

GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL

Incorporating Cygnets and Sunny Ile Pre Schools

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Look who came to visit Greenfylde!

We had a very special visitor from the North Pole this week who came to see all the children and staff and brought every class their own Christmas present. Father Christmas also brought his magic and sparkle to Forest School, turning the log cabin into his own grotto and decorating the surrounding trees and walkways.



FrOGS

We will be holding a kitchen/classroom disco on Wednesday 15th December 4.15pm to 5.00pm. This will be a free event and the link will be shared via Tapestry/Class DoJo. We will have this on in the Hall as well so those at after school club can join.

Online safety update



Net Aware

Net Aware is an excellent resource which makes it really easy to know about the latest apps and games that your children may be using at home. Simply type in the name of the app or game and it will tell you the age rating and other key information both as a quick snapshot and in more depth.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>



Have a look at a book!

This week's book is in keeping with the season...Christmasaurus.



School Food

Thank you to everyone who responded to the survey whilst it was open over the last week and a half. We will look at the feedback and share this with you in the New Year.

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.

Iminster Lions' Award

Congratulations to this week's Lion Award nominations.

Dove	Eevee G
Pippin	Savannah-Wren A
Sandew	Jacob M
Golden	Louisa L
Puffin	Thomas G
Camelot	Jacob L
Hook	Erin M
Dunkerton	Toby C
Morgan	Ellie-Mae McC
Ashton	Lwandile Z
Coker	Izy C
Coopers	Mollie-Mae A
Gatcombe	Charlie D

Trophies and certificates will be presented on Thursday 16th December at 9.30am for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and Friday 17th December 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

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Telephone Number 01460 259732

Flu vaccination clinics are open for 2 and 3 year olds!

In Somerset our rates of flu vaccination for 2 and 3 year olds are slightly low this year compared to last year and we are also lower than other areas in the South West, so we have a bit of catching up to do. Flu is still circulating and remains a threat for us all, especially if it is combined with other respiratory illnesses or other complications like pneumonia.

This year as we start to mix more, we are seeing a stronger than usual winter emergence of other respiratory viruses which can combine to increase the seriousness of flu infection.

A flu vaccination will protect children but for this age group we know that onward spread of flu is much more likely than for adults so ensuring children are vaccinated will protect all those they are in contact with including family and nursery staff.

All children aged 2 or 3 by 31st August 2021, (those born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2019) can receive a flu vaccination at GP clinics. Children who are 2 or 3 will have a nasal spray, so no injections!

More information is available at www.nhs.uk/child-flu

Christmas activities

Christmas Activities There are so many amazing places in Somerset and surrounding counties that put on festive experiences for the whole family! Below are some ideas that might spark your festive spirit and ideas you can share with your families:

- Explore Percy the Park Keeper's winter wander trails (Dunster Castle, Fyne Court, Montacute House etc) <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/explore-percy-the-park-keepers-winter-wander-trails>
- Christmas at Montacute House <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/montacute-house/features/winter-at-montacute-house>
- Winterlights at West Somerset Railway <https://www.west-somerset-railway.co.uk/events/detail/winterlights>
- Santa's Grotto at Weston-super-Mare Pier <https://www.grandpier.co.uk/events/santas-grotto-2020>
- Planet Ice – Ice Skating in Bristol <https://planet-ice.co.uk/locations/bristol/>
- Winter Wonderland at Wookey Hole <https://www.wookey.co.uk/winter-wonderland/>
- Explore Hestercombe Gardens with Illuminate <https://www.hestercombe.com/whats-on/christmas-illuminations>

Dates for your Diary

17th December 2021 End of Winter Term
4th January 2021 Start of Spring Term

Cygnets Pre School

This week at pre-school we have had fun exploring Christmas sensory trays, playing with lots of glitter and painting. On Monday the children enjoyed a trip to the library to make reindeer food with a lady from the RSPCA. On Wednesday the children enjoyed their forest school session with Vernon. He made a fire and we had a go at roasting marshmallows!

Christmas crafts

We will be sending children home with a bag over the next week with all of their lovely Christmas crafts in. We hope you enjoy looking through them all.
The children have been so busy.

Finish for the Christmas Holiday

We will be finishing for Christmas next Friday 17th December ready for a Christmas break. We come back on Tuesday 4 January 2021.

Sunny Ile Pre School

At Sunny Ile we have had a very festive week, the children have been very busy doing lots of Christmas activities, making Christmas trees, singing Christmas songs, dancing, making reindeer food, and melting snowman biscuits. We have even had a visit from Father Christmas



Drinks Bottles

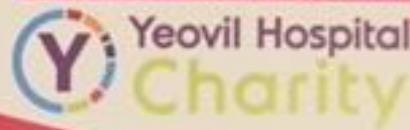
Could we please ask that the children's drinks bottles are named.

Christmas Week

We will be having a Christmas party week for the last week of term, if the children would like to wear Christmas clothing. The staff will be wearing Christmas Jumpers all week.



Breast Cancer Unit Appeal



Join our festive family fun run

SANTA DASH

with Yeovil Town Running Club

SUNDAY 12TH DECEMBER

at

Goldenstones Leisure Centre

Adults £10 | Child £5 | Under 5's Free



Bring your own
Santa Suit

Refreshments
Available

Registration 9am - 10:30am

Race starts 11am

Medals for all competitors



To register scan the QR code or visit the website

www.yeoviltownrrc.com/events/races/santa-dash.htm



XMAS Holiday Activity Programme Swanmead School



Pro-Coaching will be organising and running a sports coaching Christmas holiday provision at Swanmead School in Ilminster from Monday 20th to Thursday 23rd December - 9am to 1pm for Ages 5-13 years.

Children will have the opportunity to take part in a range of sporting activities with qualified coaches. All coaches have been DBS checked and a safeguarding and first aid lead will be always on site. Children will receive a free lunch and a snack.

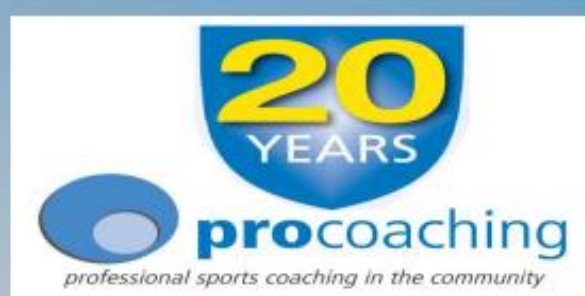
Paid places

The cost will be £12 per day. This includes free lunch and a snack.

This is available on a day-to-day basis but will need to be booked in advance. To book please go to <https://tinyurl.com/4s96b4hd>

Otherwise you can simply go to www.pro-coaching.co.uk

Or download the QR CODE to the right of this page by showing it with your camera on your phone.





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FREE - XMAS Holiday Activity Programme – Swanmead School

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Free school Meals children and children in care

The Activity Club is free of charge to any child who is in receipt of free school meals or child in in care or vulnerable. There is one week available. And you can book any amount.

Please use the discount code Happy* if child is on Free School Meals or Holiday* if in care or seen as vulnerable on the online form and it will not charge you.

To book your free place please go to <https://tinyurl.com/bddbe8pw>

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