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Incorporating Cygnets and Sunny Ile Pre Schools

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Platinum Jubilee

When you receive this newsletter we will be part way through our Platinum Jubilee celebration day with lots of Jubilee activities including crafts, learning about our Queen's reign, our special key stage dances and our picnic lunch and afternoon tea party. We are looking forward to welcoming our Ilminster Mayor Cllr Taylor to join us and we've even learnt the National Anthem to add to our celebrations. Do look out for our artwork in Tesco and the Minster. We also want to thank Katie Bullen, our History subject lead for masterminding all our Jubilee fun. A big thank you to Helena and Tesco for all the cakes they donated for today's celebration.

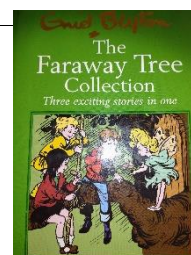


CAKES & CROWNS AT THE MINSTER – Friday 3rd June

Time to get baking! Don't forget to get your entries to the Minster Rooms letterbox (if you did not get your entry form to the School Office) by 12.00pm on 1st June. There are classes for Jubilee-themed cup cakes for children as well as decorated biscuit and chocolate crispie cake classes. Adults have the chance to enter a Decorated Jubilee Sponge Cake, Fruit Cake or Scones. And don't forget the Parade of Decorated Crowns in the churchyard at 11.15am, Treasure Hunt and Jubilee-crafts. All events are free thanks to our generous sponsors. Prizes to be won and certificates for all who take part. Refreshments on sale all morning. Entry forms and more information from events@ilminsterpc.org.uk

Look at a book

This week's recommendation comes from Max in Ashton, 'It is really interesting. I really liked it because the enchanted wood has some brownies. The best bit I liked was when they had a picnic in the enchanted wood. I am really enjoying it so far and I give it 10/10'



Covid guidance

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Star of the Week

Congratulations to this week's stars.

Dove	Eevee G & Ernie D
Pippin	Arthur McK & Lily C
Sandew	Lila I & Rheon S
Golden	Skyler C & Martha R
Puffin	Daisy S & William R
Camelot	Daisy W & Bramah B
Hook	Laila S & Miriam H
Dunkerton	Luca K & Isla S
Morgan	Luke H & Brody R
Ashton	Lillie W & Dexter C
Coker	Luskanya W & Leon P
Coopers	Oscar R & James Le-L
Gatcombe	Elsie W & Dylan M

Stars and certificates will be presented on Thursday 9th June at 9.30am for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and Friday 10th June 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 of many issues 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 CROSS-PLATFORM SHARING OF INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Creepy characters like Slender Man or Huggy Wuggy. Dangerous online challenges. Songs or videos that aren't suitable for youngsters. When things like these begin trending online, it can be difficult to prevent children accidentally stumbling across them – especially if they use a range of platforms, like online games, social media, streaming sites or messaging apps. A trend can originate in one online space and rapidly spread to other platforms or via chat apps. The frightening Huggy Wuggy character, for instance, first emerged as part of a game on Steam; now there are parody songs on TikTok, videos on YouTube and more than 45,000 results for #huggywuggy on Instagram.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

UNSUITABLE VIDEOS AND IMAGES

Anyone can upload footage to a video-sharing platform, which has resulted in clips that appear age-appropriate but actually aren't so innocent. The audience for Peppa Pig, for instance, is very young – but there have been reports of Peppa cartoons with extreme violence spliced into them. Likewise, footage of the razor-toothed game character Huggy Wuggy has been inserted into numerous child-friendly videos (even on YouTube Kids), scaring many young viewers.

INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE

On a similar theme, there is always the possibility that user-uploaded video content could include language which really isn't suitable for children. The on-screen imagery may look child-friendly, but if your child is wearing headphones, then you'll remain unaware of what is being said: some videos have featured songs containing explicit language or characters graphically describing violence.

COPIES OF LIVE STREAMS

Social media and messaging apps can inadvertently spread extremely harmful content very quickly. Footage of violent attacks (such as the recent Buffalo supermarket shootings) can often be viewed on multiple platforms as people start to share the video. Moderators try to react swiftly to remove upsetting content, but the rate at which it goes viral makes it difficult to prevent the spread completely.

ACCIDENTAL EXPOSURE

Even if your child doesn't have access to social media platforms or video-streaming platforms (where the majority of issues arise), they might still use messaging apps to communicate with family and friends. There is always going to be a risk, therefore, of them seeing something which isn't child-friendly: either shared by one of their peers or sent accidentally by a relative.

Advice for Parents & Carers

USE SAFETY FEATURES

Enable safety settings like Google SafeSearch and the optional restrictions on video-sharing platforms like YouTube. Whenever possible, stick to YouTube Kids for young children, as the software will help to filter out unsuitable content. Remember that filters aren't always enough to block all inappropriate material – especially when child-friendly videos have been edited maliciously.

LESS IS BEST

Manage the number of online platforms your child has access to, based on their age and maturity. Just because their friends use a certain game or app, it doesn't mean your child must have it too. Follow the age guidelines for games and apps, and check regularly that privacy settings are in place.

KEEP IT COMMUNAL

Encourage your child to stay in a communal family space when they're watching videos or playing online games on their devices – without headphones, if possible. This will make it far easier for you to keep one eye (and ear) on what they are seeing and hearing while they're online.

AVOID FAN-MADE CONTENT

If your child watches cartoons and shows on YouTube, spend time with them making a playlist of videos that you're comfortable with them watching. Always source videos from official channels, as opposed to fan-made content: you can never be completely confident about material that another user has created or uploaded.

REACT CALMLY

If you hear or see anything unsuitable on your child's device, calmly ask them to turn off the game or video in question. Explain that they haven't done anything wrong, but that you didn't like what you saw or heard and you would much rather they watched or played something else instead.

SUPPORT AND REASSURE

Remind your child regularly that *anyone* can post anything online – and that not everything online is real. If your child is sent something that scares or worries them, ask them to show you. Watch it alone (to avoid unnerving them further), then praise them for coming to you and talk about what upset them. Recommend a break from their device to do something which helps them feel calm and happy.

Meet Our Expert

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



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Sunny-Ile Pre-School Cygnet Pre-School



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Half Term Holiday

We would like to wish all our families a happy week's holiday, we look forward to hearing all your adventures and jubilee celebrations when we return on 6th June.

Dates to remember

Half Term – 30th May – 3rd June - Return to Preschool – 6th June

Art Exhibition at 'Ilminster Meeting House' between 14th – 25th June

Cygnets Pre School

This week at Cygnets we've been getting glittery and painting some lovely decorations to help us celebrate the Queens Jubilee. We've been learning about the Queen and where she lives. We've also been developing our physical skills on the climbing frame inside as well as making potions using oats, sand and water in the garden.

Socks

If anyone has any children's socks they could donate to us we would be very grateful!

Spare clothes

Children have daily access to water for play, paints and messy play activities. Please can we ask that you send children in old clothes and with a spare set of clothes to change into when needed?

Scarecrow

Keep an eye out for our scarecrow entry for the scarecrow competition!

Sunny Ile Preschool

Wow! We have had such a busy week at Sunny Ile Preschool. We have decorated our setting with lots of flags and bunting for the Jubilee celebrations. The children have been making lots of Jubilee craft activities, crowns, bunting and pictures.

On Friday we joined the children of Greenfylde School for Jubilee Celebrations, where we had a tea Party and took party in a school dance.

Thank you

We would like to say a big Thank you to Helena from Tesco for very kindly donating cakes for the children this week for our Jubilee tea party.

Scarecrow

We have also been busy making our 'Scarecrow' for the 'Ilminster Experience Scarecrow Competition' you may of heard the children talking about him – please look out for him at the front of Greenfylde School from 5th June.



Uniform

We have a number of items of Sunny Ile Pre-School uniform which we are selling at a reduced rate. This uniform can still be worn until September 2023.

Pre School Jumper - £5 each

Size 22 (Age 2-3)

Size 24 (Age 3-4)

Size 5 - 6

Pre School Polo Shirts - £3 each

Age 5 – 6

If you would like any of this uniform please speak to a member of staff.

Apple Orchard Pre-School

Ditton Street and Silver Street Campus
(Formally known as Sunny Ile and Cygnets)
Part Of Herne View Primary School



We are holding our Open Day
11th June

9.30am – 12.30pm.

Come along and meet the staff and see
both Pre Schools. You will be able to
book your child's place for September
2022

Open Day
11th June

FREE childcare
available

30 hours FREE

For eligible children aged 3
and 4 years old

15 hours FREE

For eligible children aged 2 years old

15 hours FREE

For children aged 3 and 4 years old

**For more information and
an application pack please
email**

hlancaster@educ.somerset.gov.uk

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





Tuning in to



Transition

A **free** 3-week course for parents and carers of children that are transitioning

Would you like to learn how to:

- be better at talking with your child about upcoming change?
- be better at understanding your child?
- help your child learn to manage their emotions, especially anxiety and worries?

Dates: 9th, 16th and 23rd June 2022

Time: 9:30am - 11:30am

Venue: Swanmead Community School, Ilminster

For more information on this course and to book your place, please contact Parent & Family Support Advisers.

Please note it is first come first serve and places are limited.

Jemma Henwood - 07825054694

Lucy Roberts - 07990063696

Rebecca Larcombe - 07825054695

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

Explore Holiday Club

May/June Half Term 2022

@Frogmary Green Farm, South Petherton

**Reception - 15yrs
from £27 a day**

Jubilee Celebration Week!

Mon 30th May: Somerset Spectacular

Join us for a day at Glaston-rama-bury where you will get to enjoy lots of different festival 'zones' with Skittles, Music, Circus Skills, Traditional Somerset Food Tasting and Chilled Crafts.



Tues 31st May: England Extravaganza

We have scoured the country to find some of the most fun and tasty traditions! Make scones (and decide if Jam goes on before or after the cream), have a go at "cheese rolling" and Morris Dancing and join in our very own adapted 'Boat' Race.



Weds 1st June: Jubilee Party

What better way to start the long bank holiday than with a Jubilee Party. We will be making Bunting and Cakes and Decorating Biscuits. After lunch the party starts with music, dancing, traditional British games and eating the delicious things we made!



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£17.50
all day

PREMIER EDUCATION TAUNTON, HOLIDAY CAMPS

9.00am-
3:30pm

TUESDAY 31ST MAY
Venue: Greenfyld 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!



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