

SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege
Values



Love

Loved, Inspired, Shining

Newsletter

Term 1 Week 2 | 09.09.22

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sept 2022

Mon 19th - Bank Holiday – The Queen's Funeral

Oct 2022

Mon 3rd – Year 2 Worship with families St Alphege Church 2.30pm

Mon 10th – Year 1 and 2 Harvest Worship with families at St Alphege Church 2.30pm

Weds 12th - Bean Machine in the playground from 8.20am

Weds 19th - Flu vaccination (YR, 1 & 2)

Fri 21st – End of term one

Mon 31st - Staff development day – School closed

Nov 2022

Tues 1st – Term 2 starts

Mon 7th – Individual School Photos

Dec 2022

Fri 16th – End of term 2

KEY EVENTS

Dot Day

The children have all had a wonderfully creative time celebrating Dot Day this week. Thank you to those parents who stopped to "make their mark" on the day. Your dots will be added alongside the children and staff to a giant display in the school hall. We will let you all know once this is complete, so that you can pop in to see it!

Uniform Reminders

Thank you for sending your child to school in the correct uniform each day. Please can we remind you all that children need to come to school in appropriate school shoes, not trainers. Uniform is an important part of being in school as it helps to give children a sense of belonging and community. Please make sure your child's uniform is named so that we can return any misplaced items to the correct owner! We fully appreciate the financial challenges that we are all facing at the moment with the rising cost of living and how providing uniform can be another expense for families. Uniform does not have to bear the school logo and can be picked up at supermarkets as long as the colours are correct. There are also many great initiatives, such as the Whitstable Community Wardrobe, where good quality uniform can be donated or collected free of charge. Recycling uniform once your child has grown out of it is also good for the planet, so we would encourage you all to take a look and donate anything you no longer need. You can contact them on Facebook

using the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/WhitstableWardrobe/> or email the organiser Jane Myhill on: jane.myhill@btinternet.com

Start and end of the school day

We really appreciate how well our school community has adapted to the new and slightly extended timings of the school day. We have listened to your feedback and as a result, are suggesting the following adaptations. We hope you find this helpful.

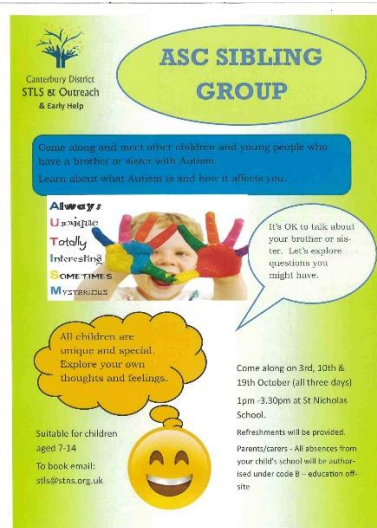
- Classroom doors will need to promptly close at 8:45am each morning so that learning can begin immediately.
- School gates will also close promptly at 8:45am and any children arriving after this time will need to come through the school office.
- Classroom doors will open at the slightly earlier time of 8:35am, allowing longer for you to drop your child into class.
- At the end of the day, children will be released at 3:15pm from the normal places.

The Queen's State Funeral

As advised, the school will be closed on Monday 19th September for the Queen's state funeral. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 20th September.

Community Events

ASC Sibling Club



Canterbury District
STLS & Outreach
& Early Help

ASC SIBLING GROUP

Come along and meet other children and young people who have a brother or sister with Autism.
Learn about what Autism is and how it affects you.

Always
Unique
Totally
Interesting
COME TIMES
Mysteries

It's OK to talk about your brother or sister. Let's explore questions you might have.

All children are unique and special. Explore your own thoughts and feelings.

Come along on 3rd, 10th & 19th October (all three days)
1pm - 3.30pm at St Nicholas School.
Refreshments will be provided.
Parents/carers - All absences from your child's school will be authorised under code 8 - education off-site.

Suitable for children aged 7-14
To book email: stls@stns.org.uk

Netstars Netball



NETSTARS WHITSTABLE

JOIN OUR ACTION-PACKED NETBALL CLASSES FOR 5-15 YEAR OLDS

Learn great skills, make friends and have lots of fun with Netstars!

FOR INFO & BOOKINGS SEE www.netstarsnetball.com

Join us now on Saturdays at the Whitstable School
10am-12pm Club for years 1-5
& 5
12pm-1pm All Stars - years 6-9
& 10
5pm-7pm Net Academy - years 10-15 & 16-18

BACK TO SCHOOL OFFER!
FREE TRIAL PLUS 20% OFF
USE BOOKING CODE USC83

Please see attached flyers for more information.

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 16.09.22
Puffins Class – 97.1 %

Weekly Awards

Whole School Awards

Our awards this year represent our School Development priorities: GROWTH. The children are currently designing stickers for the school plan. These will be coming soon...

Great Reading

Hugo – Puffins Class

Risk Taking and Resilience

Monty – Pearls Class

Outstanding Curriculum

Penny B – Shells Class

Wonderful Writing

Flora – Seagulls

Thriving Community

Woody – Pebbles

Happiness, Wellbeing and Wonder

Oscar – Oysters Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Keeble & Mrs Humphreys

Sunbeams have been celebrating Dot Day all through this week. We have found lots of ways to make our marks using a variety of materials and resources. We went on a dot hunt using our special dot view finders, and found there are lots of dots around us in the natural and man-made world. We used our transient art materials to create dots and patterns. On Tuesday Mrs Memmott played musical games with us to help us develop our listening skills. We are really settling into our new routines and all our Sunbeams are adapting well to the expectations within our setting. On Friday, we invited Mrs Spinks and Mrs Thomas-Friend to join us during our snack time. We enjoyed sharing our toast with them, chatting and getting to know each other as part of our wonderful whole school community.

Year R

From Mrs Arnott & Mr Mead

We have had a wonderful week this week in Reception. All the children have made us so proud yet again in how well they are settling in. We love seeing their smiles each morning and watching their new friendships develop. The children this week have started their phonics sessions where they have been learning the sounds s, a, t and p. They have been brilliant in listing and recognising these! In English we have been reading Elmer and discussing how we are all special and unique like Elmer. Everyone then sequenced pictures of the story and did a great job retelling the main events. We then painted self-portraits and thought carefully about what we look like. We definitely have some budding artists in our year! We have also been very creative making our own rainbows thinking about our school values – we have already shown lots of these, especially love and kindness. All the children impressed us even more creating their own beautiful dots on World Dot Day! Well done Reception for a fabulous week, we can't wait for more fun next week.

Year 1

From Mrs Jones & Mrs O'Malley

We have had another fantastic week in Year 1, with the children really settling into their new routines and growing in confidence and friendship. We were so proud of how they all behaved and engaged in our walk around Whitstable, identifying different types of homes in our town. They produced some lovely sentences and art work inspired by what they saw. In Music we began to explore and use 'Body Percussion' and we really enjoyed producing our own dots on 'Dot Day.' In Maths this week we will be learning to compare groups and objects, using the vocabulary 'more' 'fewer' and 'the same'. In English we will be learning about adjectives through our focus text 'Room on a Broom,' and in Computing we will be exploring laptops to identify the different parts of a computer. Now that the weather is changing, we will also be thinking about weather patterns and seasonal change. This week's phonics book is available on Collins eBooks – your username and password are the same as last year and can be found on a sticker in your child's reading record. We hope you enjoy the long weekend.

Year 2

From Mrs Swindells & Mrs O'Keeffe

Puffins and Seagulls have enjoyed another exciting week in Year 2. We have made our teachers so proud with our fabulous behaviour throughout both our museum visits and our first swimming lessons. We loved Dot Day and cannot wait to see our creations displayed altogether in our school hall. Next week we will be thinking about how and why the Woolly Mammoth's that used to roam Whitstable, became extinct. We will be learning about climate change and freeing frozen toy animals from ice blocks. In Art, we will be exploring how to create form and texture through drawing techniques whilst comparing the works of Pablo Picasso and Georgia O'Keeffe. In our English lessons, our imaginations are sure to be stirred with adjectives when we design and describe a delicious, tasty treat to give to the Wolf in Ninja Red Riding Hood.