

GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL

Incorporating Cygnets and Sunny Ile Pre Schools

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ELSA newsletters

Just a reminder to families that our two ELSAs (Emotional Literacy Support Assistants) have produced some very helpful newsletters around mental health and emotions and these are available on our school website at

<https://www.greenfylde.somerset.sch.uk/keyinformation/elsa/>

World Book Day

Advance notice that we would like our children and staff to dress up again to celebrate books and stories on World Book Day, Thursday 3rd March. Our FrOGS are discussing having a costume swap if this is something families think would be useful, so if interested please let FrOGS know via their facebook page.



Safeguarding

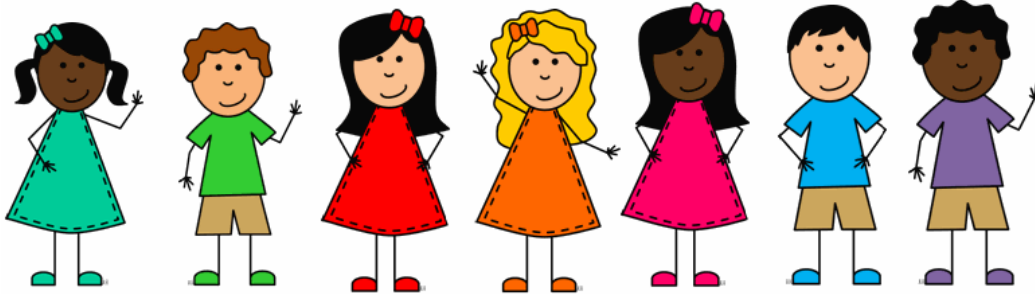
Please can we encourage families to be on time for school, The school bell goes at 9am and children should be in their classroom by this point. We have a number of children arriving in the half hour after 9am and whilst we appreciate things can go wrong as a one off, we need children to otherwise be arriving on time as lessons start promptly and it can be difficult for them if they have missed the initial teaching for a lesson.

Car park and parking

For the sake of our community please can we continue to encourage families to park legally when dropping off/collecting from school. We would also like to ask if cars waiting in a morning on the car park can help us by not leaving their engines running as the fumes level has been noticeable for the children waiting and staff on the gate. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

Class Dojo/Tapestry

Due to staff shortages please be aware that it may take longer to get responses from Class Dojo/Tapestry. Any messages re absence including Covid and medical appointments or change in who is collecting should be sent to the school office who will forward to classes.



Covid update

Currently we have 22 cases and remain in a situation where we have a number of staff off so your child may be seeing different staff in their classroom.

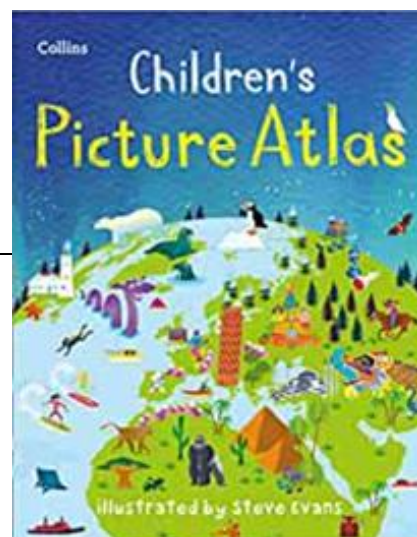
If you do receive an email from us that your child has a case in their class, if they have been in please can you consider LFTs for 7 days so we can break any transmission as quickly as possible. We appreciate doing LFTs aren't that nice (adults as well as children!) but they do help us in preventing the spread of Covid.

We will be staying in Amber enhanced measures whilst for us, our numbers are higher, and Public Health have told us they expect the peak of this Covid wave to hopefully be in the next week in schools and then we should begin to see a decline.

We wish all our staff, pupils and families with Covid a speedy recovery.

Look at a book

This week's book recommendation comes from Mr Lewis.' A children's atlas is a fantastic way to get to know about the world we live on. Try and find a fact and share it with your class!



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. They may be able to leave isolation and return to school on day 6 if day 5 and day 6 lateral flow tests, tested at least 24 hours apart are both negative.

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. Isolation can end early as above. 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.

From the 11th January, children who test positive on LFT without symptoms do not need to get a PCR test and instead start their isolation of 10 full days post the day of the test. As above this can end earlier if the additional tests are met.

A reminder that any information e.g if your child is waiting for a test or when they have received a result **must** 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. **We also request that you don't send this via Class Dojo or Tapestry.** 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 and are 5 and over, they should lateral flow test for 7 days and only go for a PCR test if they develop symptoms. Children should not attend school if they get a positive LFT result – see guidance above re what to do if children receive a positive LFT.

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/under the weather' 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	Laurence P & Reggie S
Pippin	Arthur P & Ernest F
Sandew	Jack S & Evyn R-L
Golden	Beth C & Lucy C
Puffin	Lila-Claire L & Maddison-Beau S
Camelot	Lenny A & Daisy W
Hook	Melissa N & Alfey S
Dunkerton	Elise W & Luca K
Morgan	Chloe P & Betsy B
Ashton	Lwandile Z & Henry C
Coker	Oscar K & Ruby C
Coopers	Bruno B & Luke H
Gatcombe	Oscar B & Jennifer A

Stars and certificates will be presented on Thursday 10th February at 9.30am for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and Friday 11th February 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.**

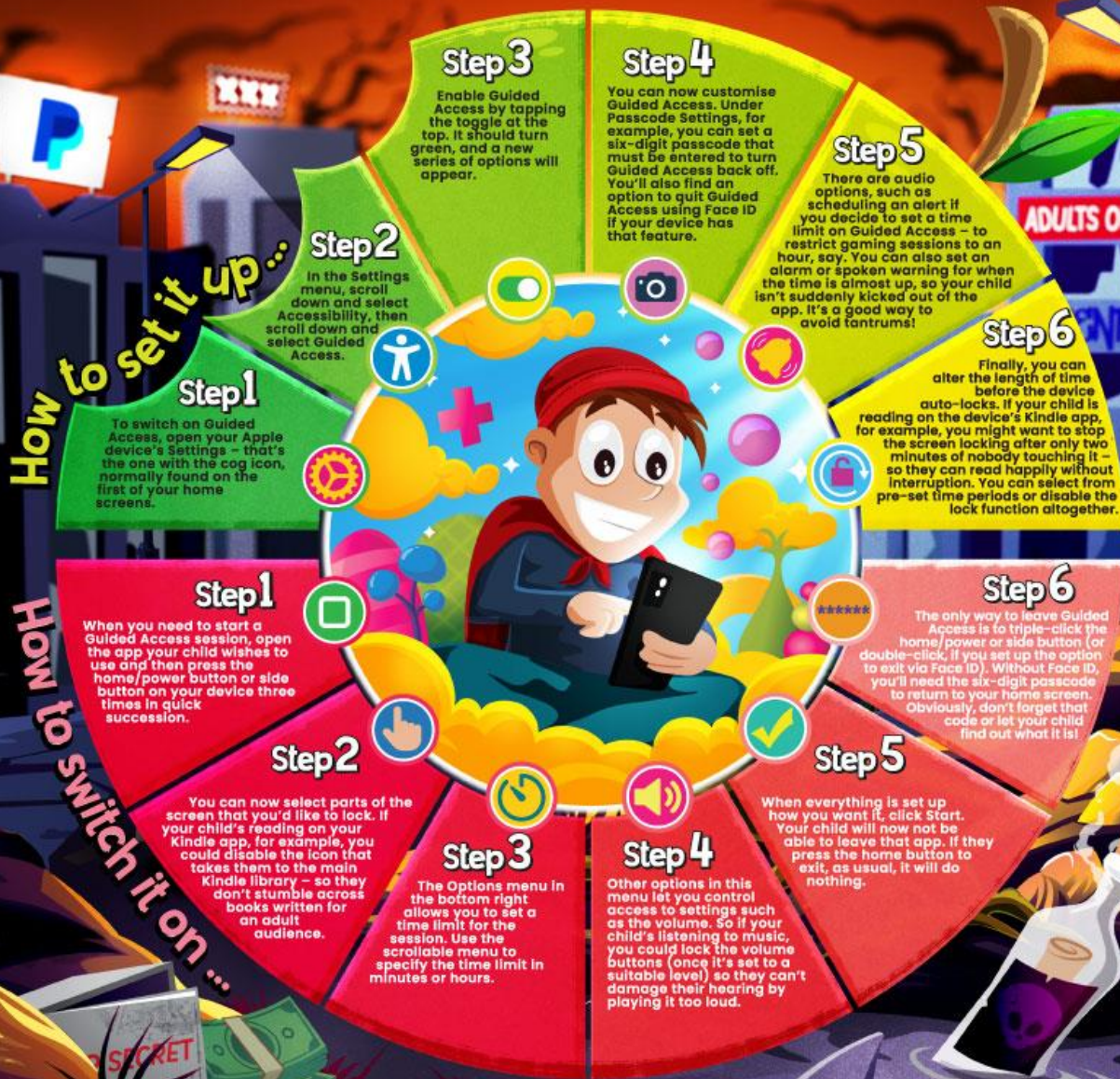


Online safety update

What Parents and Carers Need to Know about APPLE GUIDED ACCESS

iPhones and iPads don't offer separate user accounts. So when you hand your Apple device to a child to play a game or watch a video, you're also handing them access to your email, the web, messaging and numerous other apps through which they could accidentally do something regrettable.

Apple Guided Access solves this potential problem by letting you restrict the iPhone or iPad to one particular app whenever your child uses the device. If they try and leave that app, they will be asked for a password or Face ID, meaning they can't access anything they shouldn't elsewhere on the device. Here, we show you how to find and set up the Guided Access feature, so you can confidently let your child borrow your iPhone or iPad.



Meet Our Expert

Barry Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 20 years, working for titles such as the Sunday Times, Which?, PC Pro and Computeractive. He's appeared regularly as a technology pundit on television and radio, including on Newsnight, Radio 5 Live and the ITV News at Ten. He has two children and has writes regularly about internet safety issues.



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Sunny-Ile Pre-School Cygnet Pre-School



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Thank you

We would like to say a big thank you to all our parents and careers for helping with the smooth running of our preschools by labelling all lunch boxes, drinks, coats, bags, hats etc. It may appear to be just a name label, but it saves many problems.



Art Exhibition – Ilminster Meeting House

There is an 'Exhibition of the Children's Art work' at Ilminster Meeting House from 22nd February to the 5th March if you get the chance please do go and view their work.

Dates for your diary

Half term – 21st February – 25th February 2022 we return to preschool on Monday 28th February

Sunny Ile Preschool

As always, we have had a very busy week at Sunny Ile Preschool. The children have had lots of fun drawing pictures in 'Paint Pockets' and then making the pictures disappear. We have had Tigers hiding in amongst the red, gold and orange fabric, for 'Chinese New Year'

The sun has started shining, we have been out planting Daffodil bulbs with the children, the children are very excited to see them grow and flower.



Cygnnet Preschool

This week the children have enjoyed making tiger masks and lanterns to celebrate Chinese new year. We have also had lots of fun being outside using different resources to mark make on the floor such as chalk and water.

Sound of the week:

Next week our letter/sound of the week will be 'w'

Bird watching:

The children have loved getting involved with the Great British bird count, so far we have spotted a black bird, robin and lots of seagulls. We'd love to hear what birds you can spot when out and about.



£17
for all
day!

PREMIER EDUCATION TAUNTON HOLIDAY CAMPS

9.30am-
3:00pm

Monday 21st February 2022

Venue: Greenfylde First School TA19 0DS

MULTI-SPORTS ACTIVITY DAY



What we'll be getting up to:

Team building- Children will be put into various teams where they will work together to complete challenges.

Dance & gym- Children will get to express movement through our dance and gym sessions!

Football- One of the more classic sports we run. Children will be put in teams to play a 5-side tournament.



Other activities include:

Dodgeball- Working in a team, children will work together to try and hit the other team with their dodgeballs!

Nerf Games- Children will be split into teams where they will build unbreakable forts to take cover from the other teams!

Please wear sports/casual clothes, bring a packed lunch and soft drinks!

How to book:

Online- www.premier-education.com

Call Andrew- 07776 108281



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