

GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL

Incorporating Cygnets and Sunny Ile Pre Schools

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FrOGS' events

Our new FrOGS committee is up and running and although we are soon at the end of term, they have arranged a lot of events to fit into the final two weeks. Please do not feel that as a family you have to do all of these, rather have a think about what works well for you as we appreciate everyone's circumstances are different. Posters with more details are attached to this newsletter but as a quick overview;

There will be a FREE FrOGS' disco on Monday 14th December 4.45pm to 5.30pm via Zoom – a chance to dance around the house and get into the Christmas fun. The Zoom link will be sent out to parents via email and for those children in after school club, we will put this on in the school hall for them so they don't miss out.

A chance to purchase a Christmas craft kit has already been sent out and is attached again here. **Orders must be in by Wednesday 9th December** so these can be ordered ready to distribute for the end of term.

Please see the poster about how our hamper raffle will work this year with donations and tickets will be available to buy only on Wednesday 16th December – see the poster for full details.

Finally, if you are in need of some fun challenges you may want to consider the #silly season challenges attached.



Advent window

As part of The Minster Advent Window trail we will have a window lit at the front of school on Tuesday 8th December so do take a look if passing between 5pm and 8pm.

Covid and social distancing

Please can we again encourage our families to socially distance by 2m when dropping off/picking up and talking to other families outside school. I'm sure, like us, you want to do everything possible to keep your own and other families as safe as possible in this pandemic and especially as we approach Christmas. We have attached the tier 2 High Government guide to this newsletter for our families.

Iminster and Crewkerne Strategic Review of Schooling

Don't forget that the consultation is now open and responses should be sent to the Local Authority by Friday 11th December via this online questionnaire

www.somerset.gov.uk/schoolsconsultation

or by writing to

Crewkerne and Iminster schools consultation

Somerset County Council

PP-B3E3, B3 East

County Hall

The Crescent

Taunton

TA1 4DY

All documents re the proposal are available at:

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/crewkerne-and-ilminster-strategic-school-review/>



Christmas lunch

Don't forget next Thursday 10th December is our Christmas lunch day. We are hopeful that we may even get a special socially distanced visitor that day as well!



Christmas jumper days

Next **Thursday 10th and Friday 11th December** don't forget to wear your Christmas jumpers (or any jumper you like) for Save the Children Christmas jumper days. These will be non-uniform days and we are requesting a voluntary donation of 50p per family.



Lions' Award

Congratulations to our next Lions' Award recipients.

Dove	Aden W
Pippin	Effie S
Golden	Freddie K
Puffin	Larissa K
Camelot	Christopher B
Hook	Ebony O
Dunkerton	Ryan D
Morgan	William M
Ashton	Emily S
Coker	Harvey B
Coopers	Betty W
Gatcombe	Bethany S

Shields and certificates will be presented on Thursday 10th December at 9.30am for Years 3 and 4 and Friday 11th December at 9.30am for Reception and Years 1 and 2.

Families of the recipients are welcome to attend via Zoom and a link will be sent out to the contact emails we have for our Lions' Award recipients. We encourage all family members to stay until the end of the celebration if possible.

Please note if joining via Zoom no recordings or screen shots should be taken of the sessions for safeguarding



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Sunny Ile and Cygnet Pre School

We hope you have all enjoyed seeing our Christmas trees in Ilminster Hair and Beauty Window this week. All the trees from both our Preschools and Greenfylde First School look amazing and definitely helping with the Christmas Spirit. If you see it when walking around the town we would love it if you could upload a photo to tapestry with your child in front

Safeguarding – Illness

Please may we remind parents about sending your child in when they are feeling unwell. As mentioned in our previous email we hope to minimise the spread of some of the seasonal illnesses and childhood infections. As a Preschool we are required to follow the guidance of the Health Protection Agency in minimising the spread of infection. If your child is feeling unwell, they should not attend Preschool even if you have medicated with a pain-killer such as Calpol or Nurofen. They can return 24 hours after the symptoms subside and they are feeling better.

Shoes

Please can you ensure that your child is wearing suitable waterproof shoes for outdoor play. With the weather at present the children are getting wet feet. All children have access to outside during the session

Dates for your diary

Christmas Jumper day – 10 and 11 December – Wear Christmas jumpers to raise funds for Save the children – a voluntary donation of 50p is appreciated.

Sunny Ile Preschool

This week we have been looking at **The World**. We have been enjoying looking around our environment and seeing and finding lots of exciting objects and items. If you go for a walk **have a look around you and see if you can find anything that's unusual or different- we would love to hear what you have found.**

STC signs

The children have learnt the STC signs of "**Big**" and "**Little**" this week. Ask your child if they can remember them. Please visit our Facebook page for details.

Tapestry

We won't be adding to Tapestry our Focus for the week as we will be completing our cohort tracking for the end of term. We would love to see your Christmas decorations and Trees for the next two weeks. If parents can upload photographs of your trees, we can share them at Preschool.



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Cygnet Preschool

Full of beans:

This week's full of beans SASP session (Somerset Activity and Sports Partnership) theme was 'walking through the jungle' the children did a great job! Have a look at tapestry for photos being uploaded.

Face coverings:

Please can we remind you that face coverings (unless exempt) are advised for drop off and collection times.

Toys from home:

We have noticed that a few children are beginning to bring toys from home with them. Please can we ask that any toys from home are not brought to the setting, even if this is in a bag as children often are often tempted to get them out during sessions.

Coat pockets:

Please can you check coat pockets before children come to Preschool. We have had a few children with sweets / food in their pockets.

Cheeky elf:

Follow our Cygnet preschool Facebook page for updates of our cheeky elf's adventures with us in the lead up to Christmas!!



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Online Safety Newsletter

Issue 4 – 4th December 2020

Welcome to our online safety newsletter, designed to keep you up-to-date with the latest information on apps, games and ways in which you can support your child to stay safe online. These newsletters will be sent out termly and we welcome any ideas or requests for our future issues.

How is online safety taught in school?

At Greenfyld, children use iPads, netbooks and other forms of technology such as Beebots to develop their computing skills. Online safety is taught as stand-alone lessons each term but it is also integrated into each lesson – if we are using technology, we are making sure that we teach the children how to use it safely. We want to encourage the children to be open about discussing which apps and games they use so that we can equip them with the knowledge and skills to use these appropriately.



Lego

Lego have recently launched some activities and resources linked to cyberbullying. All you need is the activity pack and some LEGO bricks. The activities can be found here:

<https://www.lego.com/en-gb/aboutus/cyberbullying/>

<https://youtu.be/g15fhLgkb0>



Net Aware

Net Aware is an excellent resource which makes it really easy to know about the latest apps and games that your children may be using at home. Simply type in the name of the app or game and it will tell you the age rating and other key information both as a quick snapshot and in more depth.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>



Thinkuknow is a fantastic resource base with lots of links which gives plenty of information about staying safe online for children of all ages. They have also added new resources recently including video clips and activities you can do with your children.

<http://bitly.ws/ajjC>

While these newsletters will be sent out termly, we will be posting more regular updates on our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/greenfyldfirstschool/

















Please let us know if you have any requests or suggestions for our next online safety newsletter.

If you would like to be a part of our online safety group, please get in touch as we would love to have more parents involved this year.

TIER 2

HIGH ALERT

FROM 2 DEC

MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY  <p>No mixing of households indoors, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six outdoors.</p>	BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS  <p>Pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants. Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals. Venues must stop taking orders at 10pm and must close by 11pm.</p>	RETAIL  <p>Open.</p>	WORK AND BUSINESS  <p>Everyone who can work from home should do so.</p>
EDUCATION  <p>Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.</p>	INDOOR LEISURE  <p>Open.</p>	ACCOMMODATION  <p>Open.</p>	PERSONAL CARE  <p>Open.</p>
OVERNIGHT STAYS  <p>Permitted with household or support bubble.</p>	WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS  <p>15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships, wedding receptions and wakes; 30 for funerals.</p>	ENTERTAINMENT  <p>Open.</p>	PLACES OF WORSHIP  <p>Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.</p>
TRAVELLING  <p>Reduce the number of journeys you make and walk or cycle if possible. Avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble. Avoid entering a Tier 3 area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply.</p>	EXERCISE  <p>Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but cannot take place indoors if there is any interaction between people from different households. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.</p>	RESIDENTIAL CARE  <p>COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/airtight visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).</p>	LARGE EVENTS  <p>Sport, live performances and business meetings limited to 50% capacity or 2000 people outdoors (whichever is lower) and 50% capacity or 1000 people indoors (whichever is lower)</p>

Find out what support you can get

For example, if you're out of work, need to get food, or want to take care of your mental health.
[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

If you have any coronavirus symptoms:

A high temperature • A new, continuous cough
 A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste.
[Get a test and stay at home](#)

For more information and detailed guidance visit:
[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)



Christmas Crafting Sets

£5

Each set contains kits to make 5 different Christmas decorations.



*contents may vary to images

*Will require the use of colouring pens

Order Form – Please return in an envelope to the School Post box in the front door with payment by **Wednesday 9th December** and packs will go home by Friday 18th December

Please circle below payment method as appropriate

Cheque Made payable to 'Friends of Greenfylde First school'

Paypal Payment to elizahsander@gmail.com with your child's name as reference

Cash (payment enclosed)

Child's Name.....

Child's Class.....

Quantity required.....

If you have chosen Paypal please provide your Paypal email address

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Alternatively, please email these details to greenfylde.frogs@gmail.com and send payment via Paypal to elizahsander@gmail.com

with your Child's Name and Class as the reference.

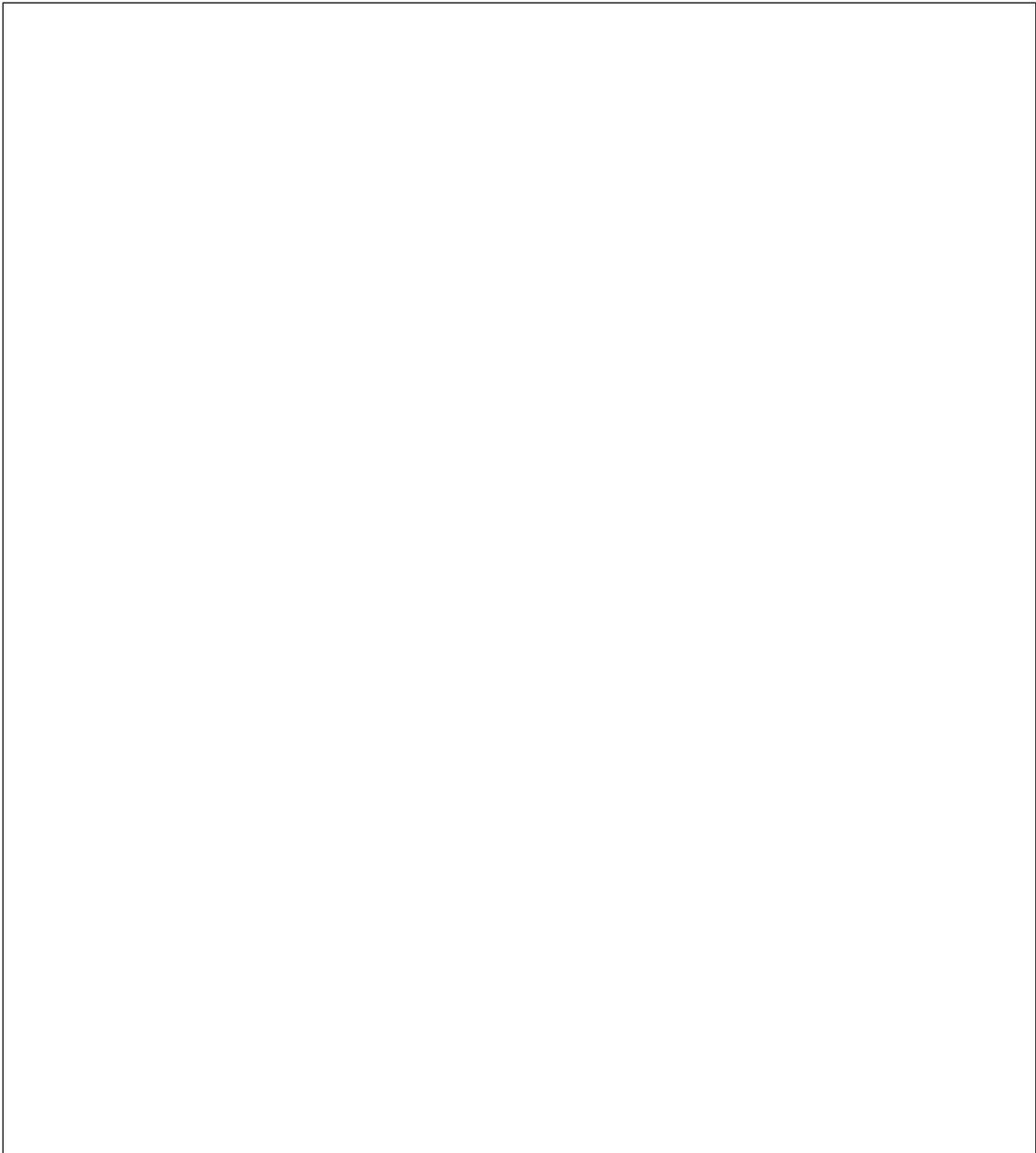
All proceeds go to FROGS

Our Library is going Mobile!

Due to the restrictions, we cannot use our school library at the moment, so it is going mobile! We have organised the books by topic so that when the class is looking at a particular theme the books can be collected and taken to the class. (They are returned to be quarantined, ready for the next class as necessary!)

We want children to design the labels for the boxes! Please keep your design to the inside of the box below, and leave a space in the middle for the topic name to be written! It can be portrait OR landscape...

Have fun! Deadline is the last day of term. Please return to your class teacher.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for children to draw their label design. The box is oriented vertically and occupies the lower half of the page.



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2020—WEEK 1

This week, trees have been submitted to [The Minster Christmas Tree Festival](#) in support of the following charities: Purple Field Productions, South Somerset Refugee Support Group, Guide Dogs for the Blind, Ilminster Scout Group, Bliss (For babies born premature or sick), the Breast Care Unit at Veovil Hospital and Sweet Surprise.



Please give what you can via <https://gf.me/u/y9v7fd>



Find us on 

Christmas Hamper Raffle Donations

This year's hampers will have a 'Festive Treats' theme, and we would greatly appreciate any Christmas treats you may be able to donate.

Please could any donations you are able to give be brought into school by Friday 11th December.

If you would like to buy a raffle ticket for the draw, please post £1 per ticket in an envelope marked with your child's name and class on through the school letterbox on Wednesday 16th December only.

The hampers will then be raffled off on the 16th ready to come home on the 17th & 18th.





Join us for a

DANCE PARTY FROGS ONLINE CHRISTMAS DISCO

to celebrate

BRINGING SOME SPARKLE AND FESTIVE CHEER TO THE END OF THE YEAR!

All years inc pre-school and siblings welcome!

Monday 14 December

16:45 - 17:30

Free for everyone!

Email greenfyde.frogs@gmail.com to register your place

Zoom link will follow in the school newsletter

The Minster, Ilminster

Take home an angel this Advent!



At 9am on Monday 7th December, Revd Jo will bless over 150 angels, kindly knitted by a member of The Minster's congregation, and displayed on a tree in the entrance to The Minster, ready to be taken to their new homes. These angels are for anyone who has lost a loved one, whether a partner, friend, or little one, to take and keep with them this Christmas. We hope they may serve as a visual reminder that those individuals are now held in the loving arms of God and that the love that was shared is not lost but will last forever. You are very welcome to join us at 9am for the blessing or to come and take an angel in your own time.



FrOGS #SillySeason Countdown to Christmas Challenge!

Will you take on the different #SillySeason challenge at home to raise money for Greenfylde this Christmas? How many will you do?


Agree a price per challenge with your grown-ups (for example 10p, 20p, 50p per challenge per family – or whatever your grown-up chooses)

Put what you raise in an envelope with your name, class and #sillyseason on it and post it through the **school letter box on Monday 4 January**. Cheques made payable to Friends of Greenfylde First School please.

Ask your grown up to send your #sillyseason photos to phaedraneal@hotmail.com if you want them shared on Facebook group or school newsletter!

Teacher Tuesday: Double Dog Dare your teacher to take the #sillyseason challenge. 50p fine for those that don't dare!

Super Sunday: Double Dog Dare your grown-ups to take the #sillyseason challenge. 50p fine for those that don't dare!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Name:	14	Teacher Tuesday 15	16	17	18	19
Class:	Spin an imaginary hula hoop for 60 seconds whilst singing 'We wish you a Merry Christmas'!	Hop on one leg for 60 seconds whilst patting your head and rubbing your tummy! Dare your teacher to do it too!	Make up a dance routine to a festive tune!	Pretend you are a reindeer pulling Santa's sleigh!	Have a conversation with a piece of food!	Sing your favorite Christmas carol at the top of your lungs on your front door step!
Super Sunday 20	21	22	23	24	TOTAL RAISED:	
Pretend you're a piece of bacon in a frying pan!	Wear your clothes backwards!	Try to lick your elbow!	Write a funny Christmas poem or draw a funny Christmas picture and stick it in your window!	Play animal charades! Can your grown-up guess what you are? Can you guess what they are?		