

GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL

Incorporating Cygnets and Sunny Ile Pre Schools

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Our school community

Thank you to everyone for persevering with blended learning so we can all support the community in reducing transmission and play our part in getting everything back to normal as soon as we can.

Our staff are now taking part in the government mass asymptomatic testing twice a week. This will enable us to further secure our bubbles and slow the spread of the virus. Families must ensure they are following all guidance re hand washing, maintaining distance and not meeting with people beyond their own household/bubble, especially children attending school.

We appreciate how difficult this is for all of you and that everyone's experience will be very unique to your own family situation. If you do feel school can help in any way please do not hesitate to contact us.

Good news

In the midst of this pandemic we have been very fortunate in being successful with a number of grant applications. We had already shared about the support from Gooch and Housego Trust for our School Library and now we have received £2,000 (£200 Asda Foundation £2,000 Local Authority Winter Grant Scheme) to support wrap around care and helping vulnerable children access this as well as £1,000 from the Wessex Water Recovery Fund to support further development of the Forest School and outdoor Gardening Classroom areas on both the main Greenfylde site and at Cygnets. We would like to thank all of these awarding bodies for their generosity as the support is well received and appreciated.



Wellbeing

This week has been the great garden bird watch from the RSPB. Even if you didn't take part in this, looking out the window and seeing what birds you can see can still be a great wellbeing break. Maybe children you can have the challenge of seeing if you can spot 10 birds either in your garden or flying in the air/in your street as you look out of your window. Also, look out for some physical wellbeing ideas on your Google Classroom/Class Dojo/Tapestry feeds as we help everyone stay active in this lockdown, these include ideas for both inside and outside where you live.

Free School Meal Vouchers

Following the Government announcement this week, vouchers will continue until at least the 8th March. If you feel your circumstances have changed and you may now qualify for free school meals (not Infant Free School Meals given to all children in Reception, Year1 and Year 2) please contact the school office for advice and support.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

Income Support

[income-based Jobseeker's Allowance](#)

[income-related Employment and Support Allowance](#)

[support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999](#)

[the guaranteed element of Pension Credit](#)

[Child Tax Credit \(provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190\)](#)

[Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit](#)

[Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year \(after tax and not including any benefits you get\)](#)

Further details at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

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.

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.

Reading fun

Each week Oak National Academy online will include a featured author and a chance to read some of their books for free. The link is <https://library.thenational.academy/> and this week the featured author is Nizrana Farook. Her books are aimed at children age 9 to 12 but may interest some of our Year 4 readers.





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Sunny Ile and Cygnet Pre School

Safeguarding – Collection

Can we remind parents that if another member of your family or a friend is collecting your child at our lunchtime and end of day collection times, that they have added this person to your collection list. If this person isn't on the list, please speak to a member of the team or please send an email to sunnyile@educ.somerset.gov.uk.

Dates for your diary

Half term – Preschool closes Thursday the 11th February (Friday 12th is an INSET day) and then we reopen on Monday the 22nd February.

Safeguarding – Foods

Can we please remind parents that grapes, sausages, and cherry tomatoes are cut up lengthways to avoid children choking while eating their lunch.

Sunny Ile Preschool

Numbers have been our focus this week. Can you see how many dogs you can see on your way home? How many shoes do you have? Can you look and see if you have more spoons than forks in the kitchen drawer? We have also been busy with updating our display boards with lots of crafts and designs.

Clothing - We are running short on girls and boys trousers in our spare clothes collection. If you have borrowed any spare clothes recently please can you return them to us? Also if you have any spare clothes aged 2-3 and 3-4 we would really appreciate any donations

Adult Led Focus - We will be concentrating on Reading this week – please look on your child's tapestry account for your key persons message. We would love to know what your favourite story is.

STC - Next week's signs are – 'Today' and 'Tomorrow'. Please ask your child what they have learnt and have a look on our Facebook page.

Cygnets Preschool

Tapestry: Please keep an eye out on tapestry for report updates for your child being added, feel free to add comments on them.

Spare Clothes: We are running low on leggings and trousers in our spares box, if you have any you could kindly donate to us we would be very grateful.

Letter of the week: Our letter for next week is F, we would love it if you could work with your child to find anything around the home or out and about, beginning with this sound and continue to upload to tapestry. We always enjoy seeing the different things you can find.