SUNBEAMS NURSERY

ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

St Alphege **Values**

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Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December 2024

Weds 4th – Reception Parent Christmas Craft 9.30am (School Hall)

Fri 6th – Non-Uniform Day (Chocolate/Bottle) for the School Tombola.

Mon 9th – Whole School Christmas Church Service (2.30pm)

Tues 10th – Year R Nativity 9.30am (School Hall) Tues 10th - Sunbeams Stay and Play 2pm-3.15pm Weds 11th - Year R Nativity 9.30am (School Hall)

Weds 11th – Christmas Lunch

Thurs 12th – Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children

Thurs 12th – Christmas Fair (School Hall) from 3.15pm

Mon 16th – Year 2 Nativity 2.30pm (School Hall) Tues 17th – Year 2 Nativity 2.30pm (School Hall)

Weds 18th – Year 1 Concert 9.30am (School Hall)

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Thurs 19th – Sunbeams Nativity 9.30am (School Hall)

Fri 20th – End of Term 2

Reception Parent Christmas Craft – Wednesday 4th December

Parents and carers of children in Pebbles and Shells classes are invited to join the children for a Christmas craft morning from 9.30am to 10.30am in the school hall on Wednesday 4th December.

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 6th December



Friday 6th December is a non-uniform day and in return we would like to ask for donations of chocolate or bring a bottle for the tombola at the Christmas Fair. This can range from a bar of chocolate to a bottle of wine. Any chocolate/ bottle item will be appreciated.

Whole School Christmas Church Service - Monday 9th December

All parents and carers are warmly invited to attend our church service on Monday 9th December at 2.30pm at St Alphege Church, where we will be thinking about Advent. We will return to school afterwards and you can collect your child from school at 3.15pm as usual.



Community



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

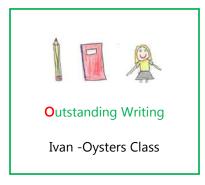


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Weekly Awards

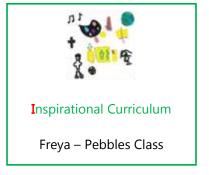
Whole School Awards!

Our awards this year represent our School Development priorities: ORBITS. The children have been busy designing our new stickers to accompany each of the areas of our School Plan. It was a very difficult choice, as their drawings were all brilliant, but we have settled on the final six below. Each class nominate one child to celebrate their achievements each week.













Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have been noticing patterns in art. We have had opportunities to share with each other the things that stand out to us when looking at art by artists such as Kandinsky, Goldsworthy and Mondrian to name a few. We were then inspired to create our own art using a range of materials. Several of our Sunbeams were so inspired, they have created not just one but several different artworks of their own. In our HeartSmart session we thought about the characteristics we have that make us special. We discovered that we have a lot of helpful, friendly, brave and funny individuals within our Sunbeams community! Earlier this week we sent home photo and video permission forms for your child in relation to some research we are going to be carrying out over the year in Sunbeams with MakeBelieve Arts. Please make sure you return them as soon as possible so that we can process your responses.

Year R Mrs Keeble and Mrs Jones

Well done children on another fantastic week of learning in reception! In Drawing Club we explored the traditional tale 'The Little Red Hen' and enjoyed using new vocabulary such as 'ingredients', 'concocting' and 'just deserts.' Perhaps your children could show you the actions and tell you the meanings of the words? It was a joy to hear the children creating strange creatures for their farm and drawing and writing about a disgusting ingredient for the bread in the story! In maths we have been showing how to make the numbers 4 and 5, using different combinations of patterns and different representations. In music with Mrs Memmott, we have continued to learn the songs for our nativity and, inspired by one of the songs, we enjoyed moving and dancing in circles, using different moves and actions. In PE we learnt some moves for a line dance, practised putting them together to music, as well as some free style moves! Our phonics book this week was 'Sit in!' We encourage your child to read this as often as you can using the Big Cat ebooks link, until they are reading fluently, without sounding out each sound. Please check book bags for a note about clothes for the nativity.

Year 1 Miss Hughes and Mr Mead

We have had another super week in Year 1! We loved getting out of school on Friday and going to Whitstable Museum. It was lots of fun, and we loved spotting old toys and looking at images and artefacts from History. We also loved practising our underarm throws in Games, with target practice aiming at zombies and ghosts! Our dance P.E. lesson was great fun this week as we explored ballet. We didn't realise just how strong ballet dancers' legs need to be and had a great time practising jumps, leaps and balances! Our Maths lessons this week saw us exploring addition within word problems. We used a number line to help us with the jumps we needed to make, to get to our total. We also practised writing our numbers, as sometimes they are backwards or formed a little incorrectly – perhaps you could help us practise these at home! It was production week in English and we wrote sentences with verbs ending in -ing, and also used the word 'because'! We learnt a mnemonic to help us spell this word – maybe you could ask us about it and get us to show you how to spell this word at home! We were very proud to learn such a big word! Please find us if you have any questions about ebooks! Have a wonderful weekend and we will see all of your lovely smiling faces on Monday!

Year 2

Mrs O'Keeffe and Mrs Cook

We've had another lovely week here in Year 2! The children wrote an exciting narrative from the perspective of a deep-sea diver discovering a polluted ocean in Production Week in English. Using a range of rich and vibrant vocabulary such as adjectives, verbs, adverbs and time connectives, they described what they saw in the murky waters. The finished writing was wonderful and the children should be really proud of themselves! Next week is Imagination Week and we will be looking at the non-fiction book Here We Are by Oliver Jeffers. We have lots of exciting activities planned including drama and creating a collage of the world! In Maths we continued with subtraction, solving number sentences in which we subtracted a multiple of ten from a two-digit number, and then a two digit number from another two digit number. The children used a range of concrete resources such as dienes and number lines to help them. We will continue this next week. In Science we investigated the properties of different materials such as plastic, glass, rock, metal and stone with a fun practical activity. We also talked about ways in which these different materials can be used. In Art we learnt about primary, secondary and tertiary colours and created a colour wheel using watercolours. Next week we will be learning more about Jackson Pollock and painting in his style using fun resources such as marble and string! We continued our Dance topic with a ballet lesson on Thursday, and next week we will be trying some Irish dancing! Have a lovely weekend