

# **GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL**

**Incorporating Cygnets and Sunny Ile Pre Schools**

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## **Our school community**

We have an important request to all families that in addition to not bringing any nuts or nut products to school in lunchboxes, that no sesame seeds or sesame products are included due to having school community members with severe allergies. Thank you for your understanding and support to keep everyone safe by not having these food items on the school premises.

## **World Book day**

We will be celebrating World book day on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Children at home and at school can dress as a book character if they wish. There will be a range of activities that day designed for all children to join and we will share these after half term.



## **Fairtrade Fortnight**

Fairtrade Fortnight starts on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February and this year the theme is around Fairtrade and Climate. In support of Ilminster Fairtrade we will again be encouraging all our children to find out more about Fairtrade and will be having a focus learning day on this year's theme on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

Children learning both in school and at home, will have the same activities and we are making this a family learning day with tasks the same for all age groups (there will be an optional different learning pack for Reception age if this is required). Learning will be posted on both Google Classroom and Tapestry. Some of the learning and photographs from this day will form part of Ilminster Fairtrade's Committee display in the Ilminster Emporium from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March.



## Area Review Consultation

Don't forget you can still submit your views for the Crewkerne and Ilminster Schools review. You can make your views known in the following ways:

- The online questionnaire at [www.somerset.gov.uk/schoolsconsultation](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/schoolsconsultation)
- Emailing the Local Authority: [crewkerneilminsterschools@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:crewkerneilminsterschools@somerset.gov.uk)
- In writing to the Local Authority: 'Crewkerne & Ilminster Consultation, Somerset County Council, County Hall, The Crescent, Taunton TA1 4DY'.

Consultation responses should be submitted before **Wednesday 24th February** at 5pm.

- Or by submitting a public question to the Children and Families Scrutiny Committee meeting on Wednesday 3rd March 2021 (or other date to be confirmed).

[For more information about this process, click here.](#)

- Submit a public question to the Council's Cabinet meeting on Wednesday 17th March 2021. [For more information about this process, click here.](#)

## 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 Konnie Huq. Her books are aimed at an interest level of 7 years+.

## Half term and INSET day

A reminder that school is closed tomorrow 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. We hope you enjoy some down time, ready to start a fresh next half term. Blended learning either in school or at home will begin again Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

## 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 [greenfyld@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:greenfyld@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.



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## 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). This is also relevant over the half term. After the holidays, if your child is still coming into Preschool 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. Thank you to all the adults dropping off/picking up children wearing your masks.

### Dates for your diary

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

**Website** – Don't forget both our Preschools have website pages which are useful for all families including prospective parents interested in starting at our preschools. Our pages include photographs and information about our daily routines. The site is also an excellent resource for Greenfylde School for children starting September 2021.

<https://www.greenfylde.somerset.sch.uk/>

## Sunny Ile Preschool

**Speaking has been our focus this week. Speaking is so important in child's development, talking about their surroundings, remembering past events, describing objects, it all helps your child learn speech. We have posted a lovely activity on Tapestry for you to try. We would also love to hear about your adventures you have at home during the holidays.**

### Clothing

The weather has definitely changed this week, we even saw a flurry of snow and children were excited seeing it fall on the play equipment. In these colder months we do encourage parents to dress their children in appropriate clothes. Our windows have to remain open during the Covid pandemic for ventilation. Although we do have the heating on, fresh air must be provided. Layers are so important this time of year, so jumpers are a must. Also a suitable winter coat with hats and mittens are preferred. Mittens are easier for the children to put on themselves. Thank you.

### Adult Led Focus

We will be concentrating on Shape, Space and Measure after the Half Term – please look on your child's tapestry account for your key person's message. We would to see your observations on your shape space and measure activities. - Please add to Tapestry

### STC

The signs after half term are – '**Slow**' and '**Quick**'. Please ask your child what they have learnt and have a look on our Facebook page.

### Drinks

Please name all drink bottles please. Also if your child isn't staying for lunch they won't need a bottle as drinks are provided in session time.



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## Cygnets Preschool

### Toys from home

Please can we remind you for after half term that toys from home are being discouraged for the time being, if your child comes with a toy in their hand please take it from them before letting them through the gates.

### This week

This week we have been learning about Chinese New Year, the children have tried noodles and prawn crackers for cafe.

We hope you all have a wonderful half term.



## Your Fire Service needs YOU!

As we are still unable to visit our schools for the annual fire safety talks, we still want households with children to be aware of the importance of having working smoke alarms.

If you don't have working smoke alarms then you can call  
**0800 05 02 999** to request a **free HOME SAFETY CHECK**  
(quote code : 294)

And if you or someone you know answers "yes" to at least one of these questions:

- is over 65 years old?
- finds it difficult to move around?
- can't hear things very well?
- smokes?
- doesn't have one smoke alarm for each level of their home?
- has NO smoke alarms?

They can also request a free **HOME SAFETY CHECK** by calling **0800 05 02 999**

Beep the smoke alarm





## My Fire Safety Notes



If we had to attend a fire, we want to know that we have the right details and you know what to say and do so we can get to you as quickly as possible.

Fill in all these important details and keep them somewhere where everyone can see:

My name is \_\_\_\_\_.

I am \_\_\_\_\_ years old.

I live at \_\_\_\_\_.

My postcode is \_\_\_\_\_.

I have \_\_\_\_\_ working\* smoke alarms in my home.

The smoke alarms\* are in these places: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

We test our smoke alarms, once a month on a \_\_\_\_\_.

I know that if my clothes catch fire I need to S\_\_\_\_\_ D\_\_\_\_\_ and R\_\_\_\_\_.

I know the number to phone for the emergency services is \_\_\_\_\_.

I have told these people in my family all I know about how to keep safe and stop a fire starting: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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**\*Don't forget to tell your grown-ups that if you do not have working smoke alarms or you do not have any smoke alarms they can call 08000 05 02 999 for a FREE Home Safety Visit.**