

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



Love

Loved, Inspired, Shining

Newsletter

Term 3 Week 2 | 14.1.22

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January 2022

Mon 17th – Closing date for current Sunbeams KCC school application, for those starting Reception in September 2022

Mon 17th – Closing date for current Year 2 KCC school applications, for those starting Y3 in September 2022

Mon 24th – Year 2 trip to Whitstable Castle

February 2022

Tues 1st – YR vision, height and weight screening

Fri 11th – End of Term 3

Mon 21st – Term 4 starts

KEY EVENTS

SHINE Week

This week, we have had a wonderful time celebrating SHINE week and exploring lots of different artistic genres. The children have spent time discussing and celebrating what makes them unique and special. They have also participated in an Art workshop with Jo from Animate Arts Company to create artwork which will contribute to a large art installation in school. Each class worked alongside Jo, our visiting artist, to create artworks based around planets, stars and constellations. On Wednesday and Thursday this week the children also took part in a drama workshop with Ian from KIC theatre where they explored various themes through movement and performing arts. We have had such an exciting and inspiring week and we are really looking forward to sharing the final installation with you all once it is completed.

Sunbeams Parents - Reception school places for September 2022

Year 2 Parents - Junior school places for September 2022

Applications are made through Kent County Council at www.kent.gov.uk/ola and must be submitted by this coming **MONDAY 17TH JANUARY 2022**.

More information can be found at www.kent.gov.uk If you have any questions or need support with the application process please speak to Mrs Cullen in the school office.

Mrs Spinks presents to Parliament!

On Tuesday evening Mrs Spinks was proud to be asked to speak at The All-Party Parliamentary Group for Art Craft and Design in Education to a group of MPs from the House of Lords who champion visual art education in the U.K. She shared the outstanding arts provision at St Alphege and talked about how this contributes to wellbeing and the raising of standards in all aspects of education. She shared the ways in which St Alphege has used the Arts as part of our recovery curriculum following the start of the global pandemic. She joined other speakers from different parts of the country and her presentation will contribute to ongoing research. This will be published at parliamentary level to encourage more schools to embrace creativity and improve their arts offer and to persuade the government of the value of future investments in quality and rich Arts education.

Little Wandle Phonics and Reading

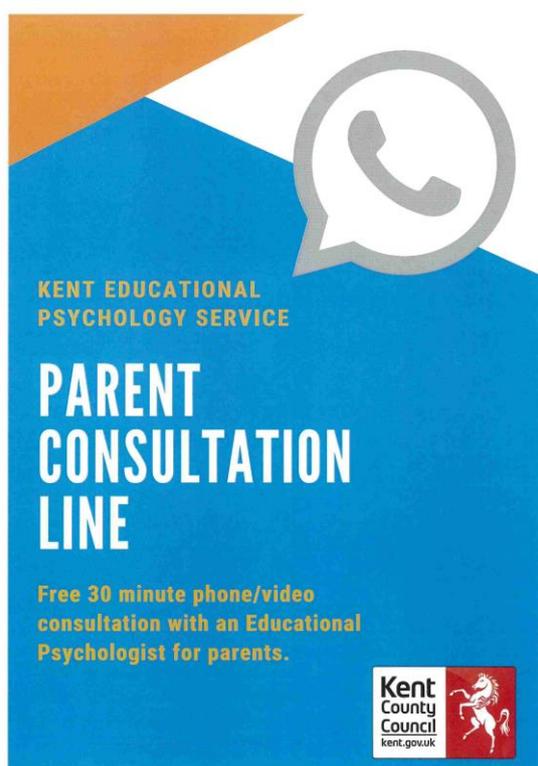
As many of you will know, our school uses the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds programme to teach Phonics and Reading. Please head over to the parent's section on their website to find lots more information and links to videos showing you how we teach your children.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

The resources on their website will help you to support your child with saying their sounds, writing their letters and starting their journey into reading. There are also some useful videos so you can see how they are taught at school and feel confident about supporting their reading at home. You will also find our full Reception and Year 1 teaching programme overview on their website to see what your child will learn and when. If you have any questions at all, please speak to your child's class teacher who will be happy to help.

Community

Kent Education Psychology Service



The poster features a blue background with an orange triangle at the top left. A large white speech bubble with a grey telephone handset icon is positioned on the right. The text is in white and orange. At the bottom right is the Kent County Council logo, which includes a red shield with a white horse and the text 'Kent County Council kent.gov.uk'.

**KENT EDUCATIONAL
PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE**

**PARENT
CONSULTATION
LINE**

**Free 30 minute phone/video
consultation with an Educational
Psychologist for parents.**

**Kent
County
Council
kent.gov.uk**

The aim of this service is to provide advice and guidance to parents and carers to support children's wellbeing and learning.

Topics or areas that you may wish to discuss might include:

- **Social and emotional issues**
- **Concerns about learning**
- **Family relationships**
- **Concerns about behaviour**
- **Daily routines including sleep**

kepscommunitysupport@kent.gov.uk

If you would like to make use of this service please send a message to the email address above including the following information:

- **your name;**
- **phone number;**
- **a convenient time to call (morning or afternoon)**
- **your child's education phase e.g. early years, primary school, secondary school;**
- **a brief description of what you wish to discuss.**

We will do our best to respond within 10 working days but this may be subject to availability.

Kent Community Health Team - Flu Vaccinations Update

This weekend is the last chance for parents to get their child's flu vaccination if they missed out at school.

Appointments and walk-ins are available for anyone aged 4 to 16 who is either at school or home educated in Kent and Medway at:

➦ Pentagon Centre in #Chatham

- Sunday 16 January, 9.30am to 4.30pm

➦ Thanet Vaccines Site, Westwood Cross in #Thanet

- Sunday 16 January, 8.30am to 2pm



Kent Community Health
NHS Foundation Trust

Children DO NOT need an appointment to attend but parents can book a time if they prefer at <https://kchft.healthit.org.uk/patheks> Further information about the annual flu vaccination for children can be found on the Kent Community Health team [website](#).

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 14.1.22
Shells Class – 98.6%

Weekly Awards

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

Serenity – Pebbles class
Ben – Pearls class
Abi – Seagulls class



Healthy Mind, Body & Spirit

Oscar – Shells class
Demmi – Oysters class
Jasper – Seagulls class



Inspiring Curriculum

Callum – Shells class
Henry – Oysters class
Drew – Puffins class



Nature and Outdoor Learning

Brady – Pebbles class
Lexi – Oysters class



Exceptional English

Florence – Shells class
Teddy – Pearls class
Barry – Seagulls class
Harvie – Puffins class



Spectacular Vocabulary

Rayan – Pebbles class
Hattie – Pearls class
Dannie – Puffins class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Keeble & Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have had a fabulous time being creative. Jo from Animate Arts came in on Monday to show us what we needed to work on for the art installation being completed this week. We have used our fine motor skills to twist pipe cleaners to create our Sunbeams for our sun. We used our maths skills to measure out strips of ribbon, using 5 frames to ensure we measured them to the length of 5 children. Ian from KIC Theatre helped us to explore the emergency services through story telling and acting/pretending, which was great fun. We used our bodies, movement and voices to act out our representations of the different aspects of the emergency services. We also learned the importance of using 999 to call the emergency services should we ever need to.

Year R

From Mrs Arnott & Mr Mead

We have had a great week in Reception this week full of visitors and surprises! On Monday we found out about a very exciting art project for the Year 2 staircase. We had lots of fun making our own constellation of Pebbles and creating a giant Milky Way galaxy. We can't wait to see the completed project. In English, everyone loved bringing in their favourite toys this week for show and tell and did a great job writing labels for their toys. We had an amazing time on Wednesday with KIC theatre where we played lots of games and pretended to be old toys acting out different actions, we loved it! In maths this week we have been adding and subtracting 1-5 and had our first ever maths challenge day on Friday where we had to work as teams to work out a maths problem. We also had a great active maths and phonics sessions where we had to look at a map of the playground and work out the answers to different hidden clues! All the children have been fantastic, learning some very tricky sounds this week: oo, -oo, ar and or. Well done for another great week Reception!

Year 1

From Mrs Jones & Mrs Swindells

What a fun, creative week we've had! Year 1 loved meeting visiting artist Jo and worked hard at making their own stars and constellations for the art installation. We're looking forward to seeing the finished piece. They had a wonderful time playing and pretending in our drama worship with KIC theatre – they learnt so much about the life of Florence Nightingale and the joy on their faces was something else! Next week we will be reading 'The Three Little Pigs', using the -ed suffix to write about how the pigs huffed and puffed, and in Maths will be learning to show teen numbers in tens and ones. For History this week we will be comparing schools from the past with school life now. If the children would like to bring in or e-mail any school photos from family members or grandparents it would be great to share them with the class. In Science we will continue to explore the properties of materials by building our own 'Three Little Pigs' houses. PE this term is Gymnastics – Monday for Oysters and Friday for Pearls. Thanks children for a fabulous week.

Year 2

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Keeffe

We have had a wonderful arty week in Year 2 this week! We made some lovely mixed media Seagull pictures and created some fabulous artwork with Jo from Animate arts. The Y2 stairwell looks absolutely amazing! We can't wait to share pictures with you! Next week in Y2 we are learning more about castles. Please bring in any castle themed show and tell or homework. We will be writing castle fact files in our English lessons. In Maths we are continuing to learn about multiplication, but we are moving on from just the 2s, 5s and 10s and learning how to solve any times table we come across! We do this through the 'cookie and chocolate chip' method! We will be doing some baking in our Maths lesson on Wellbeing Wednesday to help us learn this method in a delicious way! Next week P.E. for both classes will be on Wednesday. Have a lovely weekend!