GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL

Incorporating Cygnets and Sunny lie Pre Schools

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Singing in the Market Square

Well done to Year 3 (and a few Year 4s!) who sung beautifully as one of the school singing groups invited by the Ilminster Christmas Lights Committee to sing in the Market Square last Friday. Christmas had truly started with some joyful singing and we were proud of the way the children represented Greenfylde and had this opportunity to develop their public presentation skills. Thank you to Angie from Cottage Flowers for the chocolates for our performers and to all the family members who came to support.





Thank you

Thank you to our Greenfylde school community for their generosity in collecting £216.39 for Children in Need and £107.88 for the Royal British Legion.

School Food

Please can families take a few minutes to complete this family/pupil voice survey on school food which is open until 5th December. Please follow either of the links below: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=3Uw9KN7IV06XfymowbLfepA7OAmpNeVFo_i8LaW02hFUNVBVR1M2OURLMFNXSINMV1BYMFcxVFoxRy4u



Starting School at 9.00am

Please can we ask families to support us by ensuring children arrive before the bell at 9am. We are seeing more children arriving late and would like families' support to ensure children are in and ready to learn as lessons start.

Thank you for Morrisons Vouchers

Thank you to everyone who donated their Good to Grow tokens which have allowed us to order a range of garden tools and equipment for the children.

Data Collection Forms

A reminder that data collection forms sent out earlier this term need returning to the school office **by the end of next week at the latest**. Some forms where signatures etc have been missing have also been returned and again, please can these be returned to the school office by Friday 3rd December. Many thanks to all the families who have already returned their forms.

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 <u>and they are fever free (without medication)</u> 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 <u>symptoms</u>, 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!

THE JOLLY POSTMAN

This week's book is an oldie but a goodie! Interactive and a good way to talk about other stories the children know.

FrOGS News

FrOGS Christmas Afternoon Tea and Fabulous festive community raffle - Sunday 12 December - Archie Gooch Pavilion, Ilminster

Grab your family and friends and join us for a very festive **Christmas Afternoon Tea** at the Archie Gooch Pavilion! Tickets cost £6.00 per adult and £3.00 per child and includes sandwiches, scones, cakes, tea and coffee and lots of festive cheer!

Alongside our Afternoon Tea we are running a **fabulous festive community raffle** thanks to the incredible generosity of our local Ilminster community designed to help you get Christmas ready! Raffle tickets cost £1.00 each and can be purchased in advance and at the Afternoon tea. We already have generous voucher donations from **Bonners**, **PB Fruits** and **Ilminster Home Hardware**, a big bundle of **Lindt Chocolate goodies**, a box of beautiful **Melanie Todd** cupcakes, a fabulous bunch of flowers from **Cottage Flowers**, a free MOT and coffee and cake for two from **No. 57**! More prizes are coming in daily so keep an eye on the Friends of Greenfylde School Public Facebook group for updates! Please do walk around your local shops and businesses this Christmas to thank them all for the support they give us and support them in return. The raffle will be drawn at the Afternoon Tea on Sunday 12 December. Raffle tickets can be purchased via Elizah

Hammelburg elizahsander@gmail.com using PayPal and referencing your name, contact number and FrOGS Festive community raffle. To pay in cash look out for us on the school playground on Wednesday 8 December (other dates TBC!).

FrOGS Advent calendar Raffle draw this Friday 26 November.

There's still time to purchase your raffle tickets to be in with a chance of winning a Lego Avengers or a Lego Friends Advent calendar worth £25 each. The draw will take place on Friday 26 November. Tickets can be bought for £1.00 each. These can be purchased online from Cassie Dobbs – please search for Friends of Greenfylde School – FrOGS (public group) on facebook for details or message cassie-upshall@hotmail.com

Online safety update



Common Sense Media has a great website with a wealth of information on a range of technology. It is helpfully divided into age ranges so you can find advice to match the age of the children you have at home.

Pre-schoolers (2-4):

https://www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/preschoolers

Little kids (5-7):

https://www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/little-kids

Big kids (8-9):

https://www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/big-kids



Star of the Week

Congratulations to this week's stars of the week.

Dove Vienna H & Madeleine M

Pippin Rudy W & Willow H

Sandew Jack S & Charlie W

Golden Bethany C & Freddie B-R

Puffin Lily W & William R

Camelot Korey M & Charlie L-L

Hook Milo H & Larissa K

Dunkerton Matilda W & Rose I

Morgan Dylan T & Phoebe G

Ashton Kiki H & Zachary R-M

Coker Euan G & Freddie C

Coopers Casey F & Joshua I

Gatcombe Cody K & Kallie D

Stars and certificates will be presented on Thursday 2nd December at 9.30am for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and Friday 3rd December at 9.30am for Years 3 and 4.

<u>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.</u> 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 you 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.

Weather

With the weather getting colder, Please ensure the children are coming in with hats, gloves, scarves and a warm winter coat. Could we please ask that these are all named, it's difficult to know which hat, and gloves belong to each child if they are not names? Thank you.

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 Winter Term 4th January 2021 - Start of Spring Term

Cygnets Pre School

This week at Cygnets we have enjoyed exploring the textures and changes of ice in the garden. We've been busy crafting some more Christmas decorations and on Wednesday we all had a go at some archery with Vernon in our forest school session. Hats and gloves

Please can children attend with hats, gloves and warm coats, now that the weather has turned even colder as we are still spending a lot of time in the garden?

Spare clothes, nappies, Wipes

Please can children have a spare set of clothes in their bags as well as plenty of nappies and wet wipes should they be needed?

Christmas tree

Our Christmas tree has been beautifully decorated with some of the children's Christmas crafts, it will be displayed in the Minster church from Monday 29th November, why not pop along and have a look.

Sunny Ile Pre School

The children have been finishing off our Christmas decorations this week, ready to go to 'The Minister' for the 'Christmas tree festival'

We have been practicing our bike and scooter skills, negotiating lots of obstacles. We have also enjoyed painting on wall paper. Some of the children decided to paint lots of different coloured fireworks using cotton buds.

Christmas tree Festival 29th – 4th December

If you have a few minutes spare this week please do visit 'The Minister' Church to enjoy the 'Christmas Tree Festival' and look at the many decorated Christmas trees including the Sunny Ile Tree. Donations to the trees are welcome.

Gloop

Our children love messy play, another great one they like to play with is 'Gloop'

Recipe

2 cups of cornflour Water with food colouring

Again different scents and glitters can be added to the mixture.

The children are fascinated with how the mixture is runny but then hard to touch.

Sound of the week

This week we have been recapping the sound 'a' to see if the children can remember any of the sounds – Apple. Alligator, Ambulance, Apricot





100th Anniversary Celebrations



Would you or someone you know like to be Ilminster Carnival Royalty for 2022?

We are celebrating our 100th Anniversary in 2022 and as part of our celebration plans we are planning for Carnival Royalty to return to the town.

Please register your interest via either of the two options below....

THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS THE 31ST DECEMBER 2021

REGISTER VIA OUR QUICK ENTRY FORM:

www.ilminstercarnival.co.uk/ilminster-carnival-royalty
Or make a note of your Name, Age, Email Address and Phone Number
and you can send/drop off & address the information to:
Ilminster Carnival Royalty, The Shrubbery Hotel, Ilminster, TA19 9AR



Christmas ACamper Donations

FrOGS are looking for donations for our annual Christmas Hampers, below is a list of suggested donations, but please feel free to donate anything you can. Donations will be needed by Wednesday 8th December and will the hampers will be raffled off before we break up for Christmas.



-		Suggested Donation		
D	ove	Packet Stuffing / Gravy Granules / Table Sauces		
Pi	ppin	Cranberry Sauce / Packet Bread Sauce		
Sar	ndew	Chocolate Treats / Chocolate decorations / Christmas Chocolate / Sweets		



Golden	Party Poppers / Decorations / Christmas Napkins
Puffin	Breadsticks / Cheese Straws / Crisps
Camelot	Pickle / Chutney
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Hook	Biscuits / Crackers / Crisps (pringles, Jacobs, Twiglets etc)	
Dunkerton	Christmas Crackers/ Napkins/Decorations	



Morgan	Yule log / Mince Pies	
Ashton	Jams / Conserves	
Coker	Christmas Pudding / Mince Pies	
Coopers	Christmas Cake / Mince Pies	



Non Alcoholic Beverage (alcoholic donations can be handed to the office) Gatcombe



Arts and Crafts materials (paper / Glue / Glitter / Pens / Stencils)

Cygnets

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Christmas Services at The Minster Sat 18th Dec 5pm

Carols in the Churchyard

Sun 19th Dec

6pm

Civic Carol Service

Fri 24th Dec

5.30pm

Minster Crib Service

Christmas Eve

11.30pm

Midnight Mass

Sat 25th Dec

8am

BCP Holy Communion

Christmas Day

10.30am

All Age Christmas

Followed by Holy Communion at 11.30am

Sun 19th Dec

3pm

Carols and cake in the Village Hall

Fri 24th Dec

4pm

Family Carol Service - fancy dress welcome!

Christmas Eve

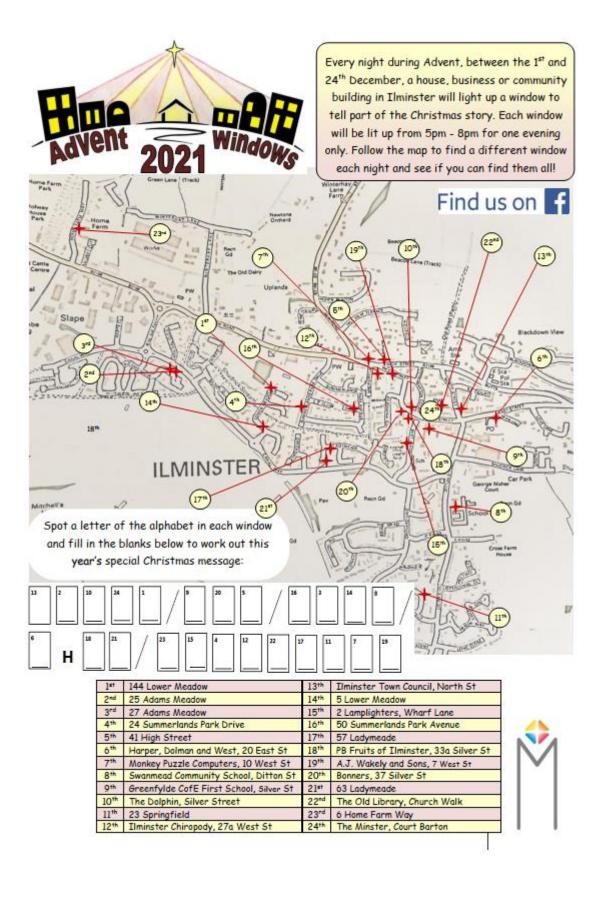
Sat 25th Dec

9am

Holy Communion

Christmas Day

Save the Date - Christingle Service at The Minster Church 30th January 2022 at 4pm















Saturday 18 December

Community Inclusion Activity **Team Family Day**

West Somerset Railway, Minehead, TA24 5BG.

Winterlights illuminated train journey from Bishops Lydeard to Crowcombe and return. Staff will be available to support families. Train departs at 4.30pm, so please arrive early to collect your tickets and board the train. Costs £10 per person.

Bookings open on 29th November at 10am. Please call 07977 412199



Wilder Woods

Hallr Wood, West Charlton, Somerton. The nearest postcode is TA11 7AL

Family seasonal event exploring the woods, Make natural decorations. hear stories, sing songs and create a woodland mandala and light it up in the dark. 3.30-5.30pm. £1 per family.

To book, please email Deb Millar: deb@wilderwoods.org



Community Inclusion Activity Team

Winter' or 'Christmas' themed activity packs, containing arts & crafts, puzzles, recipes and more! £2 per pack. Payment on

To order, please email ciateam@somerset.gov.uk by 6th December with your preference for 'Winter' or 'Christmas' themed pack, your child's name, age, nature of disability, address when such based with a get, nature of disability. address, phone number and where we can safely leave the pack if you're not in. Delivery w/c 13th December.



Monday 20 December

EAO Manor Farm

Owl Street, Stocklinch, Ilminster, TA19 9JG. Christmas Holiday Club. An opportunity to spend time with our horses & explore nature. 1:1 sessions available: 9.30-11,30am. 10.30-12.30pm, 1-3pm, Costs £10 per 2 hr session. For 6-14yrs. One child per session plus siblings.

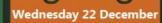
Bookings via Ian Roberts 01460 394375. enquiries@eagmanorfarm.co.uk

Tuesday 21 December

EAO Manor Farm Owl Street, Stocklinch,

Ilminster, TA19 9JG. Christmas Holiday Club. An opportunity to spend time with our horses & explore nature. 1:1 sessions available: 9.30-11.30am. 10.30-12.30pm. 1-3pm. Costs £10 per 2 hr session. For 6-14yrs. One child per session plus siblings.

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EAQ Manor Farm

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Thursday 23 December

EAQ Manor Farm

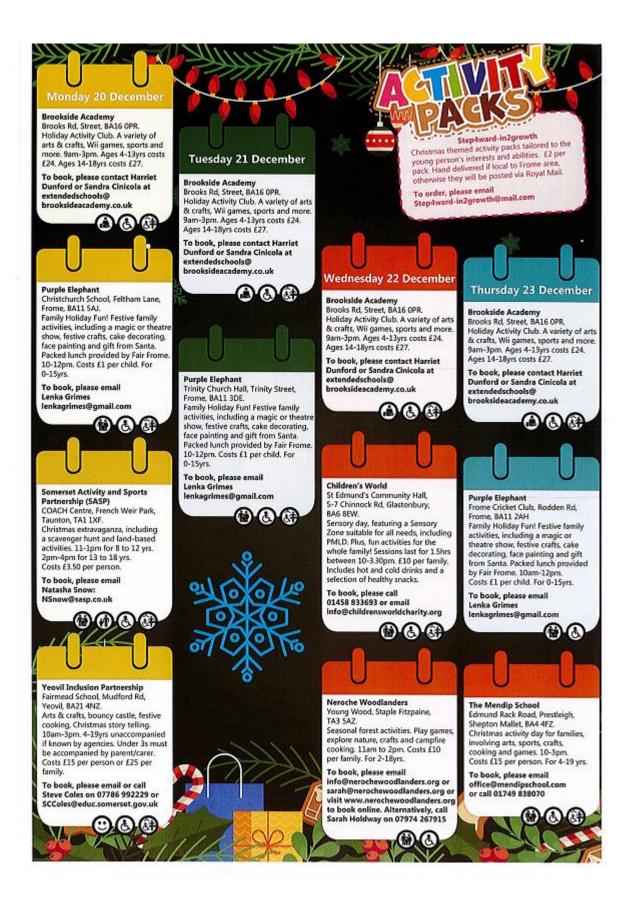
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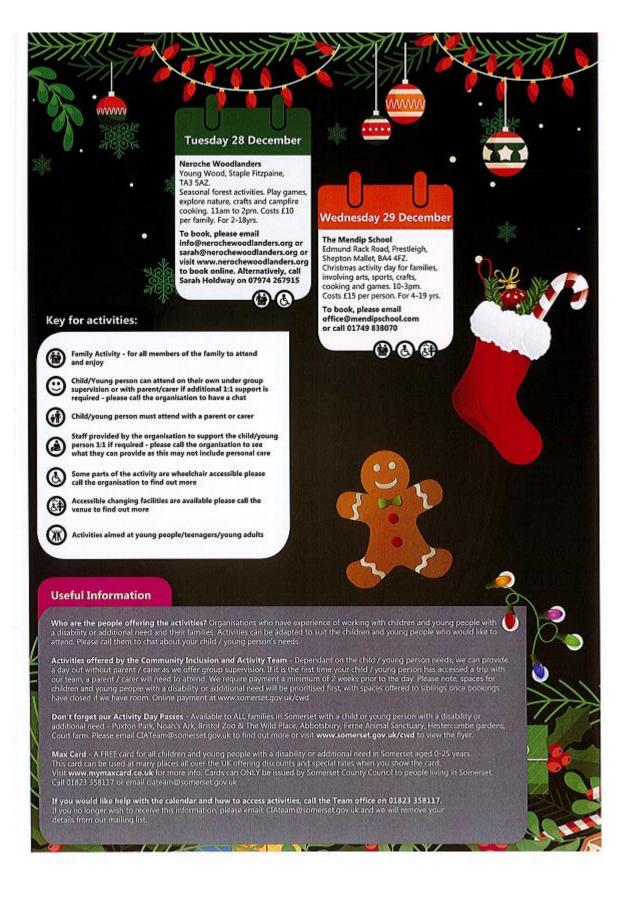
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Improving









Last collection Saturday 11th Dec 4pm

Drop off points:

Ilminster Home Hardware, P&B Fruits



Simply write the name & address on the envelope.

Ilminster town only please
Thank you for your support

25p

Scouts
1st Ilminster Scout
Group

