

# **GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL**

**Incorporating Cygnets and Sunny Ile Pre Schools**

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## **Happy Christmas**

We wish all of our community a peaceful and happy Christmas and look forward to seeing everyone again in the New Year.



## **Mayor of Ilminster's Christmas Cards**

Well done to Golden Class pupils who designed the Christmas cards this year for Ilminster's Mayor, Cllr Burton. They designed six cards in total and were thrilled to receive examples of their finished card from the Mayor and Town Council office.



# TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

Did you know that the government expectation for times tables are as follows.....

*By the end of Y2, your child should recall multiplication and division facts for x2, x5 and x10 (not just count up in these steps but recall the answer to  $7 \times 5$ ).*

*By the end of Y3, your child should recall multiplication and division facts for x3, x4 and x8 (eg answer what is  $9 \times 3$ ).*

*By the end of Y4, your child is assessed online by the government for any multiplication up to  $12 \times 12$ .*

Over the Autumn Term, classes from Year 2 upwards have been gaining points as part of their weekly homework within our Times Table Rockstars App. Each week, the top class in Year 2, and the best three classes in Key Stage 2 have been awarded certificates whilst the top 3 students in each of the classes have also been awarded certificates. Mr Lewis has now accumulated all the points gained this Autumn Term to reveal the overall winning classes as follows:

Year 2 – The winning class Dunkerton with 526 points. Hook were just behind with 487 points.

In Key Stage 2 – The scores were very close! The winning class were Gatcombe with 1110 points, closely followed by Coker in second with 1052 points and Morgan in third place with 1011 points.

We will run the competitions again each week during the Spring term and announce the results at Easter. If your child is in Y2-4 and still unsure of the TT Rockstars login details please contact your class teacher via dojo.

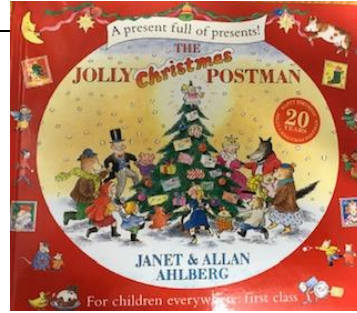
If you want to support your child in Times Tables then within our school website in the curriculum section there are Times Table Videos available for all times tables and practise sheets too. I also would suggest the website or App 'Hit the Button' which can be used for all types of number knowledge including number bonds, addition, subtraction, division and times tables in easy 1 minute challenges.

Mr Lewis and Miss Green



## Have a look at a book!

This week's book is The Jolly Christmas Postman, just the story to share in this festive period.



## Life Education

Life Education will be visiting again in January with Helen and Harold the Giraffe. Please see the attached letter for more details.

## Winter poems and art display

Do look out over the holidays for some wonderful poems by our Key Stage 2 classes alongside artwork by the children and snowmen from Reception. These are on display in the showcase window by Ilminster Emporium.



## Christmas Jumper Day

Many thanks to all who donated to Save the Children, we raised just over £200 for the charity and looked very festive at the same time.



## Online safety update



Thinkuknow is a fantastic resource base with lots of links which gives plenty of information about staying safe online for children of all ages – just click on the link for the age of the child(ren) you are supporting.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

## 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](mailto: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. **Please continue to send in any positive PCR results during the Christmas holidays to the office email above.**

If your child is identified as a close contact, it has now been confirmed yesterday, by Somerset Public Health, that they should lateral flow test for 7 days and only if they get a positive PCR or develop symptoms, should they go for a PCR test. Children should not attend school if they get a positive LFT result.

**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.



## Star of the Week

Congratulations to this week's Star of the Week nominations.

Dove	Rowan B & Honey J
Pippin	Arthur Mc & Stanley C-B
Sandew	Claudia S & Noah R
Golden	Jessie T & Esme B
Puffin	Toby L & Alex H
Camelot	Eva-Mae H & Archie-Albert W
Hook	Eliza G & Ella L
Dunkerton	Alfie C & Penny P
Morgan	Fletcher P & Maya B
Ashton	Sam W-F & Brooke H
Coker	Alexia L & Lana S
Coopers	Oscar C & Matilda G
Gatcombe	Kian N & Bailey B

Stars and certificates will be presented on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30am for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 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.**



## **FrOGS**

### **Tuck Shop**

Tuck shop returns in January. Those who have placed orders will start to receive their sweets in their school bag every Friday.

### **FrOGS Fundraising termly total - £1,430!**

Thanks to everyone's support of FrOGS this term we have raised an incredible **£1,430** (final amount pending as still taking raffle payments at time of going to press!) since October!

This has come from your purchases of Christmas cards and gifts, the Advent calendar raffle, our Afternoon Tea, Community Raffle and cake sale, the Christmas tree display in The Minster and the Christmas Hamper raffle! Thank you to the teaching staff at school for coordinating the artwork for the Christmas cards and also for the Christmas tree display, to parents (and grandparents!) for the cakes you baked (and bought!), to local businesses for their generous donations, and to our wider Ilminster community for coming to the Afternoon tea organised by the wonderful Helena from Tesco. Thanks to the Frogs Committee and volunteers and teaching staff – in particular - Elizah, Phaedra, Lydia, Hayley, Cassie, Miss Oaten, Sarah Rogers for putting together the hampers, Miss Cresswell and Mr Lewis for hosting an awesome online school disco and Mr Swift and Vernon for helping us as we try to secure more funding for the swimming pool. Fundraising at present continues to be a huge challenge for community organisations and schools so last but most certainly not least – thank you to all of you who have supported us by bringing in hamper donations and buying raffle tickets and cards and cakes! We couldn't do this without you!

Thanks to your support throughout 2021 we were able to ensure every class received a gift and sweets from Father Christmas when he visited the school. We have also been able to dress up as elves, learn how to bake a sponge cake or three and some of us, but not all of us have learnt how to dismantle the school tables at speed! If you too want to learn how to bake a sponge cake at 10:00pm at night, build resilience by asking for donations or just meet some other people who like to have a bit of a laugh whilst doing some good and spreading some cheer then please come along to the next FrOGS meeting on Thursday 20th January.

### **Advent calendar winners**

Angela Crouch and Vicky Richardson

### **Community raffle winners**

Mark Stratton, Helena Mary, Jenny Collins, Catherine Corbett, Phaedra Perry, Joanne Clark, Tina Budd, Vicky Cable, Elizah Hammelburg, Dawn Holton, Samantha Male, Diane Walsh, Lucy Watkins, Hayley Knief, Zoe Dyer, Richard Holme, Mary Ulrico, Graeme Spurway, Justyna, Kirsty Canos, Carole Clare, Harjey Hickman, Emma Chubb, Liz and Roger.

### **Christmas Hamper Raffle winners**

Lydia Inglis, Steph Pattenden, Jo Dyke, Lisa Loveless, Tracy Haines, Andrea Jackson, Jo Clarke

Afternoon tea photographs





# Sunny-Ile Pre-School Cygnet Pre-School



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## Sunny Ile and Cygnet Pre School

### Christmas

We would like to wish all our children and families a 'Very Happy Christmas' and a 'Prosperous New Year'. We look forward to welcoming you back in 2022 and hearing all the children's adventures over the festive periods



### COVID

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### COVID during Christmas Holidays

Should your child test positive for COVID during the festive period, please email the main Greenfylde school email. [greenfylde@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:greenfylde@educ.somerset.gov.uk) This allows us to monitor the cases in the school, where there may be a pattern. Thank you for your continued support in this extremely difficult time.



## **Dates for your Diary**

4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 Start of Spring Term

### **Sunny Ile Pre School**

It has finally arrived; we have had some very excited children this week. Sunny Ile have had an incredibly busy week with lots of Christmas activities, and party games. We have made Angels, Snowman Biscuits, peppermint creams, and snow.

### **Christmas Video**

Once again this year we have been unable to do a 'Christmas sing- a- long' we hope you have enjoyed watching the children's Christmas video, with some of the activities the children have been doing in December.

### **Cygnets Pre School**

This week at Cygnets we have had lots of fun with the soft play equipment and on Wednesday for our Forest school session we built another fire with Vernon and toasted marshmallows.

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy new year!! We hope you all have a wonderful time off and we look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 4th January



The Coram Life Education & SCARF team will be visiting our school this term.

The children's charity Coram Life Education provides Health and Wellbeing Education support to schools. Workshops are delivered by skilled educators and the **SCARF** resource is the framework of our PSHE (Personal, Social, Health & Economic) education curriculum.

### **Workshops – LifeBase**

The fun, interactive and age-appropriate workshops help children to understand the importance of physical and emotional health; they learn vital life-skills that are also known to help their overall achievement.

- Early Years and Key Stage 1: children learn about keeping their bodies healthy, managing feelings, being a good friend and the safe use of medicines.
- Key Stage 2: children explore emotional needs, choices that can affect health and wellbeing, qualities of friendship, how to cope with bullying and the influence of friends. They also consider the effects and risks of drug use, including medicines, alcohol and tobacco as well as learning about how few people in their age group actually use non-medical drugs – this is social norms education.

### **Wider PSHE education and SCARF**

Over 45,000 teachers across the UK are now subscribers – here are some reasons why we have chosen this resource:

- SCARF provides a whole-school approach to building essential foundations – crucial for children to achieve their best, academically and socially
- Supports learning across all ages
- Timetabled lessons to support mental health & wellbeing
- Covers all the new DfE statutory requirements for Relationships and Health Education
- Regularly updated online curriculum
- Supports our school in meeting Ofsted's expectations
- UK's leading charity provider – not for profit

Click [here](#) to find out more about Coram Life Education & SCARF