

# **GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL**

**Incorporating Cygnets and Sunny Ile Pre Schools**

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## **Our school community**

Well done to Morgan class who have planted five fruit trees donated by the Tree Council in the grounds of Greenfylde. We will now be growing apples, cherries, pears and plums alongside our other produce in our outdoor gardening classroom. We will also be helping our children explore more environmental issues when next week Years 3 and 4 take part in a virtual question time with the Mayor of Ilminster, Cllr Burton and two community champions from Green Ilminster, Sarah Hunt and Colin Hyde. The children always come up with fascinating questions and show a high level of interest in their communities, as evidenced by the successful careers talk held recently with vet, Ian Stobart.

As a follow up to all of this, as we cannot currently go on school visits, Key Stage 2 will be having an assembly (which we hope Key Stage 1 can join) and workshop from Carymoor Environmental Outreach Learning team straight after the Easter holidays to bring all of this environmental education together.

We are very proud of the way all our children have come back together with the full re-opening of school and we will continue to find as many engaging and enjoyable activities as we can as part of their curriculum.



## **Red Nose Day**

Thank you to everyone for taking part in some Red Nose Day fun today and all those odd socks raised a lot of smiles! We'll let you know how much was raised in a later newsletter.

## **Young Voices Public Speaking**

Don't forget to take part in our Young Voices Public Speaking competition as internal class rounds will be held in the last week of term. If you want details again please contact your child's teacher via Tapestry or Class Dojo.

## **Mothers' Day cards in The Minster**

Well done to all our classes for their contributions of cards for Mother's Day for member of our Ilminster community that were shared by The Minster this last week. A lot of care and love was put into each card and we appreciated the opportunity for our children to have purposeful courageous advocacy in action.

### **FrOGS' virtual get together**

We're hoping many of you will be able to join us for our next FrOGS (Friends of Greenfyld School) get together on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 at 7.30pm. Links to the Zoom meeting have been emailed to families.

### **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.

### **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).

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.

### **Star of the Week**

Congratulations to our stars for this week.

Dove William R & Beth C  
Pippin Archie-Albert W & Lenny D

Golden Kian F & Amelia C  
Puffin Alice S & Archie W N  
Camelot Harriet A & Christopher B  
Hook Kloe F & Fen B H  
Dunkerton Thomas M & Lexi C

Morgan Oscar K & Oscar R  
Ashton Nancy P & Haydyn G  
Coker Izzy H B & Annabel L  
Coopers Jake H & Nancy B  
Gatcombe George J & Jorja S



Stars and certificates will be presented on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am for Years 3 and 4 and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 19 March 2021



## Sunny Ile and Cygnet Pre School

### Nappies

If your child is in nappies please remember to bring in enough nappies and wipes for each session your child is in.

### Safeguarding

Please can we remind all families to maintain a safe distance from other families while dropping off or collecting your child.

### Medicines to Children

As part of our policy we are not allowed to give children medicines which are not prescribed by the doctor. If a child does need a prescribed medicine we require you to fill in a form so we can administer the medicine.

### Letters in Bags

Please can we ask you to check your child's bag for any letters coming home? Also if you have letters to give to pre-school, please can you hand to a member of staff as we don't always see them left in the children's bags. Thank you for your cooperation.

### 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

Thank you to all the children who joined in with 'Odd Socks' and your donations.

## Sunny Ile Pre School

**We are still enjoying the dry and sunny weather this week. Have you seen the rainbows too? We have been busy collecting leaves and finding lots of spiders, worms and bugs. This weekend maybe you and your family can go on a 'bug hunt' to see how many insects you can find.**

### Road to School

We have recently uploaded a document called 'What to Expect' on our Tapestry Documents page. This is a reminder for all parents to see what age development learning your child should be doing. This parent friendly booklet breaks down the EYFS into a simpler way for parent's to share learning at home.

### Adult Led Focus

We will be concentrating on **"Health and self-care"**. Please look on your child 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 – **'Name'** and **'Break'**. Please ask your child what they have learnt and have a look on our Facebook page.



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## Cygnet Pre School

This week the children have really enjoyed exploring measuring and sizes with jugs and water play. We've also explored some more signs of spring on a walk around the field, keep an eye on tapestry for some lovely photos.

### Toys

Please can we remind you that due to the Covid restrictions we are discouraging toys from home being brought to preschool. Please discourage children from popping them in their bags as they often want to bring them out during play.

### Bikes

Due to health and safety risks please can we ask that bikes and scooters are not left by the steps/doors to the school. This is a fire exit for the school and could become a hazard if left.

### Student

We have a student who has joined us on Wednesdays and Fridays until July. Her name is Jaden she is from Richard Huish College and is studying her level 3 in early year's development.

### Letter of the week

Next week our letter/sound of the week is B. We love to see what 'B' things you can find around the home and out on walks so please upload them to tapestry.



# Holy Week & Easter at The Minster



## **PALM SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

8am BCP Holy Communion in-person (booking required)  
10.30am Holy Communion in-person (booking required) and  
on Facebook Live  
5pm Church Where You Are on Facebook Live



## **MAUNDY THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL**

7.30pm Holy Communion with stripping of the Altars  
In-person (booking required) and on Facebook Live



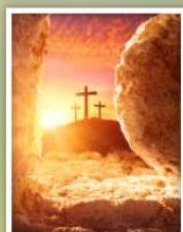
## **GOOD FRIDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL**

'An Hour at the Cross'  
12pm in-person (booking required)  
2pm in-person (booking required)



## **HOLY SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL**

7.30pm Service of Light  
In-person (booking required)



## **EASTER SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

6.15 am Sunrise Communion in the Churchyard (booking required)  
8am BCP Holy Communion in-person (booking required)  
10.30am Holy Communion in-person (booking required) and on  
Facebook Live  
5pm Church Where You Are on Facebook Live

To attend an in-person service please contact Teresa Hutchinson Tel: 01460 259710  
or Email: [minsterbookings@ilminsterpc.org.uk](mailto:minsterbookings@ilminsterpc.org.uk) - *Please arrive 15 min before the  
service and expect to wait to be seated. Face-coverings are mandatory in line  
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