

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



Love

Loved, Inspired, Shining

Newsletter

Term 3 Week 1 | 7.1.22

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January 2022

Mon 10th – Arts Week
Tues 12th – KIC Theatre
Weds 13th – KIC Theatre

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

Next week, we will be holding a whole school Arts Week based around this years School Plan priorities: SHINE. There will also be links to our school Vision of *Loved, Inspired, Shining* and the children will be have opportunities to celebrate what makes them unique and special. The children will participate in a range of arts experiences across the week. On Monday and Friday, the children will be working with our arts partners at Animate Arts Company to create a large art installation in school. Each class will work alongside Jo, our visiting artist, to create artworks which will then be combined into one large installation in school. On Wednesday and Thursday the children will also take part in drama workshops with KIC theatre where they will explore this theme through movement and performing arts. We know that this will be an exciting and inspiring week for the whole school. We will be posting photographs from the week onto the school Facebook page and will share the final art installation with you all once this is complete.

Chicken Pox

We wanted to inform you that we have had a few recent cases of chicken pox in our Reception classes. We know that you are all being incredibly vigilant at the moment if your children are feeling unwell in any way. If you are at all concerned, please contact your child's GP for advice. As chicken pox is highly contagious, children must stay at home for at least five days from the start of the infection and until all of the spots have dried and scabbed over.

Start and End of the School Day

We have sent an important update regarding the rising rates of Covid-19 within our community and the steps we are taking to keep our whole school community safe. With this in mind, we would ask that you leave the school grounds swiftly once you have dropped your child into school and at the end of the day. Please do not loiter in the playground or allow your children to access the play equipment at this time. We are working hard in school to maintain our year group bubbles and do not want to encourage unnecessary mixing on the school site. We know how important it is for our families to feel connected to the school and each other, but we must balance this with the safety and welfare of our school community at what continues to be a challenging time. Thank you.

Community

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.

OUR FIRST EVENT OF 2022 IS:
10AM - 1PM ,
FRIDAY 14TH JAN 2022

WHITSTABLE UMBRELLA COMMUNITY CENTRE,
10 OXFORD ST, CT5 1DD

DO PLEASE CONTACT US WITH ANY QUESTIONS. FIND US ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM : COMMUNITY CLOTHES BANK

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



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W/E 7.1.22
Puffins Class – 98.2%

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

Maia L.H – Shells class
Alfie – Pearls class
Nova – Seagulls class



Healthy Mind, Body & Spirit

Emily – Shells class
Rosa – Pearls class
Rupert – Seagulls class



Inspiring Curriculum

Chloe – Pebbles class
Hugo - Oysters
Jakob - Pearls class
Poppy – Puffins class



Nature and Outdoor Learning

Luke - Shells class



Exceptional English

Theo – Pebbles class
Nora – Oysters class
Grace – Seagulls class
Elijah – Puffins class



Spectacular Vocabulary

Gabriel - Shells class
Tyler – Oysters class
Jack – Puffins class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Keeble & Mrs Humphreys

We have enjoyed welcoming the children back to Sunbeams after the Christmas break, as well as welcoming some new Sunbeams to our community! It has been lovely hearing all the stories the children have had to tell us about what they got up to over the holidays. Our recounts of recent events have inspired our mark making activities this week. We have drawn pictures of our favourite Christmas presents, of the people we spent time with and other things Christmassy. Mrs Memmott led activities to promote our listening skills during our music session this week. She played instruments and the children had to stop and start accordingly. The weather is certainly getting a lot colder, so please make sure your child is dressed appropriately with a winter coat, hat and gloves for our outside play.

Year R

From Mrs Arnott & Mr Mead

Happy New Year Reception! We have loved being back this week and seeing all your big smiles and hearing about your Christmas holidays! This week we started our new Time Travellers topic where we will be exploring history and toys from the past. To start us off we had a great time watching parts of Toy Story and thinking about all the different toys we have. In English the children wrote some brilliant clues for their friends to guess which toy story character they were. We had some great description words and everyone tried hard with their sounds. In phonics this week we have been learning ai, ee, oa and our first trigraph – igh! This week we also started our Rainbow Challenge where the children are given 4 different challenges to complete, we had lots of rainbow champions! In maths we have been exploring the composition of 5 and comparing different amounts. We used counters and 5 frames to show our work. Well done everyone for a fab first week back. We look forward to more toys next week and a special art and drama challenge!

Year 1

From Mrs Jones & Mrs Swindells
(previously Miss Johnson)

It was wonderful to see Year 1 return to school with so much excitement and confidence this week, sharing their news from Christmas with their friends. We had a fun first week thinking about real life superheroes such as NHS staff, parents and firefighters, and writing about why they are so important. We enjoyed learning about different materials in science and next week will go on to learn about the properties of the materials e.g. hard, waterproof, shiny. In English we will be reading 'Superworm' by Julia Donaldson, and will use similes to describe the character Superworm. In Maths we are going to practise counting back to subtract and will begin to learn more about numbers to 20. We will learn about a superhero from the past, Florence Nightingale, and on Wednesday will explore her life through drama in our worship with KIC theatre. We will also be visited by ANIMATE ARTS, who are going to help the whole school create an art installation on our theme 'Shine.' What a creative week ahead!

Year 2

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Keeffe

What a super first week back! We have had a wonderful week at school and have loved seeing our friends again. Next week we have lots of exciting things planned! We will be doing more Gymnastics in our P.E. lessons. Don't forget Puffins are doing P.E. on Wednesday, and Seagulls on Thursday. All children need a P.E. kit. We have some exciting visitors in school next week, including Animate Arts who will be helping us to create an enormous installation to be displayed in school. We also have a visitor from Kik Theatre on Thursday to do some exciting drama workshops with us. Please bring in any castle themed homework that you have made, and any Historic 'Show and Tell' for us to share in class. Enjoy your weekend everyone!