

GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL

Incorporating Cygnets and Sunny Ile Pre Schools

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Our school community

It has been a wonderful first week seeing our children back at school and thanks to our families and staff for the support and care they have given as our school community reintegrates. Emphasis at the moment is very much on our children feeling settled, knowing they can talk about their feelings and finding fun in learning with others.

Testing for household bubbles of children at school is now available, please see the leaflet attached for more details. Our nearest collection point for these lateral flow tests is Chard Guildhall, please check for opening times but session opening is until 7pm some nights to give more flexibility for collecting home testing kits.

Please keep maintaining 2m social distancing when dropping off/collecting and wearing masks if you can so we support each other in our community to keep Covid rates low.

Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day takes place on Friday 19th March and we will be having a non-uniform day that day with a theme of 'wear a pair of odd socks to make people smile.' We appreciate Covid has made times difficult for many families so we are asking for optional donations at a suggestion of 50p per family.

Midday Supervisor Vacancies

We have vacancies for two midday supervisors, if you are interested please see the advert attached to this newsletter and contact the school office for further details.



Illness

If your child has any sickness or diarrhoea please remember the public health advice is that they must be 48 hours clear from the last episode before they return to school to stop this spreading to others. Thank you for your co-operation.

FrOGS' virtual get together

We're hoping many of you will be able to join us for our next FrOGS (Friends of Greenfylde School) get together on Tuesday 23rd March 2021 – further details on the poster attached to this newsletter.



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.

Vision Testing Year 1

Due to Covid, the Vision Screening team are not coming out to Greenfylde for the Year 1 eye tests (originally postponed since their Reception year). Instead they are asking families to book a free eye test with a local optician.

The opticians in Ilminster are aware of this so we hope all Year 1 families will go to have their child's sight checked as this is one of the age expectations checks that support children's development.

We would appreciate if you could let the class teacher know when your child has had their eye test and if any follow up is required just so we can support with provision in school. A letter explaining more about this will be sent to Year 1 parents.

Easter Services

Don't forget our Easter Services for 2021. 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



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 have had a question and answer session with a Vet and Key Stage 2 have joined a Primary future virtual panel discovering 3 very different careers.

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 and thank you to those who have already volunteered, 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.

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.

Your child 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.

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 Will Mabbitt. Will Mabbitt's books are aimed at an interest level of 7 years+.

Star of the Week

Congratulations to our stars for this week.

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| Dove | Jacob L & Martha R |
| Pippin | Lila-Claire L & Max C |
| Golden | Jakob H & Ariella P |
| Puffin | Eliza G & Larissa K |
| Camelot | Sam W F & Lwandile Z |
| Hook | Euan G & Jack T |
| Dunkerton | Reeya Z & Leo W |
| Morgan | Daisy G & Matilda G |
| Ashton | Gabrielius G & Alice H |
| Coker | Paige H & Ruby G |
| Coopers | Seth M & Theo C |
| Gatcombe | Darcie D & Alfred P |

Stars and certificates will be presented on Thursday 18th March at 9.30am for Years 3 and 4 and Friday 19th March at 9.30am for Reception and Years 1 and 2.

Families of the recipients are welcome to attend via Zoom and a link will be sent out to the contact emails we have for our stars. We encourage all family members to stay until the end of the celebration if possible.

Please note if joining via Zoom no recordings or screen shots should be taken of the sessions for safeguarding and we ask you to remain on mute. Please also be aware of your screen name and we ask that this is changed to your child's name.





Sunny-Ile Pre-School Cygnet Pre-School Newsletter 12 March 2021



Sunny Ile and Cygnet Pre School

Safeguarding – Covid

Just a reminder for parents about the sign and symptoms of Covid. Please can all parents inform us if their child has any of these symptoms

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. . 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. Please see the information on the school newsletter on how households of children attending pre-school and school can obtain Covid tests for home.

Mother's day

All the children at our Preschools have enjoyed making cards for Mother's Day on Sunday. We also made handprint bags which Angie from Cottage Flowers donated flowers which were placed inside for the children to take home. We would like to thank Angie from Cottage Flowers for her very kind donation for all our mums. We want to wish all our Mum's a very Happy Mother's day

Lunch Boxes

Please could you remember to name your child's lunch box and water bottle. This will avoid items going missing and drinks bottles going home in the wrong lunch boxes. Additionally, if you are providing grapes/cherry tomatoes/mini sausages, please ensure they are cut in half, length ways. We also have NO NUTS in pre-school, food such as Pesto (which contain nuts) is also not allowed. 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

Red Nose Day Friday 19th March

This year we are going with a theme of non-uniform with odd socks to make someone smile. A donation is optional and suggesting 50p per family.

Sunny Ile Pre School

“Exploring media and Materials” has been our focus this week. We have been exploring colour mixing, building towers, exploring the sounds of musical instruments and enjoying ring games. This area is a lovely way of being creative and finding fun ways to do things. Can you remember any songs from your childhood you can share at home like Ring a Ring a Roses, Mulberry Bush, Round and Round the Garden

Window Displays

Our large flower is in Cottage Flowers window. 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.

Suitable clothing

Can we ask that children were the appropriate clothes and footwear for Pre-school. The weather is still changeable and the children do still like to go outside during our free flow. Having a warm, waterproof coat and sensible shoes for this time of year, would be appreciated. – Thank you

Adult Led Focus

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

STC

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

Cygnets Pre School

This week at preschool the children have enjoyed looking for signs of spring, keep a look out on tapestry for some wonderful photos. The children have also been finishing off some special crafts for Mother's Day.

Coats:

Please can we ask that although the weather is brightening up, you are still sending children with coats as we spend a lot of time outside. If you could send a named sun hat too, as we start to see a bit of sunshine.

Letter/ sound of the week:

Next week our letter of the week will be A. We love to see what things you find at home, don't forget to post photos on tapestry so we can talk to the children about what they might have found at home.

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Children and Young People's Directorate
NOR: 320
Age Range: 4 to 9

**Midday Supervisory Assistant x 2
10 hours per week, 11.30am to 1.30pm, Monday to Friday
Term-Time Only**

To start as soon as possible
Somerset Pay Grade 16 Point 2 £9.43 per hour

Required as soon as possible, a part time midday supervisory assistant who must be committed to promoting high standards within an exciting school, where children have fun and enjoy learning.

We have a strong ethos related to nurturing and developing the whole child whilst also placing equal weight to staff well-being and development. Our school is constantly developing and we are seeking an individual who can enthusiastically support our school as it seeks to provide more ways to provide our pupils with the best start to their education.

We apologise that due to Covid 19 we cannot have visits to the school but we are happy to discuss the post with you, please call the school office on 01460 52686.

The school places high importance on Safeguarding and Child Protection and the post requires a criminal background check via the disclosure procedure.

Closing Date: Friday 26th March 2021 Interview Date:
Thursday 1st April 2021 – please note this will be a virtual interview via Microsoft Teams



FrOGS Meeting

The Next FrOGS meeting will be held on
Tuesday 23rd March at 7:30pm.

This meeting will be held via Zoom and is
open to anybody who has

- Time to give
- Ideas to offer
- A desire to get involved
- Just wants to understand a bit more
about what we do here at FrOGS

Zoom details will be shared in next weeks newsletter

If you aren't able to attend, but would like to get
involved or have some ideas to share, please
contact us at greenfylde.frogs@gmail.com

Healthy Mums



Free online course for pregnant women & new mums starts this March!



A free 6-week online programme where you can try new activities and learn how to achieve a healthy lifestyle for you and your little ones with other likeminded pregnant women and new mums

Suitable for all stages of pregnancy and new mums. Babies & toddlers welcome!

When: Wednesday mornings 9.45-10.45am from 17th March with a two week break for Easter holidays, **Where:** on Zoom

A **FREE** SASP baby grow and Healthy Mums pack for all Mums who register and complete the course with us

Click [here](#) to book your place, or contact [Tiff TWood@sasp.co.uk](mailto:Tiff.TWood@sasp.co.uk) or 07722567244 for more info



For more info and resources to help you and baby get moving and healthy, visit our Healthy Mums [webpage](#) or find use on Facebook

<https://www.sasp.co.uk/events/2021/03/healthy-mums-online-easter-course-2021>