

GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL

Incorporating Cygnets and Sunny Ile Pre Schools

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Welcome back to the Spring Term

Welcome back to our school community in what again will be a very different term for us all at Greenfylde. To those families who are now learning at home we are missing you all and hope you are safe and well and please contact us at school if you think we can support in any way. We are currently working on setting up weekly class times via Zoom to hopefully start next week and we will be sending all families the Zoom links so you can join us in collective worship, something that has been requested by the children in school so they can share this time with their friends. Please can you put your child's name as their username and remain on mute.

From next Friday, we will revert to emailing a weekly update letter rather than a newsletter to keep families informed of what is going on at school. Most of our communication will now be via email so please ensure you let the office know of any changes to your contact details.



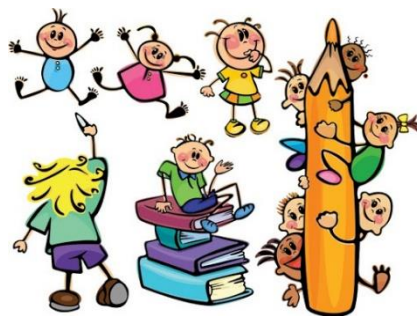
As we have previously explained, our expectation would be for our key worker and vulnerable children to be in full time but if your child is off at home please can you ensure you continue to follow our absence procedures by letting us know they are not in school on a daily basis. Please either leave a message in the absence section of the telephone answer machine or email the school office by 9.30am on each day your child is at home. Please can you leave a reason for absence as we need this for the daily DfE absence record..



As in the last long lockdown we are asking families who are learning at home to post learning and this time the expectation is daily from the Government. This time we are looking at how we maintain learning through this lockdown so the children keep developing so please can we encourage all children to complete the daily learning given on Google Classroom/Tapestry as applicable so that we hopefully keep all children on track with the curriculum by the time school reopens. If we do not receive learning from families we will contact you just as a welfare check to see that everything is ok and if we can offer any support. These checks will begin on Monday so please can all children at home try to post learning by then.



Finally, as staff are balancing teaching in school with providing learning for children at home, we are aiming to try and answer any learning queries sent in between 9am and 5.30pm each day. If your query is urgent and/or needs a response outside of these hours please email the school office, whilst not a 24 hour service, it is monitored at more points in the day. We are aiming with the current format of our provision that we can release Teachers each day to have time to respond to online queries and give feedback to the children on their learning.



We cannot stress enough, that we are here to help if we can so do contact us. We realise in a large community any plan we have in place will not suit everyone but we have tried to utilise all our learning from the last school partial closures in making this one. Government guidance to schools for this lockdown has not, as I write this newsletter (Thursday), been published but we will review our provision once we have been sent this. We know you all did an amazing job with your children last lockdown and if we continue to work together and give that support we will get through this lockdown as well.

New website

Planned well before we knew of all these Covid led changes, we have a new website launching today which we hope will be more user friendly and provide you with all the information you require on a day to day basis. Do take some time to look at the site and let us know if you think there is additional information that we could potentially include. Our address will remain as www.greenfyldesomerset.sch.uk

North Street School Crossing

Please be aware that currently and for the foreseeable future, there will be no crossing patrol on North Street so please take extra care if you use this route to and from school.

Covid

A reminder that any information e.g. 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. This includes if you are currently at home as we are still within a time frame when children were all in school on the 4th January. If your child is still coming into school they must not come in if they have any Covid symptoms or if anyone else in their household has them and is waiting for a test.

Please can we also ask that the adult dropping off/picking up children still in school wears a mask if possible.

Coolmilk

With the Covid lockdown, Coolmilk have ceased deliveries until school fully reopens. If you are owed a refund this is dealt with directly with Coolmilk and not via the school.



Life Education and Harold the Giraffe

Just to reassure children that Harold the Giraffe and Helen from Life Education are very sad not to be seeing you this week. Harold has looked in his diary and is now going to try and come and visit us all in May so we don't miss out on our visit this year. Do keep up with Harold and his adventures via his diary. Harold's diary was part of Life Education's offer in the last lockdown and will start again next Monday

<https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/harolds-daily-diary> and gives activities and ideas to support children's emotional and physical health during lockdown.

FrOGS

With the lockdown we are postponing the next FrOGs meeting and will let you all know the date/time when this is rescheduled.



Sunny-Ile Pre-School Cygnet Pre-School Newsletter 8 January 2021



Sunny Ile and Cygnet Pre School

Welcome back to the Spring Term. We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year. We also welcome new faces to our Preschools and look forward to sharing new adventures during your time at Sunny Ile and Cygnets.

Safeguarding – Weather

Should we have snow or ice in the next few months, causing the School and Preschools to close, this will be posted on the school website and our Facebook pages. In addition, announcements of closure will be on BBC Somerset Radio (95.5FM) and Heart FM (102.6FM)

Sessions

Has your child become eligible for 15 hours free funding from January?. If 'Yes' contact Helen to book sessions at our Preschools. Please contact Helen on 01460 259732 or hlancaster@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Clothing

Please be aware that we will still be going outside during this term so ALL children will need to wear warm and suitable clothing for this time of year, having layers are a good idea as your child will be able to remove a jumper etc if they get too warm. Having a warm winter coat, gloves, hat and scarves are also good BUT please remember to name all items.

Sunny Ile Preschool

This week we have enjoyed playing in our Supermarket Role Play area. Lots of shopping has been bought and scanning them with the tills. We have also been learning about numbers and quantities with the fruit and vegetables.

Tapestry Learning

We will continue our learning throughout this lockdown and your keyworker will be posting our Adult led focus onto your Tapestry account each week. We would love to see any activities you have been doing if you are at home. Please upload photographs, videos etc to Tapestry. We will also be putting on weekly activities to participate on Tapestry and also onto our Facebook page. Learning at this age is all about learning through play. Counting socks as you put them away, joining in with phrases from your favourite book or just singing along to Nursery Rhymes all help towards your child's learning adventure

Adult Led Focus

We will be concentrating on Technology - how images can be made and how using different buttons can make new sounds. We have enjoyed using the digital cameras, ipads and wind up toys this week.

STC

Next week's signs are – 'Outside' and 'Look'. Please ask your child what they have learnt and have a look on our Facebook page.



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Cygnet Pre School

We would like to welcome you all back to this new term after a Christmas break.

Clothing:

Please can all items of clothing be named, hats and gloves and cardigans especially. Now that the colder weather is with us. We don't want any mix ups with children's items.

Items from home:

Please can we remind you that children should not be bringing items from home such as toys, with them to preschool, even if this is inside a bag as it is very tempting for children to take these out during sessions.

Lunchboxes:

Please can all food items such as grapes and cocktail sausages be cut in half, length ways when putting them in children's lunchboxes, these can be a choking hazard and will ensure staff have as little contact with children's food items during lunch time.

Passing on information:

Please can we ask that if parents are not dropping off/collecting children, then information such as the need for face masks is passed on to carers. We wish to ensure the safety of all parents, staff and children.

Letter of the week:

Our letter for next week is B. If you can find anything with your child at home relating to this letter and upload it on to tapestry, we would love to see what you can find.

