

GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL

Incorporating Cygnets and Sunny Ile Pre Schools

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Happy Easter

We want to wish all our families a very Happy Easter and to thank everyone for all your support over this term.

It has certainly been a busy time but with some great highlights including Science Day, World Book Day, Fairtrade Fortnight and Safer Internet Day. And alongside this the engagement events that have led to us having our new school name for September, Herne View C of E Primary. Planning for the new school is a very exciting opportunity and we are looking forward to all the changes that we have planned to make our new school a welcoming and enjoyable environment for the children. Further updates on our progress will continue to be sent next term.

This term has also seen our highest rates of staff and pupil absence with Covid and words alone do not seem enough to show the appreciation for how staff have pulled together to ensure we kept the school and our teaching and learning ongoing for the pupils. Thank you as well to all the families who worked with us and appreciated when we may not have been able to answer some things as quickly as possible due to staffing absence.

We are all looking forward to our Summer Term especially as we have some special events planned for the Jubilee and to celebrate Greenfylde C of E First School in its final term and further details about these will be coming out after Easter.



Good bye and good luck

At the end of this term we say goodbye to two of our learning support assistants. Nicola Munro has worked at Greenfylde for over 20 years and over that time her care, nurture and support has been appreciated by hundreds of children and families. She has been involved in lots of areas of school life and will be greatly missed by all for her calm and caring manner and we wish her well as she retires to spend more time with her family.

We are also saying goodbye to Kate Withers who has worked at the school as a 1:1 and more recently as a classroom learning support assistant and ELSA. Kate has brought a range of skills to support pupil wellbeing and SEND which have been much appreciated and we wish her well as she moves to take on her new role.

Look at a book

Recommended by Golden class - it tells us how wonderful all different kind of chips are, and we all love chips!



FrOGS now accepting Swimming Pool membership applications

You can now purchase your 2022 Greenfylde pool membership for just £10! Once a member, sessions then cost £15 per hour for up to 10 people (including 2 adults). You must be a member to book the pool.

To become a member please complete and submit the form via the link below and make your membership payment via BACS, referencing Pool and your first and last name to: Friends of Greenfylde School, sort code: 30 92 40 Account no: 01410937

The pool will be open for booking from this Friday 9 April. Information on how to book will be sent to you once your membership has been confirmed.

Click here to become a member: <https://forms.gle/P36rt1bJsXMrT5VQ6>



Covid guidance

Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days

Star of the Week

Congratulations to this week's stars of the week

Dove	Juliet O & Reggie S
Pippin	Stanley C-B & Logan I
Sandew	Jacob M & Mabel C
Golden`	Lucy C & Louisa L
Puffin	Thomas G & Matilda-Rose P
Camelot	Jacob L & Eva-Mae H
Hook	Archie W-N & Annabella M
Dunkerton	Freddie K & Jacob C
Morgan	Luke H & Amelia B
Ashton	Cody C & James L
Coker	Amelie R & Euan G
Coopers	Jack L & Daisy G
Gatcombe	Ava D & Eli K

Stars and certificates will be presented on Thursday 28th April at 9.30am for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and Friday 29th April 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

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about THE OFCOM CHILDREN AND PARENTS: MEDIA USE AND ATTITUDES REPORT 2022



NOS National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

Sources: <https://www.ofcom.gov.uk/consult/condocs/children-media-use-and-attitudes-report-2022.pdf>

SOCIAL MEDIA AND LIVE STREAMING

Age groups	Children who use live streaming apps	Children who use social media
3 to 4-year-olds	32%	21%
5 to 7-year-olds	39%	33%
8 to 11-year-olds	54%	64%
12 to 15-year-olds	73%	91%
16 to 17-year-olds	79%	97%



Sunny-Ile Pre-School Cygnet Pre-School



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COVID

From the 1st April, Covid guidance has changed. On Tuesday 29 March, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Sajid Javid, set out the next steps for living with COVID19 in England from Friday 1 April. Updated guidance is: Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.

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For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days. In the coming weeks, mainstream childcare and education settings will manage Covid as an Acute Respiratory Infection (ARI), in line with other infectious diseases. We will still maintain enhanced handwashing, cleaning and ventilation as we move to a new phase of Covid.

We are asking that if children are too unwell for school they are kept at home, especially if they have a temperature.

If your child is not attending pre-school can we please ask that you either send us an email or telephone the setting.

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Cygnets 01460 57444 – cygnetspreschool@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Easter Holidays

We would like to wish all our families a 'Happy Easter' and hope that you have a relaxing Easter holidays full of adventures, we look forward to hearing all about them on your returns, it would be lovely to see some of your adventures on Tapestry. We look forward to seeing you all again on week starting 25th April.

Sugar Coated Mini Eggs

We would like to advise you that sugar coated mini eggs could possibly be a choking hazard. They are the perfect shape and size to lodge in a child's throat. Please be aware of this as Easter approaches. We ask that they are not included in your children's lunch boxes.

Childcare Choices – Tax Free Childcare.

Tax Free Childcare is a government scheme to support working parents with childcare costs. For every £8 you pay in, the Government will pay in an extra £2. You can get up to £2000 per child per year (or £4000 for disabled children). Tax-Free Childcare will be available for children under 12 years old (under 17 years old for disabled children) and can be used to contribute towards nursery, child-minder and after-school care. You can apply via www.childcarechoices.gov.uk. To be eligible, parents must be in work (including self-employment) and each earning at least £120 per week and not more than £100,000 per year.

Sunny Ile Preschool

What a hectic last week the children have had at Sunny Ile Preschool. We have been very busy doing lots of Easter Activities. We have made ‘Crispy Cake Birds Nest’, hopefully these made it home!

The children have decorated Easter egg pictures and coloured Easter pictures. We had a giant Easter Egg hunt, where we hid Easter Eggs pictures around the garden, the children counted whilst they were hidden and then looked for them.

We have been making Easter Eggs with play dough and counted them as we put them in Easter baskets.

Sunflowers

Our Sunflowers for Somerset have arrived and we have been sending these out this week, for the children to grow at home. We would love to see some photos on Tapestry of how tall they get. We will keep you posted on how ours are growing at Preschool.



Cygnets Pre School

This week at Cygnets we've been enjoying lots of Easter crafts. The children have had fun exploring the Easter crafts box, making bird feeders and painting observations of daffodils and baking some yummy Easter treats. We've also had a go at some Easter themed sewing to practice our fine motor skills as well as having lots of fun in the garden.

Weather

With the ever-changeable weather at the moment please can we ask that children come with appropriate coats and shoes/wellies as we like to go out in the garden as much as we can? The team would like to wish you all a fantastic Easter break, we look forward to seeing you all again after the Easter holidays where we will be focusing more on school readiness for our school leavers.

Tuning in to Teens™

Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

A free, five- session virtual 'crash course' for parents unable to attend the full course.

Aimed at parents of children age 8- 16

Would you like to learn how to:

- be better at talking with your teen?
- be better at understanding your teen?
- help your teen learn to manage their emotions?
- help to prevent behaviour problems in your teen?
- teach your teen to deal with conflict?

Tuning in to Teens™ shows you how to help your teen develop *emotional intelligence*.
Adolescents with higher emotional intelligence:

- are more aware, assertive and strong in situations of peer pressure
- have greater success with making friends and are more able to manage conflict with peers
- are more able to cope when upset or angry
- have fewer mental health and substance abuse difficulties
- have more stable and satisfying relationships as adults
- have greater career success ñ Emotional intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ!

Where: Virtual delivery via Microsoft Teams

When: Thursday 28th April, 5th, 19th and 26th May and 9th of June

3:30pm- 4:30pm, Booking Essential.

For more information or to book, please contact:

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