

# **GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL**

**Incorporating Cygnets and Sunny Ile Pre Schools**

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## **Happy Christmas**

Christmas wishes to all of our families, we realise this has been a very difficult year and we hope you find some family time this Christmas. Thank you for all the good wishes to the staff and it has been a pleasure to have your children back at school this term and to see them thrive. We look forward to next term and thank our whole school community for their ongoing care and support.

## **Thank you**

Thank you to Tesco and Blytheswood Care who have shown great kindness in supporting our families this Christmas.

We also wish to thank the Asda Community Fund who have given us £200 towards breakfast and after school club resources and The Gooch Trust for gifting £1400 to support the purchase of new books for the children.



## **Covid**

A reminder that any information re if your child or someone in your household is self isolating, waiting for a test or when they have received a result should be sent by email to the school office at [Greenfylde@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:Greenfylde@educ.somerset.gov.uk). This includes during holiday times as this mail box continues to be monitored as it is also where any safeguarding concerns should be sent as well

## **Spring term**

**School will re-open on Monday 4<sup>th</sup>**

**January** and for the first week back we are having our annual visit from Life Education with Helen and Harold the Giraffe. This year, due to Covid, we cannot have the mobile classroom but will be able to have socially distanced sessions in classrooms. Further details of Life Education which is part of our SCARF Relationship Educations and PSHE curriculum is attached to this newsletter.

## **Save the Children Christmas Jumper Days**

Many thanks to everyone who donated to this cause by wearing their Christmas Jumper, thanks to your generosity we have been able to send a cheque for £218 to Save the Children.

## **FrOGS**

Thank you from all at FrOGS for your support this term through the quiz, disco, hamper raffle etc Donations, attendance and buying tickets have allowed us to continue activities during these Covid times and we are looking forward to planning for the Spring Term. Don't forget, if you wish to give sponsorship money for #sillyseason this should be posted through the letterbox on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January.



# Sunny-Ile Pre-School Cygnet Pre-School Newsletter 17 December 2020



## Sunny Ile and Cygnet Pre School

We have had a lovely week to end this half term. We would like to thank all parents who have supported us through these different times. Everyone has settled into the new routines and guidelines and we are all really grateful. Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> is the last day of term and we want to wish all our children, parents and families a Very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year. We open again on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> January.

### Safeguarding – Contacts

Just a reminder that all parents need to update their contact numbers and emails. During the Christmas period, families will need to be contacted as part of our procedure for the Government Track and trace service.

### Facebook

Don't forget to 'Like' our Facebook pages. This will give information on upcoming events, closures to bad weather or some lovely activities for you to enjoy of the Christmas Holidays

### FROGS disco

We hope our families enjoyed the FROGS disco, there was definitely lots of groovy moves. We would like to thank FROGS for organising such a fun event,

### Dates for your diary

**18<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term.** We hope all our families have a lovely Christmas break. We will reopen on the 4 January 2021.

## Cygnet Preschool

All the staff at Cygnet preschool would like to wish our families and children a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. We would like to thank you all for your ongoing support since September during this tricky time and also a big Thank-you for making our new ladies Naomi, Kelly and Sarah feel so welcome!





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## Sunny Ile Preschool

This week we have been enjoying our last week by doing lots of glitter crafts, glitter playdough, snow rice and party games. Playing Christmas songs have got us in the Christmas Spirit and we have loved dancing along to them with our disco lights.

### STC signs

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

### Tapestry

Planning and observations will start again in the New Year. We have been so pleased with parents commenting and putting on such lovely observations. We are so grateful for your continued support in shared learning. Your child's journals are looking really good and a lovely way to document their learning journey here at Sunny Ile.

### Letters and Sounds

Don't forget we have uploaded a link for you this week looking at Jolly Phonics. This is a nice way to introduce your child to letter sounds. Hope you have been watching the short films.

### Christmas bags

Your child has been bringing home their Christmas craft bags home this week. If you are absent or missed collecting your bag. Please give us a ring so we can arrange collection for another time





# Support this Christmas

## The Coronavirus Helpline

Call **0300 790 6275** for help with food, prescriptions, housing, financial support, employment, emotional support, transport, waste and more.

## Village Agents

CCS Village Agents can provide confidential, practical, community-based solutions for food and other support. Visit [somersetagents.org](http://somersetagents.org)

## Carers

If you are a carer of any age in need of support you can phone CCS on **0800 3168 600**

## Mindline

Anyone with concerns around mental health issues and emotional wellbeing can be supported by calling Mindline on **01823 276 892**

## Support for Families

Schools and Colleges will receive £30 funding for every child who qualifies for free school meals, which will provide £15 per week of support over the Christmas holidays.

Schools will also be allocated a fund to support other families in need of help.

## Early years

Visit [healthystart.nhs.uk](http://healthystart.nhs.uk) for help for under 4s

## Over 16s

Families with children over 16 not in Education, Employment or Training can access food support by emailing [somersetworks@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:somersetworks@somerset.gov.uk)



Somerset's Local Authorities

**Coronavirus support helpline Available 8am to 6pm, seven days a week**

**0300 790 6275**

A single number is now available for anyone in Somerset who needs Coronavirus related support from Somerset's Local Authorities. Anyone who can't find help within their community can use the helpline to get help and advice



The Coram Life Education & SCARF team will be visiting our school this term.

The children's charity Coram Life Education provides Health and Wellbeing Education support to schools. Workshops are delivered by skilled educators and the SCARF resource is the framework of our PSHE (Personal, Social, Health & Economic) education curriculum.

### **Workshops – LifeBase**

The fun, interactive and age-appropriate workshops help children to understand the importance of physical and emotional health; they learn vital life-skills that are also known to help their overall achievement.

- Early Years and Key Stage 1: children learn about keeping their bodies healthy, managing feelings, being a good friend and the safe use of medicines.
- Key Stage 2: children explore emotional needs, choices that can affect health and wellbeing, qualities of friendship, how to cope with bullying and the influence of friends. They also consider the effects and risks of drug use, including medicines, alcohol and tobacco as well as learning about how few people in their age group actually use non-medical drugs – this is social norms education.

### **Wider PSHE education and SCARF**

Over 45,000 teachers across the UK are now subscribers – here are some reasons why we have chosen this resource:

- SCARF provides a whole-school approach to building essential foundations – crucial for children to achieve their best, academically and socially
- Supports learning across all ages
- Timetabled lessons to support mental health & wellbeing
- Covers all the new DfE statutory requirements for Relationships and Health Education
- Regularly updated online curriculum
- Supports our school in meeting Ofsted's expectations
- UK's leading charity provider – not for profit

Click [here](#) to find out more about Coram Life Education & SCARF