

GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL

Incorporating Cygnets and Sunny Ile Pre Schools

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Decorating Ilminster

Do look out for Greenfylde's display in the windows of the old McColls store by the Market Square. Thank you to all the classes who have contributed to this and we were thrilled to again be a part of the Christmas switch on festivities in our town.



Remembrance

Greenfylde was proudly represented by one of our forces families at the Remembrance Service at The Minster last Sunday. Out thanks to them for being superb ambassadors for our school community.



Sickness absence

Please can all sickness absence be reported through the school office (email to Greenfylde@educ.somerset.gov.uk or message on the answer machine 01460 52686) and not via Dojo/Tapestry, as this is not checked through the day and it is important any absence is correctly reported on the register.



Community

To maintain good relations with our neighbours in the community please can we ask families not to wait in the gate area of the properties opposite the school on Wharf Lane, Summervale Mews, in order to give them clear entry and exit to their properties.

Covid

What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or tests positive for COVID-19

Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a new, continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they should get a PCR test and remain at home at least until the result is known **and they are fever free (without medication) for at least 24 hours.**

If **negative**, the child can end self-isolation and return to school once well;
If **positive**, the child should isolate until at least 10 days after their symptoms appeared.

If the child has a positive test result, but does not have [symptoms](#), they should stay at home and self-isolate for 10 days from the date the positive test was taken. This isolation period will be extended if they go on to develop symptoms by counting 10 full days from the day following their symptom onset. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for a PCR test (the normally available test type) and this can be arranged via <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

A reminder that any information e.g if your child is 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, please don't send via School Comms as the office email is checked out of hours unlike the School Comms app. Your child must not come in or be brought to school if they have any Covid symptoms.

If your child is identified as a close contact, they should get a PCR test <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. In these current amber measures, if your child is a close contact it is recommended that they lateral flow test daily until a negative PCR test result is received.

When reporting absence please state the symptoms your child is experiencing as depending on these it changes their coding on the register. If we receive messages with just descriptions such as 'unwell' then the office will need to follow this up with you in a telephone call. Please can we ask families to be respectful to any calls from the office re potential Covid illness as they are only following the Government guidance.

Have a look at a book!

This week's book is one that helps us understand festivals from different cultures.



FrOGS News

FrOGS Christmas Cards and Gifts

Thank you from FrOGS for the 402 items ordered using your children's beautiful Christmas designs! The orders have started to arrive back with the school this week. Once all are received and sorted the teachers will kindly be sending them home with your child, hopefully today!

FrOGS Lego Advent Calendar Raffle – tickets available now

FrOGS will be raffling off two Lego Advent calendar's worth £25 each on Friday 26 November. We have a Lego Avengers calendar and a Lego Friends calendar. Tickets can be bought for £1.00 each. These can be purchased online from Cassie Dobbs – please search for Friends of Greenfyld School – FrOGS (public group) on facebook for details or message cassie_upshall@hotmail.com We will also be on the playground after school on Friday 19 November for those who would like to pay in cash and/or are not active on facebook!

SAVE THE DATE - FrOGS Christmas Afternoon Tea – Sunday 12 December – Archie Gooch Pavillion, Ilminster

Join us for a fun and festive afternoon tea at the Archie Gooch pavilion on Sunday 12 December in aid of FrOGS. Gather together your friends and family for a lovely afternoon treat courtesy of FrOGS and the lovely Helena from the Tesco community team. More details in next week's newsletter.

Star of the Week

Congratulations to this week's stars of the week.

Dove	Zeke T-T & Eric-James D
Pippin	Lyla-Rose B & Victoriah P
Sandew	Delilah W & Jacob M
Golden	Max C & Lucy C
Puffin	Ivy D & Isla L
Camelot	Willow F & Dove B
Hook	Lucas S & Emily N
Dunkerton	Finley E-B & Sicily H
Morgan	Megan W & Samuel H
Ashton	Lillie W & Max W
Coker	Ryan D & Ebony O
Coopers	Reuben M & Tymon M
Gatcombe	Ava D & Joby P

Stars and certificates will be presented on Thursday 25th November at 9.30am for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and Friday 26th November at 9.30am for Years 3 and 4.

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 pupils. 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



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Sunny Ile and Cygnet Pre School

COVID

Please remember that any information for example if your child is waiting for a test or has received results should be sent to hlancaster@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Telephone Number 01460 259732

If your child has any symptoms (high temperature, continuous cough, loss of taste/smell) please do not send your child into Preschool.

Spaces at Sunny Ile and Cygnets Pre School

We have opened our registers to book sessions for January 2022. If your child is entitled to the 15 hours funding from January, do get in touch so we can book your child at either Sunny Ile or Cygnet Pre School. If you would like to increase your child's existing hours please also get in touch.

If you are a working parent have a look at the 30 hour funding for working parents on <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>. To be able to claim the funding in January 2022, you need to apply by 31 December 2021. If you already claim 30 hour funding, don't forget to go on your HMRC log in and re confirm your details.

Please contact Helen to book for January or if you wish to discuss any of the above information. Either call on 01460 259732 or email hlancaster@educ.somerset.gov.uk

School Admissions Primary School

Closing date for Primary School admissions is 15th January 2022 – Please go on-line and fill in your application form if your child is due to start school in September 2022.

www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/apply-to-start-school/

If you need any further assistance please contact us.

Dates for your Diary

29th November - 4th December - Christmas Tree festival in the Minster Church

9th & 10th December 2021 Christmas Jumper Day

17th December 2021 End of Autumn Term

4th January 2022 Start of Spring Term 2022

Sunny Ile Pre School

We have had a busy week at Sunny Ile this week. The children have enjoyed playing games especially 'Bingo' and 'Pairs' the memory games. Some of our children have visited the park to explore 'Sophie Louise' Pirate Ship.

The children have helped make play dough and coloured rice, to play with along with making Polar Bear models.

Play Dough

The children absolutely love to play with 'Play Dough' from making birthday cakes with candles to cutting it with scissors, to making houses for their animals. Play dough is extremely versatile, and can help with all areas of your child's development. Below is the recipe that we use in Sunny Ile, any colour can be added, glitter or smell to the uncooked play dough mixture.

1 cup plain flour
1 tbsp Oil
1 Cup water
½ Cup Salt
2 tbsp Cream of Tartar
Food Colouring / Fragrances

Add all dry ingredients together and mix well. Add water, oil and food colouring / fragrances to a jug, Make a well in the centre of the dry ingredients and gradually add the water mixture mixing together well.

Cook in the microwave for 2 minutes, remove and stir, repeat cooking until mixture is dry. Allow to cool slightly, take out of bowl and kneed. Ensure mixture is cold before allowing children to play with it.

Our children love to mix in glitter or sequins to the playdough after it has been cooked.

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper Day is on 9th & 10th December, we invite all children to wear a Christmas Jumper to Preschool. We are asking for a voluntary donation of 50p per family to support 'Save the Children'



Cygnets Pre School

This week at Cygnets we have had fun creating lots of Christmas decorations. We also visited Greenfylde outside classroom for a forest school session where we made some crowns and played hide and seek with Mr Mole.

Wellies and coats

Just a reminder that we are outside in all weathers so children will need wellies and coats and jumpers now it is colder.

Spaces for January

We do have spaces available so if you or anyone you know is looking for a fun and exciting childcare setting then do get in touch.

Letter / sound of the week

Next week our sound of the week is J.





Tuning in to Kids Parenting Group

A **free** 5 week course for parents and carers of children aged 4-11.

Would you like to learn how to:

- be better at talking with your child?
- be better at understanding your child?
- help your child learn to manage their emotions?
- help to prevent behaviour problems in your child?
- teach your child to deal with conflict?

Dates: Tuesday 11th, 18th, 25th January 2022, 1st and 8th February.

Time: 9.30a.m. - 12.noon

Venue: Greenfylde First School, Ilminster

For more information on this course and to book your place, please contact Parent & Family Support Advisers.

Please note it is first come first serve and places are limited.

Jemma Henwood - 07825054694
Or Rebecca Larcombe - 07825054695