

# **GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL**

**Incorporating Cygnets and Sunny Ile Pre Schools**

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## **Welcome back to the Summer Term**

We hope everyone had an enjoyable Easter and it is lovely to welcome everyone back to the final term at Greenfylde. This term we are looking forward to our Jubilee Events later next month and in June we will be holding another whole school art exhibition at The Arts Centre at The Meeting House. Please watch out for information about our transition events to support the school community in our move to the new Herne View C of E Primary and we will soon be sharing information about our new logo designs and school uniform for the school.

## **Congratulations to our Boccia Team**

Congratulations to our Boccia club who recently took part in Boccia England's 'Virtually Boccia' competition. We are really excited to report that the Greenfylde team came 4<sup>th</sup> nationally. A great achievement and thank you to all involved.



## **Upcoming FrOGS get together – Thursday 5 May – 6:00 – 7:30pm in Greenfylde School – bring your own drinks and nibbles!**

FrOGS will be meeting on Thursday 5 May in the Purple Pod to talk about the summer fete, to answer any questions you might have about the PTA in general and just to have a bit of school social opportunity! There's only so much chat that can be held in the school line and playground at drop off and pick up! It's a relaxed affair so feel free to bring along your favourite beverage and nibbles too to enjoy.

Come along to find out how you can support us with events, fundraising or in other ways you might have thought of, that we haven't yet! Ask any questions you have, share your ideas!

A key focus of the meeting will be that we really want to be able to bring the school summer fete back this year – but will only be able to do so if we have lots more people from the school community involved. Just an hour or so of your time could really help us out on the day, or perhaps you have contacts and connections and ideas that will help us make the fete a wonderful experience for our community. We really want to hear from you!

### **Bank Holiday**

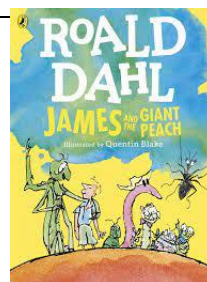
Don't forget next Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May is a Bank Holiday and school will be closed. We hope you all have a lovely day and the sun shines and we will see you all on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

### **Class photographs**

Years 1 to 4 will be having their class photographs taken on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Look at a book**

Recommended by KS2. 'We have just started to enjoy Roald Dahl's book - it's full of wonderful description.'



### **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	Honey J & Richard D
Pippin	Morgan M & Victoriah P
Sandew	Cameron M & Teddy W
Golden	Bethany C & Freddie B-R
Puffin	Austin G & Dorothy W
Camelot	Willow F & Lydia G
Hook	Isla C & Lucian-Rae McD
Dunkerton	Owen W & Toby C
Morgan	Jake W & Noah T
Ashton	Veronika G & Brooke H
Coker	Ryan D & Alex H
Coopers	Olivia T & Lucy E
Gatcombe	Kian N & Grace B-R

Stars and certificates will be presented on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 9.30am for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 1.15pm for Years 3 and 4 - **note change of time.**

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.**



# Sunny-Ile Pre-School Cygnet Pre-School



Newsletter - Friday 29th April 2022

## **COVID**

From the 1st April, Covid guidance 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.

## **Welcome Back**

We would like to say a huge welcome back to all our existing families and to welcome some new families to our settings. We hope that you have been able to have a relaxing Easter break, making lots of memories.

## **Sunflowers for Somerset**

All the sunflower seeds have been sent home with your children, please keep us posted on how they are growing.

## **Primary School placements.**

Over the Easter break, our older children should have been notified of your Primary school placements. If you did not receive this information please let us know and we will be able to advise you of who to contact.

### **Social Media**

Please do go onto Facebook and 'Like' the pages of our preschools (Cygnet Pre School and Sunny Ile Pre School)

### **Bank Holiday Monday**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May is a bank holiday and therefore both Cygnet's and Sunny Ile pre-schools will be closed.

### **Sunny Ile Preschool**

**We have loved to hear all the children's adventures from the Easter Break. It seems that the Easter Bunny was very busy.**

The children have played 'Musical Statues' we chatted about how we got very tired from all the dancing and why. We also learnt about how we needed lots of energy for dancing and what foods we needed to make us big and strong.

Outside the children have been busy using the tunnels to roll balls and cars down. We have been making shape pictures and doing lots of cooking in our mud kitchen.

### **Cygnets Preschool**

**This week at Cygnets we have had lots of fun with water play in the garden, exploring mark making with chalks and the children have also had great fun exploring the school role play area. We've also been thinking about earth week, we've been talking about the importance of recycling and the children explored some recycling activities.**

### **Sun hats/cream**

Please can we ask that with the sunshine making an appearance, children are applied with sun cream before attending preschool and bring hats with them for their sessions? Sun cream can be reapplied by us during the day when required - bottles must be labelled with children's names.

### **Spare clothes**

Please can we ask that children are sent in with sufficient spare clothing for their sessions? Also if anyone has any spare children's socks which they could donate to us, we would be very grateful.

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 of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

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## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about GROUP CHATS

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### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Occurring through messaging apps, on social media and in online games, group chats are among the most popular ways that young people engage with their peers online. Involving, by definition, three or more individuals, these groups allow users to send messages, images and videos to everyone in one place. While they are useful for helping friends, people with shared interests or members of a club to communicate and coordinate activities, they can also leave young people feeling excluded and bullied – as well as providing opportunities for inappropriate content to be shared and viewed.

#### BULLYING

Unkind comments or images which are purposely aimed at an individual can be shared freely in a group chat – allowing and often encouraging others to join in the bullying behaviour. If this content is shared in a group of their peers (especially a larger group), it serves to amplify the hurt, embarrassment, anxiety and isolation that the victim feels.

#### SHARING GROUP CONTENT

It's important to remember that – while the content of the chat is private between those in the group – individual users can easily share a message, photo or video with others outside of the group or screenshot what's been posted. The risk of something your child intended as private becoming public (and potentially going viral) is higher if there are people they don't know well in the group.

#### EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION

This common issue with group chats can happen in several ways: starting a new group, for instance, but deliberately excluding a certain child. Likewise, the chat may take place on an app which one child doesn't have access to, meaning they can't be involved. A child can also feel isolated when a group chat is used to discuss or share images from an event that everyone else but them attended.

#### UNKNOWN MEMBERS

Within larger group chats, it's more likely your child will be communicating with people they don't really know. These strangers may be friends of the host, but not necessarily friendly toward your child. It's wise for young people not to share personal details and stay aware that they have no control over the messages and images they share after they've put them online.

#### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some discussions in group chats may include inappropriate words, swearing and unsuitable images or videos. These could be viewed by your child if they are part of that group, whether they actively engage in it or not. Some chat apps have a disappearing message function, so your child may be unable to report something they've seen because it can only be viewed once or for a short time.

#### NOTIFICATIONS AND FOMO

A drawback of large group chats is the sheer number of notifications. Every time someone in the group messages, your child's device will be 'pinged' with an alert; potentially, this could mean hundreds of notifications a day. Not only is this highly distracting, but young people's fear of missing out on the latest conversation results in increased screen time as they try to keep up with the chat.

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#### CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS

Group chats are often an arena for young people to gain social status. This could cause them to do or say things on impulse, which could upset others in the group. Encourage your child to consider how other people might feel if they engaged in this behaviour. If your child does upset a member of their group chat, support them to reach out, show empathy and apologise for their mistake.

#### GIVE SUPPORT, NOT JUDGEMENT

Remind your child that they can confide in you if they feel bullied or excluded in a group chat. Instead of responding to the person who's upset them, validate their hurt feelings and help to put them back in control by discussing how they'd like to handle the situation. On a related note, you could also empower your child to speak up if they're in a chat where others are being picked on.

#### BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE

If your child is in a chat where inappropriate content is being shared, advise them to block the users sending the material, report them to the host app or platform and exit the group. If any of this content could be putting a minor at risk, contact the police. Emphasise to your child that it's OK for them to simply leave any group chat that they don't feel comfortable being a part of.

#### PRACTISE SAFE SHARING

In any online communication, it's vital for young people to be aware of what they're sharing and who might potentially see it. Discuss the importance of not revealing identifiable details like their address, their school or photos that they wouldn't like to be seen widely. Remind them that once something is shared in a group, they lose control of where it may end up and how it might be used.

#### AVOID INVITING STRANGERS

Sadly, many individuals online hide their true identity to gain a child's trust – for example, to gather information on them, to exchange inappropriate content or to coax them into doing things they aren't comfortable with. Ensure your child understands why they shouldn't add people they don't know to a group chat – and, especially, to never accept a group chat invitation from a stranger.

#### SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS

Having a phone or tablet bombarded with notifications from a group chat can be a massive irritation and distraction – especially if it's happening late in the evening. Explain to your child that they can still be part of the group chat, but that it would be healthier for them to turn off or mute the notifications and catch up with the conversation at a time which better suits them.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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# PREMIER EDUCATION TAUNTON, HOLIDAY CAMPS

9.00am-  
3:30pm

**TUESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY**  
**Venue: Greenfylde First School TA19 0DS**

## DODGEBALL/NERF DAY!



### Activities include:

**Dodgeball-** Working as 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!



### Other Information:

**Clothing-** Please wear casual/sports clothes to the camp. Including trainers or daps.

**Food and drink-** Please bring a packed lunch and lots of non-fizzy drinks!



### How to book:

Online- [www.premier-education.com](http://www.premier-education.com)  
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