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ST ALPHEGE CE INFANT SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May 2024

Mon 6th – Bank Holiday
Fri 10th – TED Team Cake Stall (after school)
Thurs 16th – Class Photos
Fri 24th - Sharing the Learning (Wonderful Writing) 2.45-3.15pm
Fri 24th – End of Term

June 2024

Mon 3rd – Start of Term 6
Weds 5th – PAC Performance – Playhouse - 6pm
Thurs 6th - Sunbeams Parent Stay and Play Session 2.15pm-3.15pm

July 2024

Weds 17th – Sunbeams end of year Performance (School Hall) 9.30am
Fri 19th – End of Term
Mon 22nd – Staff Development Day
Tues 23rd – Staff Development Day

KEY EVENTS

Parent Feedback

We pride ourselves on our relationships with our parent and wider community and always value the feedback given. We welcome your constructive feedback as it helps us to learn and grow. Equally, positive feedback is always lovely to hear, so please share that with us too! To enable more opportunities for parents to share their views with us throughout the school year, you will notice some QR codes popping up outside classrooms and in waiting areas around the school. If you have a few minutes while you are waiting for your child to come out of class, we would love you to share your thoughts with us. The QR code can be accessed at any time and on any device. It will open a simple Google questionnaire which will only take a few minutes to complete. This will run alongside our normal channels of communication, so please continue to reach out to us in the normal ways as well! Thank you!

Free Parking in Whitstable between 8:30am and 9:30am for school drop off

We have been informed by the council that the Shaftesbury Road car park, behind the Umbrella Centre still offers a free hour between 8:30am and 9:30am to allow for school drop off. Please be aware that you do still need to get a ticket though and display this on your vehicle! If you press the button on the ticket machine, it will print you off a free ticket to cover that hour. We know this is not ideal and we will continue to fight this decision, but it may give some help to families needing to drive into the town to bring their children to school. If anyone has any suggestions as to how we continue to lobby the council about this issue, please let us know.

Cake Sale – Friday 10th May

The TED Team will be holding a cake sale after school on Friday 10th of May to raise funds for their playground sign project which they wrote to you about before the Easter break. We hope to raise about £250 so that we can have signs made displaying traditional playground games to help promote physical activity during playtime. We will be asking for a discretionary donation when you purchase cake, so please support us by giving whatever you think you can manage. In addition, we ask for any enthusiastic bakers out there who would be happy to bake cakes for our sale to please donate them on the day.

Friday 24th May - Sharing the Learning (Wonderful Writing) 2.45-3.15pm

We are very excited to invite parents and careers into classrooms on the final day of this term, Friday 24th May to share our Wonderful Writing with you all. We will open the school gates and doors to classrooms from 2.45pm, where children can show you their English book and tell you more about our new approach to writing which includes 3 stages - Imagination, Creation and Production. To visit Year 2 classrooms, please enter through the morning drop off door, where a member of staff will be waiting to lead you to your child's class.

Sunbeams Stay and Play Sessions

We would like to invite our early years families to join us at the following session:

Thursday 6th June 2:15pm - 3:15pm

Donations of bright and colourful magazines

Year 2 are looking for donations of bright and colourful magazines of any theme for an English lesson next week. Please hand any unwanted magazine donations to Year 2 teachers on the doors in the morning or afternoons by Thursday. Thank you!

Morris Men – May Day

On Wednesday, we joined together with Whitstable Junior School to welcome The Dead Horse Morris Dancers. The children really enjoyed celebrating this old English tradition. The Morris Dancers will be performing in the May Day celebrations this weekend at the Sweeps Festival Rochester and in Whitstable on Monday, so do pop along to see them!

Community



Whitstable Library – Free Event

Whitstable Library is running a free Elmer Day craft event on Saturday 25 May between 10.30am and 11.15am.

The Bagpuss Birthday Bikeathon takes place on **Sunday 19th May** at Kent's iconic race circuit at **Lydden Hill** and represents a fantastic opportunity for the community to join together to raise much-needed funds for children and adults with life-limiting illnesses, for families to cycle in a traffic-free environment and for local authorities to promote the benefits of cycling for physical and mental health. Hospices of Hope are a registered charity (number 1088475) who have a large local presence across Kent, Surrey and London and have a wide supporter base in the region that has been growing since 1991. Full details and information regarding registration are available at <https://hospicesofhope.co.uk/events/the-bagpuss-birthday-bikeathon/>



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 26.04.24
Pebbles Class – 98.3%

Weekly Awards

Whole School Awards

Our awards this year represent our School Development priorities: WAVES. During our Celebration Worship on a Thursday, each class will nominate one child to celebrate their achievements.



Wonderful Writing
Prince -Oysters Class



Amazing Relationships
Penny R - Pearls Class



Valiant Vocabulary
Delphine – Pebbles Class



Excellent Reading
Gabriel – Puffins Class



Simcha (Shared Joy)
Bobby – Shells Class



St Alphege Values
Theo – Seagulls Class

Weekly Year Group Recap

Sunbeams

From Mrs Humphreys

This week in Sunbeams we have been learning about the life cycle of a bean plant. We explored various types of beans in our tough tray and even managed some scissor skill practice as we dissected them and then used them to support our role play, making bean stew! We have each placed a bean into a plastic bag with damp cotton wool and are now observing closely to spot when germination starts to take place. We have also been observing our caterpillars as they grow. On Thursday some of our caterpillars had settled on the roof of the pot, hanging down. By Friday we had our first chrysalis. We are excited to watch as metamorphosis occurs. On Wednesday we joined the rest of the school along with the Whitstable Juniors in their playground as we watched the Morris Men perform their traditional dances.

Year R

From Mrs Keeble and Mr Mead

Reception have had a lovely week. We have been revisiting about what facts are and looking at non-fiction books. The children have been thinking carefully about the differences between fiction and non-fiction books and what the key parts are of information books. We had lots of fun finding out interesting facts about different minibeasts, the children then created their own minibeast riddles in their English books and we all had to guess which mini beast they were. In maths we have been exploring addition up to 20. It was tricky using double digit numbers but the children did a great job. We used part whole models, cubes and numicon to help us in our challenges. This week in Rainbow challenge we created our own mini beast stories, drew and labelled mini beasts, created PSHE love hearts with kind messages on and enjoyed hunting for worms in the mud area! Well done Reception for such a fantastic week!

Year 1

From Miss Hughes & Mrs O'Malley

Oysters and Pearls have had an active and exciting week. In English, we continued exploring our core text, 'Dogger'. We pretended that our own precious soft toys were lost, and created excellent 'Missing' posters, using adjectives to create lovely descriptive statements, and using close observational drawing instead of photographs for the images of each toy. Next week, for our next Imagination week, we will walk to the beach to explore the setting, and use our playground for traditional sports day games like the ones in the story. The children worked fantastically well in Maths this week! We used our new knowledge of arrays, and our existing knowledge of doubles, to find doubles using Numicon tiles, work out the number sentence, and then convert the doubles into arrays. Next week, we move on to sharing numbers between two and other numbers. In Art, we continued our collages inspired by Chila Burman by creating our 'middle ground.' We will complete the collages next week by adding the foreground and fine detail. In Science, we had a brilliant walk to Westmeads Rec to explore our senses. What would we see, hear, smell? What might we touch? Mr Thomas-Friend set up a range of natural materials and also iPads with sounds for the children to listen to and identify. In RE we continued our introduction to Judaism by learning about Mezuzah, a small decorated container that Jewish homes have by the door. Mezuzah contain a special prayer, the Shema, which is the first prayer said in the morning and the last prayer said at night. The children wrote their own small prayers for things and people that are special to them. Have a fantastic weekend, everyone!

Year 2

From Mrs O'Keeffe & Mrs Cook

We have had another brilliant week of learning in Year 2! For our English Production week, the children have been thinking about how to appeal to an audience. They filmed their own news report style appeals for their missing sock characters, before writing a detailed poster to plea for help using persuasive language. Next week, they will begin a new Imagination week full of fun and adventure, themed around our new text "Perfectly Norman." To inspire our English, we are asking that all children wear a **winter coat or warm jacket on Wednesday 8th**. Despite the (hopefully) warm weather, they will need their coats to help act out part of the story and engage with the feelings of the main character. In Maths, the children have continued to retrieve and build on their knowledge of subtraction to solve mastery challenges and word problems this week. To continue mastering their knowledge of all 4 operations, the children will be learning how to solve mastery challenges using multiplication and division next week. They have also begun to design and create felt hand puppets in Textiles and are excited to bring their final creations home after learning how to sew all the components together and add extra details such as buttons, sequins and beads! Next week we will also be thinking about important objects for Muslims and are asking children to **bring in an object on Wednesday 8th that is special to them** too. Wishing all our families a wonderfully long and sunny weekend and we looking forward to seeing you again for another fantastic week of learning on Tuesday.
