

# **GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL**

**Incorporating Cygnets and Sunny Ile Pre Schools**

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## **Calling our Community**

We need your help in choosing a name, vision and values for the new primary in Ilminster. We will be engaging with our community in lots of different ways so we can hear your views and ideas and have a true community input to these key decisions.

If you are out shopping on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March come and see us outside Tesco, Ilminster from 9am to 12pm. There will also be a chance to talk to us in the Market Square on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March from 9.30am to 11am.

For those who visit the Minster, our engagement boards will be there from the afternoon of Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March to Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Do come along and read about the new school and the areas we need you to help us with.

Pupils in both schools have already shared their ideas for their new school and we will also be engaging with families and staff via online questionnaires.

This is an exciting time in our town's educational development so do try to come along to one of these as it is important everyone's voice is heard in shaping our future name, vision and values.

## **Fairtrade Display**

This week the children have been learning all about Fairtrade for Fairtrade Fortnight and the children's work will be on display Saturday morning outside Tesco with the Fairtrade committee and from Monday for two weeks in the showcase display next to the Ilminster Emporium.

## **Access to the School Office**

Please can we remind families that access to the office is only via the front door and not via the back door from the playground.

## **Star of the Week from Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February**

We will be holding the star of the week assembly we missed due to the unforeseen weather closure on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 10am. New invites will be sent out by the school office.

## **The Great Greenfylde Flip Off a Pan-tastic success!**

All the children across Greenfylde, Sunny Ile and Cygnets pre-schools have had a fabulous time this week taking part in either the pancake flipping (Greenfylde) or pancake racing (pre-schools) competition. We hope they all enjoyed the fun and came home feeling proud of their flipping (and racing!) achievements!

A huge thank you to all those who have been able to sponsor the children to take part – the monies raised from the Flip Off will go towards furnishing the new school libraries and playgrounds across the split site of the primary school. The event was made possible thanks to the generosity of Tesco Ilminster and Poundland Yeovil who donated the wraps for flipping and discounted the frying pans – which will be used for future Pancake day events!

**If you haven't already done so please do pay in any sponsorship monies by BACS or cash or cheques by the end of Monday 7 March so we can let you know how much we raised!**

Cash/cheques to Friends of Greenfylde School in an envelope via the school office. Please reference pancake on the envelope. BACS to Friends of Greenfylde School sort code: 30 92 40 Account 01410937 and again please reference Pancake.

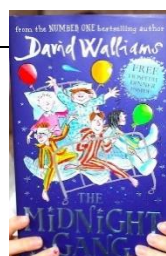


## **Swimming Pool**

We are hoping to reopen our swimming pool at the start of the Easter holiday and are looking for volunteers to help with opening/closing the pool and with taking bookings. Volunteers who help throughout the season from Easter to October will be able to have 3 free swim sessions. If you think you can help please contact Mr Swift via the school office.

## **Look at a book**

This week Morgan class have nominated 'The Midnight Gang' by David Walliams. 'We are starting a book club in Morgan class for this book because we love it so much. It is interesting and exciting. The children in the book go on a really exciting adventure, which we loved reading about.'



## Feedback from our School Food Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed our survey at the end of last term. We had families representing 21 of our pupils respond, which is 6% of our school population. Of those who responded, 57% had school meals everyday, 33% some times had school meals and 10% never accessed school meals.

53% of those who had school meals stated that they enjoyed them, with 60% indicating pizza was their favourite meal. The highest dislike was vegetables at 21%.

From the comments we have done the following:

**You said:** Please can we have wider variety and more options

**We did:** Governors are currently looking at how we will source our school meals in September in the new school and we will ensure this, alongside the requests for more child friendly, high quality food will be key areas we require from any supplier. Where we have any concerns raised with meals currently we always pass these on directly to our supplier and ask them to act on the feedback.

**You said:** Please can KS2 meals be cheaper

**We did:** Unfortunately, suppliers have a similar pricing structure for all KS2 meals based around the agreed Government level for EYFS/KS1 meals. There is little variation in these and we appreciate the cost of meals can be difficult for families. We would always encourage families who think they may qualify to check if they are eligible for free school meals.

**You said:** Please can we know which meals children are eating each day

**We did:** we appreciate it is difficult to check back on the app to see an overview of the meals. Moving forward we will aim to post the menu on our newsletter each time it changes so families always have access to a copy. We know some families screen shoot the menu on their mobile phones so they have it available in their gallery when required.

**You said:** Can children have jacket potatoes each day

**We did:** As a school, we have signed up to fully follow the School Food Guidance from the DfE, this means in balancing the weekly diet we are limited to the number of times jacket potatoes can be offered. Therefore it is not possible for us to offer jacket potatoes everyday.

We also want to ensure families are aware of UIFSM (Universal Infant Free School Meals) as 10% of respondents with children in these age groups were unaware of this. These free meals are funded by the Government for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and children do not have to have these everyday and can just choose the days when advance booking when they would like to have the hot meal offered.

We also asked about food in wrap around care and following the comments we are asking the leads to look at how more variety could be included and to have more drinks available.





## Covid

Whilst Covid legislation has changed, we are still asking families to support the school by following the Government's recommended guidance below. This will remain in place until tests are no longer available free, which we anticipate will be 1<sup>st</sup> April.

### **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.

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](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. **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.

**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 stars of the week

Dove	Hughie J & Vienna H
Pippin	Ella F & River F
Sandew	Lila I & Ariadna B
Golden	Luke H & Jacob D
Puffin	Elsie R & Albert W
Camelot	Matilda D & Roman-Howard G
Hook	Dexter S & Emily N
Dunkerton	Seren M & Rian P
Morgan	Mason T & Oliver G
Ashton	Poppy O & Rory D
Coker	Freddie C & Ebony O
Coopers	Riley F & Daisy G
Gatcombe	Jack T & Oscar W-N

Stars and certificates will be presented on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 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

On Safer Internet Day in February, each class answered some questions about the games that they play. Roblox came up as an answer for several classes so we wanted to share some information about the game and how to keep your child safe if they are playing this. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/roblox/>



# SCHOOLS GO VISUAL IX

## February 22 - March 5

**Ninth display of work by local school children**  
**An exhibition that is filled with colour and creativity**



On the final day the exhibition  
will close at 1pm

**Opening hours:**  
Tuesday-Friday 9.30am—3.30pm  
Saturday 9.30am—3pm  
Closed Sundays & Mondays

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# Sunny-Ile Pre-School Cygnet Pre-School



Newsletter - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022

## Sunny Ile and Cygnet Pre School

### Welcome Back

Welcome back to all our families and hope you have all had a restful week off, with many adventures. Once again we look forward to hearing all the children's stories and adventures.

### COVID

In light of the changes to the Government guidance from Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022, the following guidance has been issued.

Contact tracing has now ended nationally so we will no longer be informing parents where there is a positive case. The guidance has ended the need for close contacts to LFT for 7 days as well.

If a child has one of the 3 main Covid symptoms (high temperature, loss of taste/smell and/or new continuous cough) they will still need to get a PCR (not LFT) test. Whilst isolation is now guidance not law **we would strongly recommend that positive cases do isolate for at least 5 full days following their day 0** and have 2 clear, 24 hours apart LFTs (LFTs can still be sourced via <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>). This is the same advice we are giving to our staff to try and support our school community. Guidance will change again on the 1<sup>st</sup> April and we will update this when that happens.

We will keep contingencies in place if required and as per local Public Health guidance, these will come into use if the following occur:

A higher than previously experienced and/or rapidly increasing number of staff or student absences due to COVID-19 infection

Evidence of severe disease due to COVID-19, for example if a pupil, student, child or staff member is admitted to hospital due to COVID-19

A cluster of cases where there are concerns about the health needs of vulnerable staff or students within the affected group.

We hope this answers any questions you may have.

Entry/exit to school, focus on hygiene/cleaning and ventilation will remain as it was before half term.

### Change of Clothes

Please could we ask that you ensure that your child has a change of clothes in their school bag. We do have free flow play outside / inside in most weathers. As we are sure you are aware children are always drawn to the tiniest amount of water.

## **Red Nose Day 2022**

Advance notice – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March is 'Red Nose Day' we would like to ask the children to wear something 'red' or if not anything that makes them happy. We are suggesting a donation of 50p per family be brought in on the day.



## **Dates for your diary**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022 – Red nose day

## **Sunny Ile Preschool**

The children have had lots of fun this week, outside, especially when it has been raining, jumping in the puddles and running in the rain.



## **Pancake Races**

We have had lots of fun taking part in 'The Great Greenfylde Flip Off'. The children tried really hard to master the skill of flipping the pancakes. We drew our own pancakes with the toppings we would like on them for tea. Don't forget to return your sponsor forms.

## **Role Play and Painting**

We now have 'Shops' set up in our role play area. The children have really enjoyed making shopping lists, visiting the shops and chatting about what they have bought.

We have also been practicing our skills at painting, we have brought some daffodils inside, the children have been looking closely at them to try and paint the flowers.

## **Cygnets Pre School**

This week at Cygnets the children have really enjoyed using their imaginations in our new role play set up. They've shared lots of different ideas and worked together to turn it into a house, a shop and a cafe! We enjoyed a forest school session with Vernon on Wednesday, where the children enjoyed playing some games including matching animals with the different tracks they might make. We have also had a busy week of making pancakes - we enjoyed eating them too! On Thursday we celebrated world book day by wearing our pyjamas and sharing stories.

## **Tapestry**

We have uploaded lots of lovely photos to tapestry, please take a look and see what fun we've been having.

## **Pancake races**

We took part in the FrOGS fundraiser this week and the children had fun racing with their 'pancakes'. Don't forget your sponsor forms.



# 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


Badges


Life Skills




Contact: Nala, aka Ericka



 [Ilminsterbeaversection@gmail.com](mailto:Ilminsterbeaversection@gmail.com)  
for more information.

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

Interested in Cubs? (8-10yrs)  
 [Ilminstercubsection@gmail.com](mailto:Ilminstercubsection@gmail.com)

**Scouts**

1st Ilminster Scout Group



Rama Life are starting a new Youth Art Club starting Weds 2nd March, 4pm-5pm, at Seavington Hall (Water St, Ilminster TA19 0QH)

Ages 6-17 - £6 (£4 Sibling)

No experience necessary, join us for a relaxing hour of art & crafts. Weekly themes & activities, bring along your own sketchbook/projects to work on or show and time to explore materials and styles.

Lots of car parking, play park suitable for toddlers upwards and cafes available in nearby South Petherton or Ilminster.

To book or to get in touch: [www.ramalife.co.uk/booking](http://www.ramalife.co.uk/booking)

