

# **GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL**

## **Incorporating Cygnets and Sunny Ile Pre Schools**

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### **Our school community**

We are looking forward to welcoming back all the children on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March and it will be wonderful to have our school community back together again. Class bubbles have remained during this lockdown so when we return it will be the same gates and times for drop off and collection and the same procedures for ensuring Covid safety.

We are aware there will be more guidance for schools coming out from the Government and we have been told information for families is due out on the 5<sup>th</sup> March. An email will come out to families prior to all children coming back but at this point we feel the rigorous systems we had in place prior to lockdown were effective and we will be continuing these, as we have throughout this lockdown, once all the children return.

### **Breakfast and After School Clubs**

Don't forget we are still offering wrap around care in our breakfast and after school clubs from 8am (once we can lift Covid restrictions this will return to from 7.45am) to 5.30pm. If you would like further details including the cost of sessions please email or contact the school office.

### **Fairtrade Fortnight**

Thank you for the participation in our Fairtrade Fortnight day last Monday. We saw some amazing work from home and school and were very impressed with some of your photographs showing you finding clothes for different climates and designing your wrappers for your ultimate Fairtrade chocolate bar.

The Ilminster Fairtrade Committee will be including some of these in their display which will be in the Ilminster Emporium window next week.

Don't forget there is also a competition being run by the committee and details have been included on the Ilminster Facebook site.



## **World Book day**

Next Thursday the 4th March is World Book Day and we are still going to celebrate in the usual way! Children in school are welcome to come in costume - and children at home PLEASE dress up as your favourite book character too! There will be a selection of activities on Google Sites for the children to enjoy as families, which children will also be doing at school.

On Thursday 4th, there will be the following storytimes for all children to join:

9.10 Whole school assembly with Mrs Sainsbury

10.45 EYFS storytime

11.15 KS1 storytime

1.30 KS2 storytime

and on Friday 5th there will be storytime with Miss Oaten too!

9.30 - KS2

1.30 - KS1

2.30 - EYFS

Zoom links were sent via email. The World Book Day charity have issued a digital book voucher this year, and this will be emailed to you on the big day itself. They can be used for a specially written WBD book!



## **Young Voices**

I hope our families received their email this week about this year's Young Voices Public Speaking competition. If you cannot find the details for this, please contact the school office. The ability to speak confidently and clearly in public is a great life skill for future careers and we look forward to many of our children entering. Winners from each class, judged in the final week of this term will go forward to a virtual final on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm.



## **Easter Services**

Advance notice that our Easter Services will be held over Zoom again in the same way we held our Harvest Services and we hope many of you will be able to join us. Links will be emailed nearer the time.

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm Years 3 and 4

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 9.30am Years 1 and 2

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2.30pm Reception

## Holiday dates

Just to confirm that the current Spring term will end after school on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April and school will reopen on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April for the Summer term.

## 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 currently attending 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 Dominique Valente and last week's Jeremy Strong. Dominique Valente's books are aimed at an interest level of 8 years+ and Jeremy Strong's 5 to 8 years.



## Careers – we need volunteers!

At Greenfylde, we are always trying to inspire our children by getting them to talk to people about their careers. This term we are looking forward to a question and answer session with a Vet and Key Stage 2 will be joining a Primary future virtual panel discovering 3 very different careers (sorry, can't tell you as meant to be a surprise for the children!).

Do we have any family members who would be willing to do a question and answer session online with a class or key stage? If you would be willing to take part, it only involves telling the children about what you do/short day in the life and then answering their questions please contact the school office.





# Sunny-Ile Pre-School Cygnet Pre-School Newsletter 26 February 2021



## Sunny Ile and Cygnet Pre School

### Safeguarding – Covid

#### COVID-19 update

We are continuing to review the government guidelines regarding Covid-19 regularly. Risk assessment are checked daily and any new changes are updated.

Please remember the 3 main symptoms:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Please keep your child at home if they are unwell or showing any of these symptoms until you receive a negative test result.

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). . 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.

### Illness

Parents/carer often ask us where we get the information for Exclusion on various illness. We have a list from the Health Protection agency for schools and nurseries. When it comes to sickness and Diarrhoea, we have a strict 48 hours exclusion period, from the last symptom. We understand it is tricky when you are at work but the only way we can ensure breakouts are kept to a minimum is by making sure we are cautious.

### Hungry minds

“Hungry minds” is a government initiative to encourage children to talk. In this modern world we can forget that children learn from basic interactions and that we can encourage vocabulary in simple ways such as talking to babies when in the supermarket or encouraging children to sing or talk about the things they see in the environment. This is such a helpful website and would encourage parents/carers to take a look.

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>

### World Book Day – Thursday 4 March 2021

Both pre-schools will be celebrating ‘World Book Day’, so if your child would like to dress up as a character from a book, they are more than welcomed to.

### Sunny Ile Pre School

**Shape, Space and Measure has been our focus this week. We have had lots of fun creating arrangements with different size bricks, learning about different shapes, seeing shapes around the preschool – like the square window. On your way home, how many different shapes can you see?**

#### Spring

Spring time is always fascinating for children at pre-school age and you can help your child increase their vocabulary by talking to them about the world around them. Even walking down to Preschool, you can notice trees changing and talk about the weather. You may notice the squirrels and birds and the different flowers like Daffodils and Snowdrops around us and children learn so much though watching and observing things around them. If you go out, please let us have any pictures or objects (such as leaves or twigs) of things you have seen or talked about with your children.

#### Adult Led Focus

We will be concentrating on **“Moving and Handling”** please look on your child tapestry account for your key person’s message. We would to see your observations on movement and exploring. - Please add to Tapestry so we can share at Preschool.

#### STC

Next week’s signs are – **‘Please’** and **‘Thank you’**. Please ask your child what they have learnt and have a look on our Facebook page.

### Cygnets Pre School

Welcome back to a fresh new half term. We are so pleased to be welcoming back some friendly faces again with us.

We are continuing to focus on school readiness with those who will be heading off to school this year. Things such as encouraging children to put their own coats and shoes on at home is always helpful to help develop those independent skills.

#### Letter of the week:

Next week our letter of the week will be Y. If you can find anything around your home or out walking with your children relating to this letter please upload it to tapestry, we always love to see what you can find.