

GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL

Incorporating Cygnets and Sunny Ile Pre Schools

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Our school community

Welcome to what we hope is our last lockdown newsletter with the school only partially open. We are all ready for the children coming back next Monday (we can't wait!) and hope everyone has seen the email we sent out to you on Wednesday. If you have any questions re the full school restart please contact us via the school office.

Email addresses

Recently we have had some email addresses for families bouncing back as either they are not in use or mailboxes are full. As we are now sending the vast majority of our information electronically please can families let us know if their emails have changed so that you continue to receive information from Greenfylde.

Parents' Evening

Make sure you have seen the messages on Dojo and Tapestry about our Parents' Evening telephone calls this month. Class teachers will be in touch to book these and we encourage all families to take part.



World Book day

Well done to all for an amazing World Book Day both at school and at home. Some very creative costumes and hopefully it has encouraged you to keep reading.

Reading happens everywhere and recently there has even been promotion of a simple idea of putting subtitles on when children are watching some of their television programmes so they can listen, watch and read at the same time. Special thanks to Mrs Sainsbury for arranging activities for all the pupils.

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 Katherine Rundell. Katherine Rundell's books are aimed at an interest level of 8 years+.

Dogs

Whilst we are animal friendly here at Greenfyld, please can we ask for no dogs to come on to the school site including at the front entrance to school. We have had issues with dog fouling and some children are scared of dogs, so please can we ask for our furry friends to stay outside the school gates.



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.

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 29th March 2.30pm Years 3 and 4

Wednesday 31st March 9.30am Years 1 and 2

Wednesday 31st March 2.30pm Reception

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 **even during the half term holiday.**

Children must not attend school if they have any Covid symptoms: a temperature (hot to touch on the chest or back), a new continuous cough or a loss of taste and smell.

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

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. 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.

School lunches

A reminder that if we did not receive your child's school lunch menu choices back for returning to school, they will need to bring in a packed lunch for the week.

School lunches are ordered weekly in advance from an off-site caterer. If you would like your child to have school lunches from w/c 15th March, please send the menu to the school office by the end of today or phone the school office. This includes those entitled to Free School Meals.

School uniform

Please check your child's uniform for their return to school as there may have been some growing during lockdown. Order form is below for sweatshirts and cardigans. Orders to be posted through the reception door and the uniform will be passed to your child in class.

GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDER LIST

			No required	Total
Sweatshirts	£9.00	Age 3-4 (24"/61cm)		
		Age 5-6 (26"/66cm)		
		Age 7-8 (28"/71cm)		
		Age 8-9 (30-32"/76-81 cm)		
		Age 9-10 (34"/86 cm)		
		Small Adult (34"-36"/86-91cm)		
Cardigans	£10.50	Age 3-4 (24"/61 cm)		
		Age 5-6 (26"/66cm)		
		Age 7-8 (28"/71cm)		
		Age 8-9 (30-32"/76-81 cm)		
		Age 9-10 (34"/86 cm)		
		Small Adult (34"-36"/86-91cm)		
School book bag	£5.00			
School Backpack	£8.00			
TOTAL				£

Name.....Phone No.....

Pupil Name.....Class..... I enclose a cheque/cash (delete as appropriate) Please make cheques payable to Greenfylde First School



Sunny-Ile Pre-School Cygnet Pre-School Newsletter 5 March 2021



Sunny Ile and Cygnet Pre School

Safeguarding – Covid

Just a reminder to parents that we ask you to wear face masks when dropping and collecting your child at Preschool. This is to protect yourselves, staff and children, thank you for your co-operation.

World Book Day

It was lovely to see so many of you dress up for World Book Day, thank you for joining in the fun.

30 hours childcare

Please can we ask you to remember to re-check your codes if you are entitled to the additional 15 hours funding. You may also be eligible for tax free childcare. Please speak to Helen if you have any queries or questions. If you need further information please go to: www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Labelling

Please can you remember to label your child's clothes, coats, hats, gloves, bottles and lunch boxes? This saves a lot of upset for the children. We also go out to play in all weathers so please make sure your child has suitable clothing. We provide messy play activities most of the time so your child will get messy. Thank you.

Dates to Remember

Both preschools will close at 3.30pm on Thursday 1 April 2021 for the Easter holidays. We reopen on Monday 19 April 2021.



Moving and Handling has been our focus this week. We have had lots of fun running, jumping, making large circles with our arms. We have also been practicing holding one handed tools such as scissors. The children have especially enjoyed using the balls, kicking, catching. If you have a ball at home how many times can you catch it or can you kick the ball round your garden?

Spring

Many years ago Sunny Ile helped plant Daffodils in the recreation ground and by the Canal. They are all flowering in this lovely spring weather. Please have a look and see if you can find our daffodils! Please take a picture and add to Tapestry for us to share.

Window Displays

The children have been very busy over the last few weeks making and creating window displays for various places. We have made kites that are in Hazlewell Lodge's window. If you are walking past please have a look. Also the children have helped make a giant flower to go in Cottage Flowers window – especially for Mothers Day. If you see the flower please can you take a picture of your child in front of the window and share it to Tapestry. We can't wait to share the pictures with your child.

Adult Led Focus

We will be concentrating on ***“Exploring media and Materials”*** please look on your child's tapestry account for your key person's message. We would love to see your observations on Tapestry so we can share at Preschool.

STC

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

Cygnets Preschool

We are really looking forward to welcoming back children into Cygnets. We will be focussing on settling them back in and building relationships between the children.

Tapestry:

Please continue to check tapestry for any updated observations each week, you can always add comments and even a 'like' on each post, lets us know you've seen it.

Coats:

Please can we remind that children still need to be bringing in named coats each day?

Letter of the week:

Next week our letter/sound of the week will be **X**.