

GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL

Incorporating Cygnets and Sunny Ile Pre Schools

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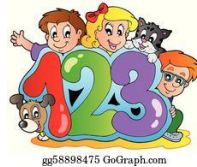
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Number Day

Thank you to Mr Lewis for arranging our NSPCC Number Day and to all the staff for creating a fun numbers day for all the children. Please keep encouraging your children to 'find' numbers when they are out and about so they find out that numbers can be fun.



Safeguarding

Helping our children stay safe is very important to us and we are asking families to support us in two ways this week. Firstly, please can we ask children not to walk along the top of walls on Wharf Lane. If they are school ones, they are very old and if they belong to our neighbours please can we respect their property. Secondly, please can we ask families to follow the parking guidance on Wharf Lane and avoid parking on the yellow school zig-zag or a single yellow line unless you have an official exemption. Thank you in advance for your support.

PE Kit

We are focussing on children being active in this return during Covid and just wanted to send a reminder to families about PE Kits. Children come in their kit on their PE day and a reminder that this should ideally be a plain white t shirt with no buttons and blue or black shorts/leggings or jogging bottoms. If children have outgrown clothing then we appreciate some colour changes but football kits are not allowed. Trainers are preferable to daps as they spend all day in them and daps are not very supportive. A school jumper is perfectly ok on top during the day as they can remove this when warmed up.

We know a number of children have had their ears pierced and earrings should either be removed on PE days or must be covered in plasters/tape before the child arrives in school for the day. If earrings are worn these should only be small studs. Long hair for all children should also be tied up on PE days.

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/or is waiting for a test.

Star of the Week

Congratulations to this week's stars.



Dove Florence C & Korey Z
Pippin Betsy P & Theo-Oliver B

Golden Erin M & Matilda W
Puffin Lucas L L & Georgie R E
Camelot Alfie W B & Amelia B
Hook Clara H & Poppy O
Dunkerton Kiki H & Fletcher P

Morgan Oscar C & Eli K
Ashton Kallie D & Cody K
Coker Bruno B & Kye H
Coopers Lenny C & Michael S
Gatcombe Stanley B & Max W

Stars and certificates will be presented on Thursday 13th May at 9.30am for Years 3 and 4 and Friday 14th May at 9.30am for Reception and Years 1 and 2.

Families of the stars 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.

Pyjamarama

On Friday 14th May we're celebrating Pyjamarama with Book Trust to help us enjoy Reading both at home and at school. This will be a non-uniform day and to join the fun, why not put your pyjamas on over your own clothes and bring your teddy/tiger/toy so we can all snuggle in with a good book.

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Friday
14
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**Join the PJ Masks
for a day of story-filled
fun in your pyjamas**

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Sunny Ile and Cygnet Pre School

Absence/change of pick up from Pre School

Please can we ask that parents ring the pre-school on 01460 259732 For Sunny Ile or 01460 57444 for Cygnets for any absence or if someone else is picking up your child. Emails are NOT checked every day so we won't pick up the information.

Button Battery Safety advice

<https://www.capt.org.uk/button-batteries>

Button batteries, especially big, powerful lithium coin cell batteries, can badly injure or kill a child if they are swallowed and get stuck in the throat or gullet.

Button batteries are small, round batteries that come in many different sizes and types.

Lithium button batteries (often called 'coin batteries') are most dangerous as they are larger and more powerful. If they get stuck in a child's throat, they can cause catastrophic internal bleeding and death within hours of being swallowed.

Dates to Remember

Both preschools will close at the end of the day on Friday 28 May 2021 for the May Half Term holiday. We reopen on Monday 7 June 2021.

Cygnets Preschool

This week the children have enjoyed our home corner 'school' set up, they've explored some of the uniforms and book bags they may use when going up to school. We have been encouraging more independence with children carrying their own bags and lunchboxes.

Drop off

Please can we ask for 'quick' and 'on time drop' offs in the mornings, it can make it difficult for children when parents stay by the gates and late arrivals effect our staff ratio when taking children into preschool.

Bags

We have noticed some children bringing big bags to preschool. 1 change of clothes in a small bag, nappies if requires and a lunch box is generally all that is needed.

Letter of the week

Next week our sound/letter of the week will be N, remember you can post any photos on to tapestry with anything you find with your child relating to this sound.



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Sunny Ile Preschool

One of the children brought in a birds nest for us to look at what they had found. The children were fascinated on how it was made. One of our grandparents found the nest and said it was a Blackbirds. If you have found anything interesting please let us know and we would love to share it at together time

Adult Led Focus

Next week's focus is Shape, Space and Measure. Please look for your Key person focus on Tapestry
How many different shapes can you see when walking to school?

Writing

This week's focus has been Writing. Writing skills develop in various ways – such as describing what they have drawn, making lines and circles on a page, rhyming words and carrying on a rhyming string. It's been lovely seeing the various pictures and hearing the wonderful comments such as a Dinosaur, princess and even a "Big blue shark"

Sound of the week

We are delighted to see all the pictures of the "T Sound" on Tapestry this week, the children have found interesting ones like "Tomatoes" and "Toes" and even a "Turtle ". **Next week's sound will be the Letters Sound "P" how many things can you find beginning with a P**
Covid

We would like to remind parents that if your child is suffering with Covid symptoms, please do not use a lateral flow test to test these symptoms. Please contact 119 for advice on what to do and a PCR test would be needed.

Coats

Please ensure your child brings a suitable coat to pre-school every session as the weather is very changeable. Please ensure your child's name is in the coat as we do have coats which are the same.

Lateness

Please can we ask that you arrive on time at the gates when dropping off your child? If your children are late it means we have to keep the other children waiting which can cause upset and has a knock on effect on our routines and staff ratio. Thank you for your co-operation.



SUMMER DRAMA SCHOOL



Monday to Friday 2nd-6th August 2021
10.00 am to 4.00 pm

*Open to children from Year 2 upwards
with a maximum number of 15.*

*The week will be a mixture of singing, dancing and drama
building towards a performance based on the theme of*

NEVERLAND

at the end of the week for family and friends.

**For further details please contact Lucy Driver
on 01460 55416 or lucydriver2000@talktalk.net**

Cost - £90 per week.





The Warehouse Theatre Arts Award Scheme.

We are pleased to announce that we are now able to offer children the opportunity to take part in the Arts Award. We are beginning this summer term with Discover.

Dates: 12,19,26 June 2021 3,10,17 July 2021

Time: 2.30 – 4.00

Place: The Warehouse Theatre

Run by: Lucy Driver – Trained Arts Award Adviser.

Open to: All children aged 5-9

Cost: £40 to include all tuition, materials, assessments and final certificate.

Number of Spaces: 10

To Book please email: lucydriver2000@talktalk.net or telephone 01460 55416

What is the Arts Award?

The Arts Award's mission is to support children and young people to enjoy the arts, to connect with and take part in the wider arts world, and develop creativity, communication and leadership skills.

Discover – This is an introductory award certified by Trinity College London.

The Arts Award Discover encourages children and young people to develop a basic understanding of a range of art forms, to commit to taking part in arts activities and to develop a basic understanding of communication.

Children and young people create a personal arts log (portfolio) containing evidence of their experiences.

The Warehouse Theatre is pleased to be able to offer this introductory course over six weeks to include a range of arts and cultural activities including, but not limited to:

Performing Arts – dance, music, drama

Visual Arts – crafts, drawing, painting

Literature – poetry, fiction, storytelling

Digital and Media – photography, film

We hope to offer further classes for Explore, Bronze, Silver and Gold in the near future. Please get in touch if you are interested in taking part in any of these.