

GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL

Incorporating Cygnets and Sunny Ile Pre Schools

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Sunflowers for Somerset

A small group of volunteers from Year 3 helped to plant some sunflower seedlings over at the Minster railings recently with Hannah, Miss Oaten and Marjorie, the local Sunflowers of Somerset coordinator. Some of Coker class also helped to plant some seedlings around the school including up by the gate to the car park and outside Ashton class. Watch to see how they all grow over the course of the Summer!



School Trips

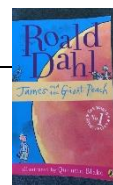
With all our children going on school trips soon please can we remind families about the need to ensure, especially if the weather stays hot, for children to have water bottles, a hat, wear suitable clothes and wear sun cream and they can also take sun cream with them to apply themselves during the trips.

Sunshine

As for trips, please can we ensure children are sent to school with water bottles, sun cream on and hats as we are predicted some sunny and hot weather next week.

Look at a book

This week's book is recommended by KS2 who have been enjoying this book this half term! It's full of jokes and hilarious characters and a little boy whose life really is changed!



Covid guidance

We are seeing an increase in Covid in our school community and ask everyone to remain vigilant for this.

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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Iminster Lions' Award

Congratulations to our nominated lions.

Dove	Imogen-Grace H
Pippin	Bunty W
Sandew	Jack S

Golden	Jessie T
Puffin	Eleanor T
Camelot	Sandy E
Hook	Ola P
Dunkerton	Matilda W

Morgan	Chloe P
Ashton	Finley P
Coker	Anya W
Coopers	Reuben M
Gatcombe	Ava D

Trophies and certificates will be presented on Friday 15th July at 9.30am for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and Thursday 14th July at 9.30am for Years 3 and 4 (**Note swap in days due to KS1 trip**).

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 platforms which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

SALE What Parents & Carers Need to Know about STEAM

Steam is a computer gaming digital distribution platform and storefront. It is the biggest platform for desktop- or laptop-based gaming, with a range of more than 30,000 games available. The platform has become a lively social environment for many gamers, and allows people to trade, sell and buy gaming items for real money. Valve, the developers behind Steam, have also released different hardware that works with the platform, including the Steam Deck – a hand-held console that lets users play their favourite games while away from their computer.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

UNSUITABLE GAMES

Among the 30,000+ games on the platform, there are many that aren't appropriate for children. Individuals can view and download games featuring adult content if they verify their age – but, of course, it's easy to enter a false date of birth online. This can lead to children and young people finding games that they shouldn't have access to: featuring violence or profanity, for example.

SPENDING SPREES

Steam hosts regular sales – including some where game prices are reduced by up to 90%. Some sales promotions also include a mini-game or event which encourages users to spend more money. The sales can be an excellent time for young gamers to purchase the titles they've been wanting, but the attractive discounts can also promote impulse buys driven by the fear of missing out.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Steam isn't a social media site, but it certainly shares some of their elements. Users can add other people as 'friends', for example (whether they know them in real life or not), and then communicate privately with them using text or voice chat. The platform also hosts public discussions and groups for socialising. Steam users can also leave comments on the profiles of other players.

POTENTIAL SCAMS

Sadly, Steam's immense popularity has made it a lucrative destination for internet scammers. The most common ruse is phishing: scammers send links to other users, aiming to trick them into entering their login details – which are then stolen. Once in control of the account, the scammer sends messages to everyone on the victim's friend's list, in an attempt to hijack their accounts too.

SHADY TRADERS

The Steam Community Market is a built-in trading area where players can trade resources for their games on the platform. Gamers can exchange items, or buy and sell them using real-world currency. It's possible for unwary users to be scammed through bad trade deals, and Steam doesn't usually get involved when this happens. There are also third-party trading websites, which can be risky to use.

SPARSE AGE RATINGS

Steam is a digital distribution platform for games of all kinds, including ones not rated by regulatory bodies. Getting a game rated takes a long time, and can be expensive, so developers only tend to follow that process when releasing a title that will be physically sold in shops. Most games on Steam, therefore, don't have an advisory age rating on the store page.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Steam does have some limited parental controls that can restrict exactly what games someone's account can view and access. This can be set up by navigating to the 'Family' tab in 'Settings', then selecting 'Manage Family View'. The platform then allows parents and carers to share a Steam account with their child and limit them to age-appropriate games.

USE GIFT CARDS

Having payment methods (like card details or PayPal) linked to a Steam account makes it very easy for a child to purchase new games or spend money on items in the marketplace. An excellent and safe alternative would be to buy a Steam gift card and let your child make their purchases with that instead – putting a manageable cap on how much they can spend on the platform.

APPLY STEAM GUARD

Steam Guard is an optional additional layer of security that protects accounts. Enabling it ensures that anyone attempting to log in to that account also needs to provide authorisation via their phone or email. The computer that your child uses Steam on can be authorised to prevent having to provide separate authentication for each login.

SHARE A LIBRARY

Using Family Library Sharing lets everyone at home share games across accounts (while still keeping their accounts separate). The entire game library from each account is shared with the other account holders – a great way to avoid having to purchase a different copy of the game for each of your children. However, if two users want to play the same game separately, you would need to buy it twice.

SAFE MODDING

Modifying a game to customise it or to introduce new content – known as 'modding' – is common on Steam. There's nothing inherently bad about modding, but installing the wrong mods can be disastrous: they can stop games from working properly, or at all. Steam's mods are unlikely to contain viruses or malware, but it's still possible – so ensure your child reads the mod's reviews first to avoid anything dangerous.

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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Sunny-Ile Pre-School Cygnet Pre-School



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Please can we ask you to be extra vigilant, it would appear that COVID cases are increasing in our area.

Transition to School Visits

The children still have 1 more visit into school on 19th July in the morning. If your child is at Sunny Ile Pre-School at this time, we will take them over to their class.

Dates to Remember

End of Summer Term - Friday 22nd July 2022

Start of Autumn Term - Tuesday 6th September



Cygnnet Pre School

This week at Cygnnet's we have had fun painting in the garden, exploring our creativity with the blocks, building, creating structures, expanding our physical skills with balancing and climbing as well as riding on the scooters. Our older children have enjoyed their visits to 'big school'. We are all getting excited for this big step into their school journeys.

School visits

The older children have another visit to school coming up, parents would have received an email from school with dates and times of this.

Teddy bears picnic

An invitation has been given out this week to all children for our Teddy bears picnic. Please check children's bags if you haven't seen it yet. We hope you can make it.

Sun hats / cream

As the weather is due to be hot into next week, please ensure children have a named hat and sun cream. Please apply sun cream before attending and we will reapply as needed during the day.

Sunny Ile Pre-School

This week the children have been chatting about visits to the seaside, therefore we have had sand inside the setting with seashells and number shells. We have been playing with the SeaWorld creatures in the small world area.

We have been very busy in the creative area, the children have made seaside pictures, sticking sand on and painting the sea, we have made handprint crab pictures where we gave them googly eyes.

The children loved making our 'Ice Cream' cakes. We even added a chocolate flake! Although we did get in a very sticky mess.

If any of our families visit the 'Seaside' this weekend, we are looking for some 'seaweed' or anything else that you may find on the beach.

School Leavers – Unique Child Reports

Parents of School leavers:- please look out for your child's reports over the next week. If you have any questions regarding your children starting Primary School in September please don't hesitate to contact us either in person, phone on 01460 259732 or email

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