

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



Love

Loved, Inspired, Shining

Newsletter

Term 4 Week 2 | 03.03.23

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 2023

Fri 17th – Comic Relief

Tues 28th – Sharing the Learning Opportunity 2.45pm

Weds 29th – Parents Evening

Thurs 30th – Parents Evening

Fri 31st – End of Term 4

April 2023

Mon 17th – Start of Term 5

Mon 17th – Year R Hearing Screening

[Click here for our School & Nursery Term Dates](#)

KEY EVENTS

Year 1 Visits to Duncan Downs

As part of our science curriculum this year, we are happy to tell you that Year 1 classes will visit Duncan Downs next week.

Oysters class will visit on **Tuesday 7th March**

Pearls class will visit on **Friday 10th March**

We will visit half a class at a time (one group from each class in the morning and the other in the afternoon) and will travel to Duncan Downs by minibus. Mr Thomas-Friend, our Forest School coordinator, will lead the visit and the children will be identifying trees by their leaves and bark and looking for which trees are deciduous and which are evergreen.

Please ensure that your child is wearing Wellington boots or sturdy, waterproof shoes suitable for walking, and also a warm, waterproof coat. As the weather is again quite chilly, hats and gloves will be needed. Thank you as always for your support with this.

On this occasion, as we are travelling by minibus, we cannot invite parents and carers, but rest assured there will be other opportunities to join us. We will take plenty of photographs for the school Facebook page so that you can talk to your child about their trip

Chicken Pox

We wanted to inform you that we have had a few recent cases of chicken pox in all year groups. 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. The following symptoms might appear before the onset on spots; a high temperature, aches and pains, and generally feeling unwell, loss of appetite. If you are at all concerned, please contact your child's GP for advice.

Parking

We appreciate the challenges of finding parking close to the school when families are completing the school run, but we would ask you to be considerate of our community when finding a space to park. Along with Whitstable Junior School, we have received a few complaints from local residents about illegal, unsafe parking in Argyle Road and Oxford Street. We would like to remind you that you should not park in the loading bay or bus stop in Oxford Street to drop off or pick up your child. Nor can you park on the zig zag markings in Argyle Road near the alleyway. As the weather starts to improve, we would urge you to give yourself a few extra minutes for your car journeys so that you can park safely and have time to walk your child to their class. All car parks in Whitstable, including the one behind Weatherspoon's, are free until 10.00am every morning, should you need to use these.

Parents Evenings – Video Appointments

We will be holding our mid-year parent meetings at the end of next term. These will be between **3:30pm and 7:30pm on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th March.**

All appointments will be accessed through our Parent Evening booking system which has the facility for video calls. A parent guide is attached to help you book your appointment.

If you would prefer a telephone appointment, please speak to your child's teacher directly and they will arrange a suitable time to call on an alternative day.

Please use the guides below which explain how to access the video appointment.

<https://support.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/category/823-video-parents-evenings>

<https://support.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/article/862-video-appointments-parents-how-to-invite-another-parent-guardian-to-join-your-appointments>

Worship this term

Monday 27th March at St Alphege Church joint school worship to explore Holy Week with the Endowed school, earlier time of 2.15pm.

Year 1 & 2 Choir

Year 1 and 2 choir will run every Tuesday from 8:20am - 8.40am in the Community Room. Children will need to be dropped off at the Community Room patio area where Mrs Memmott will meet them. Time will be limited, please make sure that the children arrive promptly at 8:20am.

Red Nose Day - Friday 17th March

Red Nose Day is back on Friday 17th March and we will be having a non-uniform day in school. Please wear something red if you are able to. All donations to support the Comic Relief charity will be gratefully received. This year we have set up a Just giving page where donations will go directly to Comic Relief.

[Comic Relief Red Nose Day JustGiving Page](#)



Community



Could you be a LOCAL HERO?

Join our School Crossing Patrol

For more information call 03000 422401, email scp@kent.gov.uk or visit kent.gov.uk and search for 'school crossing patrols'

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Kent County Council

Please see the attached poster and the link below for KCC School Crossing Patrol Vacancies

<https://recruitmenthub.solutions/members/modules/job/detail.php?record=7403>



Stagecoach Whitstable & Faversham

EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA

Come along and join the fun!

03 Apr 2023

Age: 4 - 18
Time: Mon -Wed 10:00 - 16:00 Performance: Wed 15:00
Cost: £105 (Sibling £95)
Venue: Whitstable: Swateciffe Community Primary School, CT5 2PH

www.stagecoach.co.uk/whitstable

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Are you looking for Holiday Workshops?

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Singing, dancing, acting and lots of fun! Ending with a showcase for family and friends!

The workshops are creative and inspiring! No experience is necessary, just the enthusiasm to join in!
book your place now!

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Inclusive Sport – Whitstable Junior School

Direct booking link is below and remember Inclusive Sport offer a free trial for any new sessions that your child attends.

<https://inclusive-sport.class4kids.co.uk/info/261>

WHEN EVERY FRIDAY
4:30pm - 5:15pm

WHERE Whitstable Junior School,
Oxford Street Whitstable,
CT5 1DB

WHO FOR CHILDREN AGED 5 - 16
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If you haven't already done so, booking is open for Term 4 sessions. You can follow the link below and select sessions you would like to book:

[Book Online - Inclusive Sport](#)

You can also view all children's sessions available on the website where there is more information about the sessions and flyers, link below:

[Children - Inclusive Sport](#)

BOOK ONLINE: www.inclusivesport.net/book-online

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King Alphege Attendance Lion

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



King Alphege Attendance Lion
W/E 10.2.23
Oysters Class – 95.6%

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Keeble & Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have been celebrating book week. We have joined the Reception classes on a couple of occasions for our 'reading for pleasure' session which we have really enjoyed. The Reception children were very confident in sharing their books with our Sunbeams and we enjoyed sharing our books with them and the adults in Reception too. We regularly visit the Reception classes throughout the year, to familiarise ourselves with the environment and to get to know the adults in there. This enables us to build up to the more formal transition arrangements for our Sunbeams moving up to Reception in September. Mrs Memmot encouraged the children to follow, copy and create musical patterns or patterns with sound. This helps to develop our listening and attention skills as well as pick up on rhythm. We have also been thinking about measure this week which has involved ordering several items according to height or length.

Year R

From Mrs Arnott & Mr Mead

This week in Reception we have been celebrating World Book day! The children have been exploring lots of lovely activities to do with book and stories. We have spoken about what our favourite stories and characters are and why. The children made their very own colourful book marks, shared stories with other children across the room and enjoyed a story time with Harbour Book store. We visited our school library and explored fiction and non fiction books. We were very impressed with some of their own books that the children created themselves. In maths this week we have been ordering our numbers 1 – 10, thinking carefully about one more than and one less than. The children made their own staircases using cubes 1-10 and completed missing number detective activities! The children have continued their learning about the build up to Easter. We recapped what we learnt about Palm Sunday last week and looked at Good Friday this week and what Christians believe in. In PE we played lots of team building games and revisited our gymnastic skills.

Year 1

From Mrs Jones & Mrs O'Malley

Book week has been wonderful – reading for pleasure every day, lots of talking about books that we love and sharing stories with our friends and adults. The children have adored our powerful text 'The Pirates Next Door' – you might want to listen to it on Youtube, read by the author, Jonny Duddle. It inspired us to write a letter to someone that we want to become better friends with. In Maths we've been learning to measure height and length and in art have been making stencils to print on fabric. The children were fascinated when we read a local book to learn about the flood of Whitstable in 1953; next week we will learn about the Crab and Winkle Railway. We will also be visiting Duncan Downs, as part of our science learning about trees (Oysters on Tuesday and Pearls on Friday). Please wear a warm waterproof coat and wellies or sensible shoes. Next week is also empathy week, when we will hear the stories of people from around the world to help us get even better at understanding different people and different situations.

Year 2

From Mrs Swindells & Mrs O'Keeffe

Book week has been so much fun! We loved completing reading for pleasure activities each day, sharing stories with other classes and having a story time from Harbour Books! We welcomed Year 2 from Herne Infant School on Friday and completed a craft activity with them based on the picture book 'Professional Crocodile'. It was so wonderful to meet new friends and work with other children! Next week is Empathy Week. We will be watching videos about lots of different people across the world and learning about their lives. During the week, we will be thinking about what empathy is and how we can show empathy and feelings towards others. In Maths we will continue to measure length and height using centimetres and metres as our units of measure. In English we will base our learning on the book 'The day the Crayons Quit' and learn all about France. We will write a letter to somebody from the perspective of a crayon in Paris, explaining all about our trip! We will be learning about Australia and Antarctica as our next continents and continue to fill in our passport for our trip around the world!