

# **GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL**

**Incorporating Cygnets and Sunny Ile Pre Schools**

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## **Our school community**

As the term goes on, we realise for everyone that finding that 'get up and go' to keep going can be very hard. Please take a moment to look how much you have achieved, above all we want our community to stay safe and well and whilst we are providing the blended learning in line with the Government's expectations on schools and families, we appreciate everyone's case is unique and there will be different needs for all. Do get in touch with us if you feel we can support in any way as we are happy to talk to families and signpost available support.



We would like to request that families bringing children to school do not park on the yellow zigzag lines at the school gates to drop off/collect children and try to drive at an appropriate speed around the gate areas. We have had some concerns raised and we want to ensure the safety of our community and hope you will all be able to support this.



Please can we also encourage all those who can wear masks to wear them when dropping off/picking up children to help protect others around them. Our local rate of Covid is going down and we want to do all we can so that this continues so we can have everyone back at school as soon as possible.

### **Wellbeing**

Please look out for the ELSA newsletter attached to this newsletter with lots of practical ways to support children's wellbeing and social and emotional needs. If you want to access previous newsletters we now have an ELSA page on our new website at <https://www.greenfylde.somerset.sch.uk/keyinformation/elsa/>

### **Half term and INSET day**

A reminder that school is closed next Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February for an INSET – staff training day, when the teachers will be given further training in English and Mathematics to help support catch up when we can have all our children back in school, a day we are all very much looking forward to. This means teachers will also not be available to answer any online learning questions. School is then closed for half term and the blended learning, either at school or at home will start again Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. If you have any urgent enquiries or need to inform us of Covid tests/update then the office email will be checked daily so please use this as a point of contact.

### **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](mailto:greenfylde@educ.somerset.gov.uk) even during the half term holiday. 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 Sally Gardner. Her books are aimed at an interest level of 5 years+.





# Sunny-Ile Pre-School Cygnet Pre-School Newsletter 5 February 2021



## Sunny Ile and Cygnet Pre School

### Safeguarding – 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 [sunnyile@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:sunnyile@educ.somerset.gov.uk). Your child must not come into pre-school 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.

### Dates for your diary

Half term – Pre-school closes Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> February (Friday 12 February is an INSET day). We reopen on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

### Zoom session

Don't forget both our Pre-schools will be having an online Zoom activity every week for all children, don't forget to join in with the stories and games. A zoom link will be emailed to you for details.

### Facebook

Don't forget both our Pre-schools have Facebook pages which are updated weekly, full of ideas, photographs and upcoming events. Please like and share our pages.

## Sunny Ile Preschool

**Reading has been our focus this week. We have been listening to lots of stories and joining in with rhymes. We have also learnt about Chinese New Year and have made lanterns and twirling dragons. We have emailed how to make a Dragon at home and we hope you have fun making it too.**

### Clothing

Thank you so much for all your donations of clothes for our spares cupboard, it is very much appreciated. We are still looking for tracksuit bottoms or leggings as these will fit most sizes. Thank you.

### Adult Led Focus

We will be concentrating on Speaking this week – please look on your child's tapestry account for your key persons message. Speaking is such an important part of your child's learning, having conversations about what they have seen, repeating stories, role play, and talking about recent events. We would love to see your observations on your fun speaking activity - please add to Tapestry

### STC

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



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## **Cygnets Preschool**

### **Spare clothes**

We are still on the hunt for spares clothes if you happen to have any you could donate to us we would be very grateful.

### **Zoom calls**

Thank you for those who joined us on our zoom call, it's so lovely to see some of the faces we have all been missing. Please remember to follow the link in your emails to join us for the next call. We hold them on a Friday morning at 10am.

### **School readiness**

We are focusing on school readiness at the moment for the older children who will be starting school this year. It would be helpful to children if you could help encourage them at home, to take off / put on their own shoes as well as coats and hats.

### **Letter of the week**

Next week we will be focusing on the sound/letter O. We love to see what things you can find around your home or whilst out and about, relating to this letter. Remember to upload anything you find to tapestry.



# Share the love

this February

As we approach Valentine's Day, you are invited to flood your neighbourhood with symbols and messages of love. From displaying a heart in your window to more elaborate decoration of your home or garden, chalking your driveway, painting pebbles or using natural materials to make a trail of hearts across our community, we encourage you to get creative and let everyone know that **THEY ARE LOVED!**

## DECORATE YOUR GARDEN OR CHALK YOUR DRIVEWAY



## DECORATE A WINDOW



## PAINT PEBBLES



## MAKE HEART BIRDFEEDERS



Get ready to fill Ilminster with Love! We can't wait to see what you'll create. Post on social media using the hashtag #loveilminster

