

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



Love

Loved, Inspired, Shining

Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 2022

Mon 7th – Year 1 Worship at St Alphege Church 2.00pm
Mon 14th – Year 2 Worship at St Alphege Church 2.00pm
Fri 18th – Wear blue & Yellow non-uniform day

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

Non-Uniform Day

On Friday 18th March, instead of celebrating Comic Relief (Red Nose Day) we will be asking children to dress in yellow and blue clothing, the colours of the Ukrainian flag. The children will each plant a sunflower seed in school which is the flower of the Ukraine and will create lots of sunflower themed art projects. They will also learn to speak some Ukrainian and will find out more about the country. We will be talking to them about the conflict in child friendly ways and will focus on the message of peace and support for those in need.

We are asking for donations, however big or small which we will be sending to the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal that support many charities in conducting vital work. Further information about the charity can be found here: <https://donation.dec.org.uk/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal> We have chosen this particular charity as the Government have committed to match funding all donations pound for pound. Please bring your donations into school on Friday where there will be collection buckets at the classroom doors. Donations can also be brought to the school office.

Ukraine Appeal

We are sure you have all been affected by the awful scenes from Ukraine which have been dominating the news for the past few weeks. Like many people across the UK, we have felt an immense amount of sadness at seeing so many people lose their homes and possessions and would like to find a way to help. Kent Association of Head Teachers (KAH), together with many other schools across the county are working to collect supplies and resources that we can send to Ukrainian refugees that have crossed the border into Poland.



If you can donate any items on the list below, we would be very grateful. We are not asking you necessarily to go out to purchase these items but would ask if you have any of these at home and they are in a good condition and can be spared then they would be gratefully received.

Items for donation – PLEASE STICK TO THE LIST

baby formula (especially hypoallergenic one - huge shortage)	charging / power banks for mobile phones (ALL TYPES)
baby feeding bottles, sterilising equipment (nothing electric - different sockets)	warm socks/gloves/warm hats
baby food	camping mats
nappies - any sizes	sleeping bags
painkiller medication, especially children's (CALPOL)	warm blankets
anti-flu medication (Lemsips etc)	thermal/base layers
wound dressings (unopened)	hot water bottles
first aid kits	insulated flasks
female sanitary products	any clean, soft toys/teddy bears (please wash first)
a letter/ card of hope and support from children and families.	

If you are able to donate anything, you can take it directly to Herne Bay High School, who are transporting it regularly to Folkestone to be shipped out.

University Day

On **Tuesday 29th March**, we are planning to hold a whole school University Day. The children will be given a range of different subjects to choose from, including: performing arts, forest school, science, history, languages, arts, sports etc. The children will be asked to choose four different subjects that they would like to take part in across the day. Each subject will be led by our staff team and will be an enrichment opportunity in addition to their normal curriculum learning. We are hoping that this will provide an opportunity for the children to develop a deeper love of learning within their chosen subject areas and to work with a range of children from different year groups.

Tetra Pak cartons

For one of the activities in the Forest School on University day we would like to ask for donations of Tetra Pak drinks cartons. These will be made into planters. See the picture for the ideal types that we would like. We would also welcome donations of any hand forks and trowels for the children to use.



An artist in residence

On the week beginning **21st March**, we are delighted to have an artist in residence for the whole week! Becky Vincer, will be joining us to work alongside our children on an exciting art project. Becky works alongside Animate Arts Company and specialises in printing and textiles. She will be working with the children to teach them some printing skills and techniques which will be combined to create some new curtains to be hung in our school hall. The children will be coming up with their own designs for the curtains inspired by our school vision of: Loved, Inspired, Shining. The children will work with Becky in small groups across the week and will all contribute to the final art piece that will be hung in the school hall. We look forward to an exciting and creative week and will share the finished art piece with you once it is installed.

Thanks to Harbour Street Bookshop

We would like to express our thanks to the staff at Harbour Books for welcoming our children into their shop this week. They have shared stories with the children and allowed them to explore their beautiful bookshop. The staff have read some of their favourite stories, including brand new books like Don't Ask the Dragon as well as bestsellers like The Girl and the Dinosaur and classics such as The Little Prince. They also talked to the children about the books they enjoy reading. Each child has also been able to exchange their World Book Day tokens for a book to take home. We are delighted to have forged another link within our incredible community and hope to be able to visit them again soon. We hope that you and your child will continue to support this wonderful local business, by popping in to visit them from time to time. If you have older children who would like to spend their World Book Day tokens, please do consider visiting Harbour Books to spend them.

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 11.3.22

Shells Class – 98.7%

Community

Easter and Summer holiday camps

Over the Easter Holidays and Summer holidays hosted at Junior Kings, there is an Ofsted registered holiday camp for children aged 3-14. If you require childcare and engagement for your child please go to www.active-camps.com

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

Heidi – Shells class
Albert – Pearls class
Abbie – Seagulls class



Healthy Mind, Body & Spirit

Callum – Shells class
Peggy – Oysters class
Lexi – Puffins class



Inspiring Curriculum

Maggie – Pebbles class
Archie L – Oysters class
May – Puffins class



Nature and Outdoor Learning

Luke – Shells class
Jackson – Oysters class
Grace – Seagulls class



Exceptional English

Serenity – Pebbles class
Annie – Pearls class
Zach – Puffins class



Spectacular Vocabulary

Quinn – Pebbles class
Zac – Pearls class
Albie – Seagulls class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Keeble & Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have been sharing the book *The Snail and the Whale*. We have used the playdough to roll out long lengths of dough that we then coiled up to make our own snails. We have been using our fine motor skills to draw and paint coils and waves on the ground outside with chalk and water. In our music session with Mrs Memmott we continued to sing the song 'one finger, one thumb keep moving', adding on more actions this week to remember. We also played instruments, following the patterns Mrs Memmott played on her drum, quickly, slowly, loudly and softly. We have also been exploring the properties of shape this week, sorting objects according to their properties and making shapes using a range of sticks both large and small and using the language of point, side, straight and curved rather than focusing just on the name of shapes.

Year R

From Mrs Arnott & Mr Mead

Reception have had a lovely week. All the children had a great time walking down to Harbour Street Book shop where we all enjoyed story time and got our new World Book Day books; it was very exciting! This week we have been thinking about air transport, we had a great time building our own airplanes, parachutes and helicopter models. We explore what old planes used to look like and who the Wright brothers were. In English we watched a video about a hot air balloon festival. We discussed all the colourful balloons and came up with a bank of wonderful describing words. The children then created their own beautiful balloons and wrote some brilliant descriptive sentences. They all look amazing on our new transport display! In maths we have been subtracting within 10, children have done a great job using vocabulary such as take away and less. We had fun playing bowling and writing our subtraction number sentences. Well done for another great week, we can't wait for space next week!

Year 1

From Mrs Jones & Mrs Swindells

Next week we will continue to read the story 'Vlad and the Great Fire of London'. Our focus will be on verbs and using the suffix 'ing' within our writing. In Maths we will be focussing on place value up to 50 and using tens and ones to partition a number. Counting in 10s really helps us to work out a number so we will be practising this lots too! In Art we will be mixing paint with different ingredients and experimenting with different textures. On Friday we will be dressing in Blue and Yellow to show support to Ukraine. As sunflowers are the flower of Ukraine, we will each plant a sunflower and complete lots of sunflower art.

Year 2

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Keeffe

We've had a wonderful time enjoying some sunshine this week! We loved visiting the book shop and exchanging our voucher, and playing Tag Rugby outside. Next week we are going to continue our non-fiction writing in English and create some newspaper reports about the sinking of The Titanic. We are working on our problem solving and arithmetic ability in maths this term and trying to improve our individual skills. We are wearing yellow and blue for Ukraine on Friday 18th and learning about Comic relief. We will also be talking to the children about current events and the news on this day in some child-friendly ways. Don't forget to check your child's P.E kits as they seem to be going through growth spurts!