

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



Love

Loved, Inspired, Shining

Newsletter

Term 4 Week 5 | 25.3.22

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April 2022

Fri 1st – Last day of Term 4

Tue 19th – Start of Term 5

May 2022

Mon 2nd – Bank holiday – school closed

Thurs 12th - Class photos

Fri 27th – End of Term 5

KEY EVENTS

University Day

On **Tuesday 29th March**, we are planning to hold a whole school University Day. The children will take part in three different "subject" activities across the day. We are sure this will be a fun, enriching and engaging learning experience for them all. We would like some junk modelling items for the DT sessions please. Plastic bottles (not too large), yoghurt pots, plastic lids such as milk carton tops, margarine or butter pots, small plastic trays (fruit is often packaged in these). Please drop any items to your child's classroom by Monday afternoon.

Stream Walk Community Garden

We have been building links with the volunteers at Steam Walk Community Garden. After the Easter break we will be taking our Nursery and Reception children to visit the gardens to complete some forest school activities. They will be led by our forest school leader, Mr Thomas-Friend and some of the volunteers at the gardens. The children will be taking part in different activities linked to growing their own produce to eat. They will be exploring the gardens, planting and tasting during the sessions, which we hope will be a wonderful learning experience for them all. The children will visit on the 20th and 27th April and more information about the visits will be shared nearer the time.

Our Wonderful Whitstable Community

This week, the children have been out and about in the community as part of their curriculum learning. Year 1 visited the Fire Station to learn about the role of firefighters, linked to their history topic on the Great Fire of London. Year 2 visited the Whitstable Museum to explore diving equipment, fossils and steam trains. We would

like to thank the staff at the fire station and the museum for welcoming us and for leading the children in some inspiring and engaging sessions. It has been a joy to be back out in our community again and we are very grateful to them all for enabling this to happen.

Animate Artist in Residence

This week, we have been lucky to have an artist in residence all week. Becky Vincer, a textiles artist from Animate Arts has been working with all of the children this week to design and create some printed fabrics linked to our school vision: Loved, Inspired, Shining. Becky has led workshops with the children, teaching them how to create their own print designs, inspired by the works of famous artists. The children have had a wonderful time exploring their creativity and coming up with some fantastic printed designs. Becky has taken all of the children's artworks away to create several digital images that will then be printed onto fabric curtains to hang in our school hall. We look forward to you seeing them once they are complete!

Clubs for Term 5

We are not taking any further bookings for our school run clubs for next term. Look out at the beginning of May for the letters to sign up for Term 6 clubs. There are spaces at Athletics on Monday for years 1 & 2 and Wednesdays for Year R but the deadline to book a place is today, so please collect a form from the office.

Community

Community Skills Day at the Umbrella Centre

Interactive workshop on 14th April 2022 for children aged 7 – 11 years old. Please see the attached flier for full details.



Herne Bay Football Club Easter Camp

Please see the attached flier for details of the Easter football camp in Herne bay.

Teamtheme Kent – Easter sports camps in Whitstable and Canterbury. Please see the attached fliers for details.



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 25.3.22

Pebbles Class – 91.2%

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

Beau – Shells class
Olive – Oysters class
William – Puffins class



Healthy Mind, Body & Spirit

Daisy – Pebbles class
Fred – Pearls class
Honey – Seagulls class



Inspiring Curriculum

Pippa – Shells class
Phoenix – Pearls class
Evie – Puffins class



Nature and Outdoor Learning

Marcus – Shells class
Tyler – Oysters class
Leo – Seagulls class



Exceptional English

Theo – Pebbles class
Sixten – Oysters class
Judah – Puffins class



Spectacular Vocabulary

Rayan – Pebbles class
Teddy – Pearls class
Jasper – Seagulls class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Keeble & Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have really enjoyed the printing workshops Becky from Animate Arts has run for us. We learned about the printing technique of 'masking' using stickers and stencils, over which we dabbed our paint. Our theme was our school value of love and we used pinks, yellows and oranges to decorate our fabric. We can't wait to see the finished fabrics in our school hall soon. We went on to use the printing technique of masking with stencils when making our Easter cards this week!

We have been exploring magnets this week. The children have been 'treasure hunters', using the magnets to find and pull out the treasure buried in porridge oats. We have also thought about different materials since we noticed that magnets are only attracted to some metal objects. We used our circle time to explore our emotions; how others make us feel and how we make others feel. We thought about what things we can say or do for ourselves and others to feel better when we experience sadness, fear or anger.

Year R

From Mrs Arnott & Mr Mead

This week the children have been very busy exploring space. We have been discovering the difference between fiction and non-fiction texts and have enjoyed visiting the school library to find non-fiction books all about space.

Reception have been learning what facts are and have been collecting lots of interesting bits of information for our own space posters. In maths we have been looking at 2d shapes, we had a great time going on a shape hunt around the school and have been speaking about sides and corners. This week we completed a very exciting art project with Becky from Animate Arts. The children designed their own patterns and then printed them on to fabric ready to be made in to new curtains for our hall. Well done reception, we can't wait for Easter fun next week!

Year 1

From Mrs Jones & Mrs Swindells

Our week in Year 1 was full of fun and excitement! We absolutely loved visiting the Fire Station and learning more about the important job they do.

Next week we are going to re-enact the Great Fire of London and use the houses we have made to see how quickly fire spreads! We will then think about Fire Safety and create a poster for our English about how to stay safe. In Maths, we will be counting in 2s and 5s and recognising the patterns. We will also be completing lots of Easter themed activities!

On Tuesday we are going to have a 'St Alphege University' day. The children will be completing 3 different sessions focussing on different skills and activities. Don't forget to pop in on Tuesday at 2.45pm to look through our books!

Year 2

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Keeffe

Wow, we can't believe there's only one more week of school! We have such an exciting week in Y2 next week or shall we say 'egg-citing'! We will be making Easter nest cakes, creating Easter cards for people who are special to us, and even taking part in a huge Y2 Easter egg hunt! We will be writing instructions in English, practising our weaving skills in Art and looking at data handling in Maths. We also have our 'University Day' where we will take part in different activities around the school with a few friends, such as: Physics, Art and Sports! Please continue to practise spellings at home, we will have one last spelling test on Friday. Enjoy your weekends in the sunshine!