child to receive each award every week.



St Alphege Values

Morgan – Shells class
Leo – Pearls class
Chase – Seagulls class



Healthy Mind, Body & Spirit

Shane – Pebbles class
Stanley – Oysters class
Lexi – Puffins class



Inspiring Curriculum

Evie – Pebbles class
Faith F – Oysters class
Honey – Seagulls class



Nature and Outdoor Learning

Leo – Shells class
Alf – Pearls class
Amelie – Puffins class



Exceptional English

Olivia – Shells class
Milo – Oysters class
Chip – Seagulls class



Spectacular Vocabulary

Daisy – Pebbles class
Alfie W – Pearls class
Judah – Puffins class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Keeble & Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have continued to explore rhyme through our favourite story books, songs and activities. We have been using our listening skills to discern words that sound similar and sorting them into matching pairs and groups through interactive and practical games. We have practised our subitising skills both in a real-world context and through fun games. We have combined our subitising skills with opportunities to practise our mark making skills, drawing around random patterns of number where we see them on our whiteboards. At the beginning of every session we use our subitising skills to find out how many children are in Sunbeams and the children are using their growing understanding of number to work out how number is represented using numerals or different manipulative resources. We have explored friendship and how we help our friends during our HeartSmart session. We paired children up and set one child in each pair a challenge, they could only successfully complete the challenge with the help of their paired partner. We wish all our families a restful break and look forward to seeing you back in Sunbeams from the 21st.

Year R

From Mrs Arnott & Mr Mead

Reception have had a lovely last week of term. We finished our topic of toys by thinking about what our favourite toys are at home. We labelled our own toy boxes and then the children worked hard to write a sentence explaining which was their favourite. On Wellbeing Wednesday, we had lots of fun baking and decorating our own teddy bear biscuits, they were delicious! All the children have been showing off how amazing they are at phonics this week. We are so proud of everyone with how hard they have worked and can't believe the number of sounds they all now know! On Thursday we enjoyed creating and writing our own Valentine's day cards ready to give to people at home next week. The whole of reception have been working hard this week to fill their marble jar – we did it! This meant we all enjoyed a well-deserved end of term party on Friday afternoon! Well done Reception, have a wonderful half term break and we can't wait to see you again for Term 4!

Year 1

From Mrs Jones & Mrs Swindells

Thank you for another fantastic week, and term, in Year 1. The children loved meeting our visitor, Jim the pirate! They really impressed us with the imaginative questions that they went on to write. After the half term break we will begin to learn about the Great Fire of London by reading some of the diary of Samuel Pepys. We will be asking questions to find out about the fire and will make bread to help us remember that the fire started in a bakery. The Great Fire will be our focus for art over the next few weeks – this term we are exploring painting. In science we will be making rain gauges to measure rainfall as we learn more about the seasons and in Maths we will be learning to add by making ten. We hope you have a lovely half term. We will be sending home a 'Magical Task' if you would like to get creative. Have fun and take care!

Year 2

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Keeffe

Well done for working so hard this Term Seagulls and Puffins! Our History focus continues into Term 4, but the new term brings a change of Topic: from Castles to The Titanic! Please complete some History/Titanic/Boat themed homework to be displayed in the classroom when we return after half term. Please also send in any books that you think would be appropriate to these topics! We will start learning about plants in Science, and will be starting to look at poems in our English lessons. Our P.E will start to be outside again next term, so please make sure your child has a P.E kit that is appropriate for outside weather and shoes that fit – they all seem to be growing at an increasing rate! ☺ Have a wonderful half term with your family and we look forward to catching up with you all at our upcoming parents' evenings!