

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



Love

Loved, Inspired, Shining

Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December 2021

Thurs 2nd – Flu Nasal vaccination (Years R, 1 & 2)
Sat 4th – Festive Fun Day 10am – 12pm (for Year R
September 2022 starters)
Mon 6th – Year 1 Advent Service at St Alphege Church
2pm
Thurs 9th – Year 2 Christmas performance to parents
2:15pm
Fri 10th – Save The Children's Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 10th – Year 2 Canterbury trip
Mon 13th – Year 2 Advent Service at St Alphege Church
2pm
Mon 13th – Friends Christmas Raffle takes place
Mon 13th – Year R Christmas performance to parents
2:15pm

Tues 14th – Oysters Christmas performance to parents
2:15pm
Weds 15th – Pearls Christmas performance to parents
2:15pm
Wed 15th – Sunbeams Christmas party. All children
invited to the morning session
Wed 15th – Christmas Lunch
Thurs 16th – Year R, 1 & 2 Christmas parties, non-uniform
day
Fri 17th – End of Term 2

January 2022

Tue 4th – Start of Term 3

KEY EVENTS

Advent Christingle Worship in Church

Families from Year 1 and Year 2 are warmly invited to join their year group at St. Alphege Church to celebrate Advent: Year 1 Monday 6th December; Year 2 Monday 13th December 2.00pm. Worship will be led by Rev Rachel and you are invited to come along to join the children in prayer and song. So that Church can provide a good welcome, please can you let your class teacher know if you are planning to come.

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.



Kindness Week

Thank you for all your positive feedback from Kindness Week. We have loved taking on kindness challenges in school and would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Keeble and Mrs Humphreys for planning such a great week. The staff of St Alphege would also like to tell you all how amazing you and your children are! The children have noticed acts of kindness amongst each other, both in the classroom and in the playground and we have been overwhelmed with your generosity for The Canterbury Food Bank. We are still able to take donations if you would like to bring something in. Alternatively, see the Reverse Advent calendar details below. We feel so lucky to have such a brilliant community and to get to work with your incredible children! This is truly the best job in the world! As we come to the end of Kindness Week, we wanted to set you all some kindness challenges for the weekend: call a friend or relative that you haven't spoken to in a while just to say hello; give someone a hug and tell them that you love them; leave a tip in a restaurant or café; donate to a food bank or tidy up without being asked (that last one is just for the children!) Have a wonderful weekend everyone!



Christmas Jumper Swap Shop



As you will know Christmas Jumper Day is fast approaching. This is a date that we celebrate each year in aid of Save the Children. We are aware of how expensive it can be to buy a Christmas jumper and how quickly your children grow! We are therefore asking that if you have any pre-loved jumpers that your children have grown out of, that you donate them to the school by **Wednesday 1st December** so that they can be passed onto another person. We will be holding a Christmas jumper shop in the playground on **Friday 3rd December** after school. Each jumper will be sold for a suggested donation of £1 which will be added to the charity donation for Save the Children. This will not only help us to recycle the pre-loved jumpers, but hopefully save many of you the cost of buying new each year! We look forward to seeing you all in your festive jumpers on **Friday 10th December**.

Community

Poppy Appeal 2021

Thanks to your generosity, we have raised £365.49 for the Poppy Appeal this year, making St. Alphege one of the top school fundraisers! We have also beaten our previous year's highest collection total.



Will you help your local community and take part in the council's consultation about a zebra crossing on Oxford Street by the Umbrella Centre?

St. Alphege are sharing this on behalf of the parents that have been involved in this.

You may remember there was a series of near misses last summer at the crossing point by the Umbrella Centre, one involving a child on his way to school. We desperately need a Zebra Crossing to be installed here so that we can cross the roads safely, without fear of someone being run over.

Can you spare five minutes to take part in the council's consultation? It could really help make a difference and show the Council how many people want a safer crossing. The deadline is the 15th of December.

Thank you www.kent.gov.uk/whitstablepedcrossing

The Umbrella Café Reverse Advent Calendar

How it works

Collect up a bunch of tins and more, one a day or all at the last minute, we don't mind. Bring it into The Umbrella Café on 20.12.21. We will use all of your fantastic donations to help our membership over Christmas and January.

What we are after

All or any of these are fantastic and much needed as store cupboard essentials or festive extras in our twice weekly shop: tinned meat and fish, tinned fruit, shower gel, coffee, tea, biscuits, soup, cereal, long life milk, mince pies, selection boxes & toothpaste.

How it helps

Most of our stock is surplus but we always keep a regular stock of the essentials (as surplus is great but varies a lot) and as it is Christmas it is of course lovely to be able to offer festive treats. Everything goes onto our shop shelves and directly helps local households experiencing food insecurity. Any questions? Just send over an email talk@theumbrellacafe.co.uk



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 26.11.21
Pearls Class – 97.1%

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

Rayan – Pebbles class
Milo – Oysters class
Chip – Seagulls class



Healthy Mind, Body & Spirit

Florence – Shells class
Maxwell – Oysters class
Raff – Seagulls class



Inspiring Curriculum

Chloe – Pebbles class
Bodhi – Pearls class
Henry – Puffins class



Nature and Outdoor Learning

Quinn – Pebbles class
Mia – Oysters class
William – Puffins class



Exceptional English

Indigo – Shells class
Josh – Pearls class
Leo – Seagulls class



Spectacular Vocabulary

Luca – Shells class
Scout – Pearls class
Yasmine – Puffins class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Keeble & Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have begun listening to a variety of books that tell us about the Christmas story. This is to prepare us for telling our own version of the story to perform on film for our Sunbeams families to watch and enjoy. We have also started learning some Christmas songs to accompany our version of the story. Keep an eye out for an invitation for all our Sunbeams to come in one morning, so that we can film our performance and then go on to have our end of term Christmas party. We have been practising our subitising and counting skills. With subitising we focus on recognising small quantities quickly and without counting them. Our counting skills have been used to count actions or sounds, such as counting jumps or the number of metal nuts being dropped into a bowl.

Year R

From Mrs Arnott & Mr Mead

We've had a busy week in Reception reading the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff. The children have loved building bridges out of different construction materials to help retell the story. We then spent time thinking about where we would like to go, just like The Three Billy Goats who wanted to go to a new meadow full of grass. In Maths we have been learning all about our numbers up to 5! We looked at songs that helped us count to 5 and played I spy games so we can recognise and write our numbers. In Phonics we have learnt four new diagraphs sh, th, ng and nk. All the children were amazing at finding words containing our new sounds. We are also looking forward to filming our Nativity play and have spent a lot of time practicing our songs!

Year 1

From Mrs Jones & Miss Johnson

Year 1 have had a lovely week once again. We learned more about the four countries of the UK and their Capital cities. Next week we will learn all about the surrounding seas of the UK. In English we will continue to read the story 'The Snail and the Whale'. We will be using our learning from this week to write a description of one of the settings in the story using adjectives and exciting vocabulary. Our spellings will be: **the, snail, whale, is, has**. In Maths we will be using our number knowledge to work out subtraction sums. It is the start on advent on Sunday 28th November. We will be thinking of the meaning of advent being 'arrival' and beginning the countdown to Christmas.

Year 2

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Keeffe

We have worked brilliantly in Year 2 this week! We have been completing subtractions of single and 2-digit numbers from numbers under 100. We have also been working incredibly hard to complete acts of kindness to earn tokens for 'Kindness week'. Next week we will start to subtract 2-digit numbers that cross over the next ten. We will do this by drawing dienes to help us count up what is left after we take away. We will continue to read 'Lost and Found' next week in our English lessons and in Art we will be completing more mixed media collages in the style of the artist Georgia O'Keeffe. We are also visiting the church on Monday and spending lots of time singing songs for our upcoming Christmas concert video!