

GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL

Incorporating Cygnets and Sunny Ile Pre Schools

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Covid

We are pleased to report that currently our rates are dropping and we currently have 17 cases across the school made up of pupils and staff.

Whilst we await the guidance for hopefully after half term please can we remind families that currently if a child develops one of the 3 main Covid symptoms (loss of taste/smell, high temperature and/or new continuous cough) they must have a PCR and not a LFT to confirm/dismiss Covid. If you are ever unsure about what your child needs we are happy to try and help in the school office or signpost to advice.

Crossing Patrol

Advance notice that the North Street crossing patrol will not have a School Crossing Patrol on Friday 18th March but will return on Tuesday 22nd. Please be aware if you use this route to school.



Safeguarding

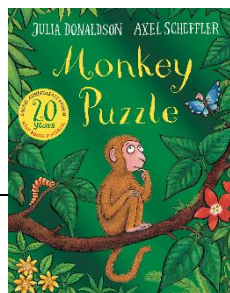
Please can we encourage families to help us support the safety of our children by not parking on the yellow zig zag lines on Silver Street, Wharf Lane and the (Orchard Vale) Wharf Lane car park. These need to be left clear for safe access into and out of school and are also the designated stop points for the school transport (minibus/taxi) who need access everyday. Any vehicles parked at times within the signed restrictive access do risk being fined by the SCC parking patrols.

Advance Notice – Red Nose Day 2022

We would like to support Red Nose Day on Friday 18th March with a non-uniform day where children may choose to wear something red or anything that they are comfortable in and makes them smile and be ready to share a joke with their class. As usual we are suggesting a donation of 50p per family brought in on the day.

Look at a book

This week's book is nominated by Camelot class, 'Monkey Puzzle' by Julia Donaldson. Camelot class explained, 'We love Julia Donaldson books and even though we have read this one many times, we still love seeing all of the animals and spotting all of the rhyming words.'



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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	Juliet O & Joseph T
Pippin	Victoriah P & Lottie H-B
Sandew	Thea P-M & Rohan S
Golden	Freddie B-R & Max C
Puffin	Bradley G & Benjamin W
Camelot	Lysander E & Bramah B
Hook	Erin M & Jax W
Dunkerton	Robyn M & Lily M
Morgan	Liam C & Maya B
Ashton	Oscar P & Finley P
Coker	Amelie R & Harrison A
Coopers	Oscar R & Olivia M
Gatcombe	Eli K & Alice H

Stars and certificates will be presented on Thursday 17th February at 9.30am for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and Friday 18th 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

CHECK IN WITH YOUR FRIENDS

If one of your friends doesn't seem OK, checking in on them can make a huge difference. One in every five children struggles with their mental health, so let's make sure we support each other through any difficult times.



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FrOGS news

FrOGS - The Great Greenfylde Flip Off – Sponsored Pancake Flip – Tuesday 1 March



On **Tuesday 1 March** Greenfylde, Cygnets and Sunny-Ile are invited to take part in a mass sponsored pancake flip – one class at a time – to raise money for FrOGS to put towards furnishing the new primary school libraries and playgrounds. How many pancakes can you flip in one minute? Which class will flip the most? Will you be Top of the Flips or Top of the Flops? Every child gets to take part in the fun and will earn a certificate with a record of their flipping achievement.

Where families are able to, FrOGS are asking that children/families gain sponsorship ahead of our Flip Off. A sponsorship form will be coming out to all families before half term. Sponsors can choose between sponsoring a child for every flip, sponsoring a set amount no matter how many are flipped and/or a set amount per family. Sponsorship can come from friends and wider family too, not just parents or carers. Every child will take part in the fun no matter what so please just give what you are able to.

Keen to be Top of the Flips? Grab a frying pan and a wrap and get flipping over half term too! Please collect and return sponsorship money to FrOGS by 9:00am Friday 4 March. Cash and Cheques (made payable to Friends of Greenfylde School please) must be placed in an envelope with your child's name and class and reference 'Pancake'. This must go through the front door to the school office and not via teachers please. Or sponsorship can be paid in directly via BACS to Friends of Greenfylde School, 30-92-40 Account: 01410937. Please reference 'Pancake' Good Luck!

FrOGS – Tuck shop payment deadline -Tuesday 15 February

Payments for Spring term 2 tuck shop are due in by **4pm Tuesday 15 February** at the latest please. Money can be posted through the front door to the school office (not via teachers please) in an envelope with your child's name, class and number of bags of sweets required. The cost is £3.00 per child for 6 weeks. PayPal payments will also accepted to elizahsander@gmail.com Friends and family option only. Again please include your child's name, class and number of bags required in the reference. Thank you!

FrOGS Fancy dress appeal – Costume drop Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th February. World Book Day Costume Sale Thursday 17th and Friday 18th February

Do you have any good or excellent condition fancy dress costumes which your children have grown out of and no longer require? If so please consider donating these to FrOGS. We will then be able to hold regular cheap sales of second hand costumes back to the school community ahead of annual events such as World Book Day, Victorian Day, Christmas Jumper Day, Save the Children and others. We are specifically looking for costumes for world book day but will take any others off your hands and hold onto them until closer to events. Please could we ask for donations to be washed and brought into the school office on **Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th February**. Suitable items for World Book Day will then be sold on the school playground on **Thursday 17th and Friday 18th February** in time for World Book Day after half term on Thursday 3 March.

FrOGS Cake sale volunteers required

You all seemed to love the FrOGS cake sale before Christmas. If you'd like to see more of these please consider volunteering as a cake sale coordinator for your Year group. As cake sale coordinator you will encourage parents and carers from across your year groups to bake, purchase and donate cakes to sell and will also help man the cake sale stall with the support of the FrOGS committee. If you are interested please contact co-chair Phaedra Perry on phaedraneal@hotmail.com





Sunny-Ile Pre-School Cygnet Pre-School



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Sunny Ile and Cygnet Pre School

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Healthy Eating

Children grow and develop quickly, and it's important to ensure they are eating well to get all the energy and nutrients they need for growth, development and learning. Preschool age children need to eat foods from all five healthy food groups – Vegetables, Fruit, Grain foods, Dairy and Protein

Please find below some websites which have with lots of ideas and advice

<https://www.nutrition.org.uk/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/eat-well/the-eatwell-guide/>

Make food fun for children, encourage them to help you do the shopping and then to make the food with you.



Dates for your diary

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

World Book Day – Thursday March 3rd

Sunny Ile Preschool

As always, another busy week for the children. This week we have been singing and acting out lots of Nursery Rhymes, the children have had lots of fun filling and emptying pots and containers with the purple sand.

We have changed our Role Play area to 'Construction' all the children have loved this, building and balancing with bricks, using the tools and dressing up.

We have also changed our display board; the children have helped Debbie to paint Welly boots and umbrellas pictures to put up.

World book day

Thursday 3rd March is World Book Day, we would like our children to dress in Pyjamas for the day to celebrate world book day

Car Parking

Parking Permits are available to allow you to park in (Orchard Vale) Wharf Lane Car Park for dropping off and collecting your children. These permits allow you 10 minutes free parking to pick up or drop off your child. Please see a member of staff or email sunnyile@educ.somerset.gov.uk if you require one.

Cygnets Preschool

This week at preschool we've been busy talking about Valentine's Day, we've been thinking about our emotions and the people who are special to us and what makes them special.

We've also been focusing on number recognition and looking at our wonderful display of Chinese New Year lanterns and tiger faces.

Lunchboxes:

Can we please remind you that we are a nut free setting. Some sandwich fillings and cereal bars may contain nuts and nut traces, we ask that labels are checked before putting these in children's lunchboxes due to allergy reasons.



BEAVERS

Ages 6-8

Ilminster's Beaver Section are looking for members aged 6-8 to join our adventures! Interested?

When: Tuesdays 5.30pm-6.30pm, term time (time varies slightly with covid measures)

Where: Based at the **Ile Youth Club** but we love to get outside when we can! We also have a campsite at Huish Woods.



Parents are encouraged to join in on our Parent Rota. It's a great opportunity to have shared experiences with your children and for you both to gain life skills. #SkillsForLife

Join us...

Make Friends

Games

Campfires & Marshmallows

Wellie Walks

SO much fun!

Crafts

Nature Activities


Life Skills


Badges



Contact: Nala, aka Ericka



 Ilminsterbeaversection@gmail.com
for more information.

 [@IlminsterScoutGroup](https://www.facebook.com/IlminsterScoutGroup)

Interested in Cubs? (8-10yrs)

 Ilminstercubssection@gmail.com

Scouts

1st Ilminster Scout Group



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8:45/9am - 3:30pm
(8am -5pm available)

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February Half-Term

Reception - 10yrs
(see Explore Plus for
11-16yrs)

@Frogmary Green Farm, South Petherton

Mon 21st: Italy

Cook a delicious Pizza to eat and have a go at taste testing some different toppings, learn some fun facts & build towers!



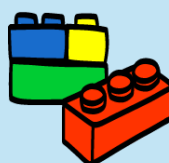
Tues 22nd: Harry Potter

Potions, Mythical Creatures and Charms
Bubbling creations, flying feathers and using your imagination to create!



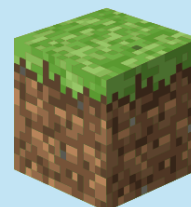
Weds 23rd: Lego

Team Challenges, Individual Builds & Lego Art



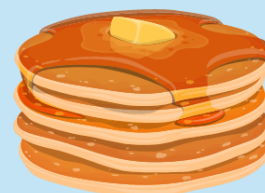
Thurs 24th: Minecraft

Complete the tasks to win the diamonds!
Within a small team build a shelter, practice your archery and light a small fire. Solve puzzles, play games and create your own Minecraft art.



Fri 25th: Pancake Day

Games, races and of course - Pancakes!
Try some different toppings and have a go at cooking a pancake over the fire - lots of fun and skills to learn!



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11-16 yrs

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Mon 21st: Wellbeing

Start the holidays with a day of chill! Take part in some relaxation exercises, make a stress bottle or do your own thing!

RELAX

Tues 22nd: Gameshow

Time to engage your brain with some Gameshow fun! Join in with Rama Life's Taskmaster Game or open a board game if you prefer!



Weds 23rd: Challenge

Fancy yourself a detective? Have a crack at our murder mystery and escape room! Have you got what it takes to survive Rama Life's Wednesday?



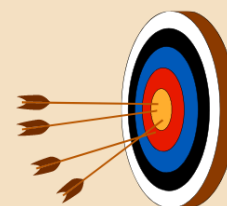
Thurs 24th: Creative

Felting, Glass Painting and Theatrics - no experience needed - just come along and join in. Not feeling artistic? Play pool or table tennis or bring in a favourite game or book.



Fri 25th: Active

Rounders, Dodgeball, Obstacle Courses and Archery - this really is a day of getting moving and having a laugh with friends. You don't have to be fit - just ready for fun!



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