

GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL

Incorporating Cygnets and Sunny Ile Pre Schools

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Covid 19 testing

I know families should have received this by email yesterday but just wanted to add to the newsletter again to ensure all families receive.

We have become aware of families using LFT Lateral Flow Tests if their child has suspected Covid symptoms - **LFTs must not be used if a child has symptoms** as firstly, they are not designed for younger children and secondly, only a PCR test can be used to ascertain if someone with symptoms has Covid. This is in line with the Government Guidance, which was updated on the 10th May 2021.

From the latest guidance (10th May 2021):

Parents and carers will need to book a test if they or their child has symptoms - the main symptoms are:

a high temperature

a new continuous cough

a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

They must self-isolate immediately and not come to school (including siblings) if:

they develop symptoms

they have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19

anyone in their household or support or childcare bubble develops symptoms of COVID-19

they are required to quarantine having recently visited countries outside the common travel area

they have been advised to isolate by NHS test and trace or the PHE local health protection team

Anyone who displays symptoms of COVID-19 can and should get a test. Tests for symptomatic illness (PCR tests) can be booked online through the NHS testing and tracing for coronavirus (COVID-19) website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/>, or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet. We also can provide a postal PCR test if families cannot access any of the other options.

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.

We are all hoping we are on the way out of Covid restrictions but we still currently need to follow all the Government Guidance so we are working together to keep our school community safe.



School Comms

Please look out for emails to help families use our new School Comms system which will allow families to choose school meals and book clubs and after/before school care electronically. We feel this will help make our systems more efficient but do contact us if you experience difficulties in using the system once it launches.

Pyjamarama

Many thanks to Mrs Sainsbury, one of our English Subject Leads for arranging our Pyjamarama day today. Hopefully, it has been a fun day to inspire our children to read and it would be lovely if all families could find some time this weekend to read together.

Safeguarding

Whilst we are still running staggered entry/exit times to comply with Government Covid guidance please can we remind families that children will need to be picked up/dropped off one at a time to maintain social distancing. We appreciate everyone waiting to take their turns with this and ask that adults remain in the box with the feet outline in rather than walking up to the member of staff. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

School Crossing

Please note there will be no school crossing patrol on Canal Way on Wednesday 19th May.

Star of the Week

Congratulations to this week's stars.

Dove	Bethany C & Esme B
Pippin	Daisy S & Oliver H
Golden	Lucas S & Ivy C
Puffin	Robyn M & Jaiden W-T
Camelot	Ellie-Mae M & Brooke H
Hook	Oliver T & Harrison A
Dunkerton	Thomas M & Megan W
Morgan	Dylan M & Mollie-Mae A
Ashton	Ruby C & Alexia L
Coker	Phoebe M & Jennifer A
Coopers	Jack P & Betty W
Gatcombe	Toby M & Lillian T



Stars and certificates will be presented on Thursday 20th May at 9.30am for Years 3 and 4 and Friday 21st 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.

Parents' Evening Questionnaire Results

Thank you to everyone who completed our Parents' Evening Questionnaire and we had 25 responses from families (10% of families in school).

Results showed:

100% of families found booking a time easy to do

100% found 10 minutes a sufficient amount of time

64% would like the option of telephone meetings to continue once we return to face to face

88% found the meeting informative and worthwhile for understanding children's progress (rest, 3 families were unsure)

From your comments:

You said: Telephone calls allowed more parents to participate as were convenient and generally on time.

We did: We will keep telephone conversations as an option for meetings in the next academic year

You said: It was appreciated when teachers arranged for longer conversations if required

We did: We always welcome communication with parents and meetings can be arranged by contacting the school office.

You said: We would have liked to see the children's work as well as their classrooms.

We did: We agree but with Covid this has not been a part of our risk assessment. Hopefully, once guidance to schools changes, we will be able to have families coming in again to see children's books and classrooms and we will return to our 'My Learning Weeks' where children will bring home a snapshot of a week's learning every term. Books will as usual be sent home at the end of the academic year.

You said: Please could slots just be in an evening for parents to attend who work

We did: Looking at our school community we are aware that there are families who work day hours but also a number who work nights or varying shifts. This year appointments were given until 6pm and we appreciate this didn't work for all but for some working parents they found they could fit the appointment in to breaks or lunchtimes. We will aim to go back to one evening of appointments to 7pm next academic year as we appreciate some families prefer these but also want to balance this against the wellbeing of staff.

You said: Please could we have Zoom calls instead

We did: We did consider Zoom calls but in the first Parents' Evening we had no internet available on site and by the second we realised that with the rest of school working we couldn't guarantee a stable bandwidth. Hopefully, we are getting improved broadband through the Government's rural schools scheme so this may be an option in the future.





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Sunny Ile and Cygnet Pre School

Safeguarding – Parking

Please can we ask that when parking around the school that you do not park on the double yellow lines, unless a disabled badge is showing. Thank you.

Safeguarding – Medical Needs

Please ensure that if your child has a medical condition that you have not informed us about, please let us know as soon as possible. Preschool will need to put a Medical Care plan in place for any emergencies.

Safeguarding – Contact details

If you or any family/friends on your contact list have changed telephone numbers, please do tell us so we can update your details. Also if you also change your address or email address please let us know so we can update our records.

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

Thank you for everyone for their cooperation with not bringing toys from home to preschool, it has been really helpful and its appreciated.

New families

Welcome to all of the new families and children who have joined us recently, it's brilliant to see how well the children have already settled in and are making new friends.

Dogs

Please can we ask that dogs are not brought onto the Swanmead School site during drop off / collection times due to health and safety of the site as well as parents and children.

Letter of the week

Next week our letter / sound of the week will be Z. Remember to post onto tapestry anything you find with your child relating to this sound. We love to see the different things you share with us.



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Sunny Ile Preschool

This week we have been using the mud kitchen making some “Yummy cakes” and “pies”. Using these resources increases your child’s imagination, socialisation and communication. It also covers other areas of the curriculum including maths. Now the weather is getting better we hope we can make some more delicious food. We have also been busy planting flowers and plants in our garden area. The children have been helping watering them and it’s lovely to see them starting to grow, with beautiful flowers on some already.

Book Trust

Thank you to everyone joining in with wearing pyjamas for The Book Trust. We had lots of fun listening to stories, talking about our favourite ones and enjoying story sack stories in Together Time. What is your favourite story? Share it onto Tapestry – we would love to hear what it is.

Sunflowers

We have had lots of pictures on Tapestry of your growing sunflowers. Remember to keep watering them and hopefully we will have some more sunshine to help them grow.

Dropping off

We would like to remind parents that the gates will open at 9.00am for the start of the morning session. We will leave at 9.05 so we are not waiting too long and we can start walking back to Preschool to start our day with our routines. There have been many occasions that parents have been late for drop off causing a delay in getting the children back. The new routine in dropping off is working so we would be very grateful if you can drop off at this time – thank you.

Car park permits.

We have car park permits which parents can use for dropping off and collection. This also is available at lunchtimes too. Please see a member of staff for a permit.

Adult led focus

Next week’s focus is Numbers – please look out for your key person’s adult led focus on Tapestry – We have had some wonderful examples from parents and it’s so nice to have a lovely journal for your child with parent’s observations as well as Preschool

Letter sound of the week

Next week’s letter sound is “i” please add to tapestry examples of this sound – the children have been really good at naming objects beginning with P this week – well done

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.

HIGH 5 TO ILMINSTER

Add your handprint on

Sunday 23rd May 2021

Between 10am - 4pm

@ The Skate Park, Iminster Recreation Ground

In aid of Brain Tumour Research

Donate via the JustGiving page or on the day

Contact us: via the High 5 to Iminster! Facebook Page
or call 07746 727002

Come join in the fun, and remember...

...you might get messy!

Date subject to change in the event of adverse weather conditions

Please abide by all Coronavirus precautions in place at the time of the event
and as directed by volunteers

YOUR INCREDIBLE JOURNEY TODDLER TODDLE

The Incredible Journey is a story of bravery, courage in the face of danger but above all the love of an animal for its owner



Could you and your toddler,
toddle around the Sanctuary
to help raise money for animals in need?



Raise £10 or more in sponsorship for free entry to complete your toddle



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For more information
or to sign up email;
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Charity No. 1164350

In the classic story, the two dogs and a cat travel 200 miles through the Canadian Wilderness.

We are looking for 200 toddlers to toddle around Ferne before 31st August 2021!

All we ask is that you commit to raising £10 or more via a Just Giving page or offline sponsorship and you can visit the Sanctuary to complete your toddle.

Simply show your sponsorship form or fundraising page on arrival for free entry and if you're happy to, please share photos of your visit!

Email frm@ferneanimalsanctuary.org for more information or to sign up

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