

GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL

Incorporating Cygnets and Sunny Ile Pre Schools

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School Comms

A big thank you! We have 183 parents who have activated their School Gateway App and have started to book lunches!

School lunches for summer term 2 are available to order through the School Gateway App. Lunches need to be ordered by 9.00am **Monday 24th May.**

To download the app and sign up click the link below:

<https://schoolgateway.co.uk/get-started/>

If you need help or have any questions. Please contact the school office, we are here to help.

Blended Learning survey

As we continue to keep developing our blended/remote learning offer we would appreciate your feedback. Please can you complete the short survey below via the link and this survey will be open until Friday 18th June.

<https://forms.office.com/r/ju3XseBiGq>



Reporting absence

Please can we ask that any absence is reported to the school office via telephone/email and not via the teacher on Class DoJo or Tapestry, as this may not be monitored before the absence record for that day is completed by the office staff.

FROGS Tuck Shop payment deadline - 9am Tuesday 25 May

The return of Friday tuck shop was a great success with children, siblings and parents alike! Orders and payment are now due for next half term. Please place £3.00 per person (this gets one 50p bag of sweets per week) in an envelope labelled Tuck Shop with your child's name, class and number of bags required and post it through the school red door letter box by 9am Tuesday 25 May. Your tuck will be handed out to your child every Friday up to the summer holidays. This half term we will be unable to accept late requests so please ensure your money and request is in on time.



Covid 19

Whilst it has been lovely that the roadmap out of lockdown is now moving ahead please can we still ask families that wherever possible (knowing some are medically exempt) ensure children are dropped off and picked up by one adult who is wearing a mask. Also, please can we ask families to follow the 2m social distancing guidance and especially at the front of the school, wait away from the queue if required, so not on the grass by the swimming pool. Thank you for this as we're all doing this to not only protect ourselves but the others in our school community.

Covid 19

Please remember to let us know if you are going for or have the results of your child's PCR test. If a child is off with any of the main symptoms, they and their whole household/support bubble must isolate until 10 days self-isolation or a negative PCR result is obtained. We appreciate there are colds going around but we have verified with Public Health and if a child has a high temperature (hot to touch or 37.8°C +) and/or loss of taste/smell and/or a new continuous cough (3 episodes in 24 hours of coughing or coughing a lot for an hour) they must go for a Covid PCR test to rule Covid out.



Number Day for the NSPCC

Thanks to everyone who contributed we have raised £165.03 for the NSPCC. Thank you to all for your support.

Safeguarding

We've noticed recently an increase in vehicles parking on single yellow lines or the zig zag school markings to drop off and pick up children from normal school hours and wrap around care. Whilst we understand that some of these will be due to having a parking exemption for a disability, please can we ask others to help the rest of the community by parking in designated areas. Otherwise, it can cause potential blocking of sight lines and a danger to others trying to cross the road safely. Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

Lions' Award

Congratulations to our Ilminster Lions' Award winners for May.

Dove	Albert
Pippin	Lily W

Golden	Matilda
Puffin	Alice
Camelot	Blake
Hook	Leon
Dunkerton	Rocco

Morgan	Jack
Ashton	Morgan
Coker	Tymon
Coopers	Charlie D
Gatcombe	Tiger-Lily

Trophies and certificates will be presented on Thursday 27th May at 9.30am for Years 3 and 4 and Friday 28th May at 9.30am for Reception and Years 1 and 2.

Families of our Lions 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 21 May 2021



Sunny Ile and Cygnet Pre School

Safeguarding – Suitable clothing

We have had some really horrible weather this week and quite a few of our children have come to preschool with no coats. We must stress that all the children must wear suitable clothing for all weathers. Spare clothes are also necessary as the children may get wet with the rain or with water play.

Safeguarding – Medical Needs

Medicine and creams can be applied to your child as long as it has been prescribed by a doctor. Parents need to fill in a permission form before we are able to give/apply it to your child. Please do not leave the medicines/cream in your child's bag; they must be given to a member of staff.

Safeguarding – Naming

Please can we remind you that belongings need labelling with your child's name – this includes bags, coats, lunch boxes and drinks bottles

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 at Cygnets we have been talking about growth and changes over time. We have observed the tadpoles and sunflowers. All of which are growing nicely. The children have also impressed us with their number and counting skills during circle time.

Virtual SCARF session

The children really enjoyed a virtual session with Harold the giraffe this week, he talked about feeling and emotions which is something we always like to focus on with the children.

Dogs:

Another polite reminder not to bring dogs on to the Swanmead School site during drop off and collection times please.

Bikes:

Also a polite reminder please not to leave bikes near the steps of the Swanmead School site as this is a fire exit for the school hall.

Letter of the week:

Next week our letter / sound of the week will be X - we love to see what things the children find around the home with you and upload to tapestry.



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Sunny Ile Preschool

This week we have been using the boxes and bottles parents have kindly donated to us for our model making. We have made Helicopters, robots, boats with pirates and racing car. Lots of fun and messy with glue and paint. We have also been given more flowers and plants in our garden area. Thank you to everyone who has helped developing our garden area. We are hoping that we get to have more sunshine to help them grow.

Life education SCARF

The children had a zoom video call from the 'Life Education' this week. They enjoyed learning about 'how we take care of ourselves'. We had a lovely time seeing 'Harold' the giraffe, helping him to brush his teeth and wash his face.

Sunflowers

All the pictures we have received of your Sunflowers on Tapestry has been amazing. Your plants have really started to grow really tall. Keep us updated on their progress.

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 "N" please add to tapestry examples of this sound – the children have been really good at naming objects beginning with 'l' 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.