

GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL

Incorporating Cygnets and Sunny Ile Pre Schools

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A different type of carnival

It seems very strange to not be having our umbrella judging today and be getting ready to walk with the children in the Children's Carnival which would have been tomorrow. Instead we have still made our mini-floats and from next Monday 28th September they will be on display for two weeks in the window of the Ilminster Emporium in a Carnival celebration display. Do go and have a look if you are out and about in Ilminster and our thanks to the Ilminster Emporium for letting us use their window space.

We are not totally forgetting about umbrellas and instead of making these we are asking for you to draw a design for one. You can add labels and other explanations if this helps (adults can help with this for the younger ones) and we will be awarding certificates and hope that these can be judged by members of the Ilminster Carnival Committee. Your child will come home with an entry form and these should be returned to their class by Monday 12th October.

Coronavirus in children – symptoms and testing

We have been asked to share this advice by the Local Authority so that we have a County wide approach to keeping safe during Covid 19.

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a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If any child in your setting displays any of these symptoms then it is very important that they are asked to go home, self-isolate with their family and get a test. They cannot return until they receive a negative test.

We need to ensure that we can prioritise testing for people displaying at least one of these three symptoms listed above. More information is available here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

Dropping off and picking up

Thank you for the support of so many families in trying to make dropping off and picking up as safe as possible for everyone at Greenfyld. Please can we ask everyone to only bring one adult for each family to reduce congestion and to only come at your allocated time so that children can be in the right place for their class going in. As you all get to know each other in your child's class it will become easier to see where one class ends and another starts but for now please can we try and manage this by only lining up in that line when it is the time for your class.

We are also still requesting that vehicles should avoid travelling down Wharf Lane unless they live there or have disabled access. Please can we remind families that are walking in the road to be vigilant about where their children are especially watching for vehicles/bicycles coming along the road.

Police are now going to be monitoring this area so please can we all play our part in staying safe.



Harvest – dates for the diary

A reminder about Harvest dates when all are welcome via Zoom (link to be sent direct to families) and attached to this newsletter is a list of items that we would like to collect for Ilminster Foodbank. It would be wonderful if we could ask for one item from every child and these can be brought into classes from Monday 12th to Thursday 15th October.

Monday 12 th October	
Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4)	9.15am
Wednesday 14 th October	
EYFS (Reception)	9.15am
Thursday 15 th October	
Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)	9.15am

Safeguarding

A couple of safeguarding reminders. Firstly, please can children bring a coat to school as the weather is colder and we have had rain but are still going outside wherever possible. We do have spares to loan to the children but know they prefer to wear their own.

Secondly, please can we remind families to regularly check their children's hair for head lice. If you need advice, your local pharmacy is always a good place to go.



Appointments

If your child needs to leave during the day for an appointment please can you email this to the office with a copy of the appointment letter if available, giving 48 hours' notice. We realise emergency appointments will be different but if this is say a planned hospital/therapy appointment please can the office have this notice so they can arrange collection points etc.

Admissions

If your child is due to start or transfer school for September 2021, it is now time to make your application.

The deadline for primary phase applications is 15th January.

The deadline for secondary phase applications is 31st October.

Please apply online by visiting

[https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-](https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/)

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Reception starters for September 2021 will have been bore between 01/09/16 – 31/08/17

Star of the Week

Congratulations to our stars of the week.

Dove	Beth C & Albert W
Pippin	Oliver H & Daisy W
Golden	Emily N & Lucian-Rae M
Puffin	Rian P & Ola P
Camelot	Cody C & Betsy B
Hook	Leon P & Myrtle P-B
Dunkerton	Leo W & Lillie W
Morgan	Oscar C & Skylah D
Ashton	Amelie R & Kallie D
Coker	Jennifer A & James P
Coopers	Poppy H & Hunter A
Gatcombe	Jamie H & Bethany S

Children will have their certificates and stars presented in class on Friday 2nd October at 9.30am for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and Thursday 1st October 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 Stars of the Week.

Please note if joining via Zoom no recordings or screen shots should be taken of the sessions for safeguarding.



A guide to when we are using online communication

We have had some questions about when we are using technology to work with families so we hope this quick guide below helps everyone know what is happening.

Tapestry (Reception children)

We will continue to use Tapestry as part of our daily practice to record observations of the children whilst at school. We encourage you to add observations or wow moments of your child whilst at home. We will also be using Tapestry to share our weekly sharing letters. Our blended learning will also be added to Tapestry. Please see our blended learning grid for more information about this.

Class Dojo (Years 1-4)

We loved using class dojo during lockdown to be able to stay in touch with the children in our classes. Now that we are back at school, we are still using dojo for reward points like we did before lockdown. We may still put reminders about PE, reading books and other things on there so please check this for occasional class updates. Please contact the school office if you have any queries or if you would like to speak to your child's teacher and this will be arranged.

We have also put it into a grid format in case that's easier.

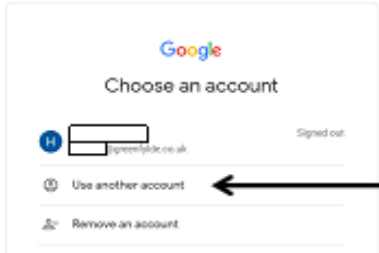
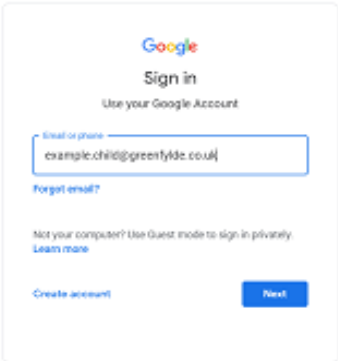
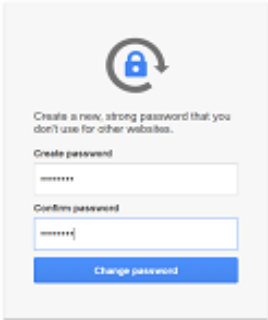
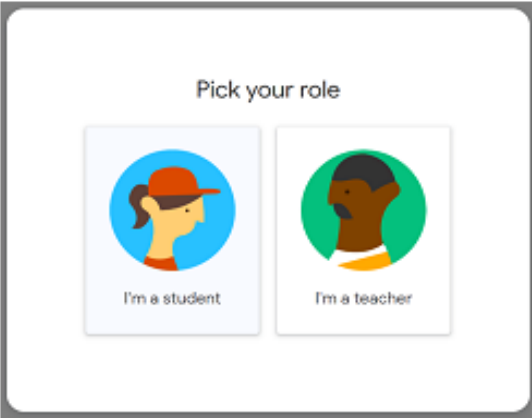
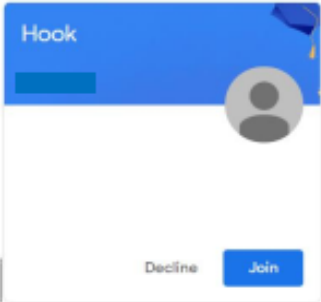
Tapestry (Reception)	Class Dojo (Years 1-4)	G suite/Google classroom (Years 1-4)
All that we do, observations, sharing letters, blended learning, reminders will all be through Tapestry. Please ensure that you have returned your consent forms and set your account up.	Reward points Occasional class reminders e.g. PE days	This is where your child's blended learning is set and completed if your child is in Years 1-4. See our grid for blended learning for more details about what this looks like depending on which situation you and your family are in (sent with last week's newsletter)

You should have received a text and email on Monday with your child's G suite login details. If your child is in Years 1-4, follow the link in the text or email to get the username (an email address) and the full password for your child. Then, go to classroom.google.com to finish setting up your child's account. Please see the how-to guide attached to this newsletter.

TINA PLEASE CAN YOU ADD THE GUIDE AGAIN FROM LAST WEEK



How to log in to Google Classroom

<p>1. Go to:</p> <p>https://classroom.google.com</p>	<p>2. If you are signed in to a personal gmail account or another child's account you may have to sign out or use another account.</p> 
<p>3. Type in your username and password when prompted.</p> 	<p>4. After reading the terms and conditions you will need to change your password to something memorable. It will need to be at least 8 letters long with a mixture of capital letters, lowercase letters and numbers.</p> <p>Change password for example.child@greenfylde.co.uk</p> <p>Learn more about choosing a smart password</p> 
<p>5. After showing you that you have logged in with the right email, you will need to select that you are a student.</p> 	<p>6. Finally, join your class.</p> 

Once you have joined your class you will be able to see a link to your year group's site, which will have lessons for you to complete.

If you have any problems or questions let us know and we will be happy to help you!



Sunny-Ile Pre-School Cygnet Pre-School



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Sunny Ile and Cygnet Pre School

This week at both our preschool, we are playing and exploring with the children, getting to know their likes and dislikes. We will start developing their baselines to start planning next term.

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Nappies

If your child is in nappies please remember to bring in enough nappies AND wipes for your child for each session they are in.

Safeguarding

All the staff at Sunny Ile and Cygnets are completing their basic awareness child protection training, ensuring that we are knowledgeable in this important area.

This training is focused and targeted towards the Children & Young People we work with and reflect the most pertinent safeguarding issues relating to their age range.

Dates for the Diary

October Half term - Pre School closes after school on Friday 23 October 2020. We reopen on Tuesday 3 November 2020.

The 3 November is an INSET day for both preschools.

Sunny Ile Pre School

Naming –

A polite reminder that all belongings MUST be named, including drinks bottles

Tapestry

We have introduced a new way of communicating with our parents. The memo section is being used by your keyperson with relevant information. You will be notified by Tapestry and use the website to access your message. If you have any problems, please see a member of staff.

Training



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Congratulations to Di for completing her NCFE Cache Level 3 Award for Special Educational Needs Coordinator In Early Years Setting and to Cheryl for completing Level 3 Leadership and Management course.

Tapestry challenge

We have had some great photographs of the Tapestry Challenge for this term. "My favourite story". Some of your books are some of our favourites too. We have loved listening to the children talking about the characters in the story. We would love to see some more.

Cygnet Pre School

This week at cygnets we have been focusing again on colours and shapes as our topic. The children have settled back in really well and we are enjoying the routines.

All staff have completed their Paediatric First Aid. Naomi, Sarah and Kelly now have relevant Food and Hygiene. Well done to all in their continued professional development training.

Please can we remind parents to be regularly checking tapestry as we are uploading observations daily. If you 'like' or comment on an observation so that we know you have seen it that would be much appreciated.

Please can we ask that all items of clothing, lunchboxes and drink bottles are named And in line with Covid restrictions children should not be bringing toys from home with them even if this is in a backpack as we know it can be tempting for children to get these out during sessions.

If your child is new to toileting please can we remind you that they must bring sufficient spare clothing as our supplies are short.

Please can we also remind you that children need to be bringing appropriate clothing/footwear to suit the weather.

Harvest Festival
Ilminster Churches Together
Food Bank

Thank you for offering your Harvest Festival collection to the Food Bank.
These are the goods that would be particularly appreciated at the moment.



Baked beans
Tuna
Corned beef
Tinned hot dogs sausages
Tinned fruit
Custard powder
Angel delight or equivalent
Fruit Squash
Cookie/muffin cake mixes



Educational Psychology Service (EPS)
Telephone Helpline for Parents and Carers

*** Reopening Monday 21st September ***



During these unprecedented times, we all find ourselves facing new challenges. For many, this will bring about new anxieties, for others, it may worsen existing worries.

Where children and young people are affected, you may notice that they react to uncomfortable feelings and thoughts by changing their behaviours and demonstrating behaviours you have not seen from them before. In turn, these behaviours can add to an already stressful home situation.

It is important to remember that self-isolation, does not equate to social isolation.

If you are a parent/carer of a child in Somerset and would like to speak to a Psychologist with any concerns arising for you, or your family during this time, then The Educational Psychology Service is here for you. We are able to offer an initial 30 minute telephone consultation (discussion) and a potential follow up call, of another 30 minutes if appropriate.

Calls will be offered Monday-Friday, during usual working hours.

Unless the Psychologist feels that you, or someone else is in danger of harm, then full confidentiality will be respected. In order to offer the best possible service, a brief summary of the discussion will be recorded, which may be shared with colleagues from other services. If you do not wish for a record to be taken, then please make this clear to the psychologist during your call and they will only record the name of the school. For further details of our privacy notice, please follow this [link](#)

If you would like to access this service, then please email EPSHelpline@somerset.gov.uk with the following information:

- Your name
- The name of your child's school (or 'EHE' if Electively Home Educated)
- Times and dates that you are not available for consultation

If email is not possible, then call 01823 357000. Please understand that we are likely to be slower to respond to phone calls. Our aim is to offer a consultation within 5 working days of receipt of email.



Cygnet Pre-School

Part of Greenfylde First School

Cygnet pre-school offers a welcoming, caring and engaging environment for children aged 2-4 years.

All of our staff members are qualified and experienced in all areas of child care and development.



We have spaces available from September 2020

For more information or to book a space

Contact us on: Telephone 01460 57444

Or email

cygnetspreschool@educ.somerset.gov.uk

We are able to offer:





30 hours **free** childcare for eligible children aged 3 & 4 years old.

15 hours **free** childcare for eligible children aged 3 & 4 years old.

15 hours **free** childcare for eligible children aged 2 years old





COVID-19 (coronavirus) testing: A quick guide



What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 <p>....my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Child should get a test • Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result • Inform school immediately about test results 	<p>...when child's test comes back negative (if child no longer has symptoms and is well)</p>
 <p>...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) • Inform school immediately about test results • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone else tests negative during those 14 days 	<p>After 10 days isolation, if child feels better and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours</p> <p>They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell / taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.</p>
 <p>...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Household member with symptoms should get a test • Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result • Inform school immediately about test results 	<p>...when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*</p>
 <p>...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone else tests negative during those 14 days 	<p>...when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 days</p>

* Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste. See more at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 <p>...NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms* or confirmed COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Child self-isolates for 14 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace) – even if they test negative during those 14 days • Rest of household does not need to self-isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' too 	<p>...when the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during those 14 days</p>
 <p>...we / my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not take unauthorised leave in term time • Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel • Provide information to school as per attendance policy <p>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days – even if they test negative during those 14 days 	<p>...when the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days</p>
 <p>...we have received advice from a medical / official source that my child must resume shielding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Contact school as advised by attendance officer / pastoral team • Child should shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again 	<p>...when school / other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again</p>
 <p>...I am not sure who should get a test for COVID - 19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only people with symptoms* need to get a test • People without symptoms are not advised to get a test, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive 	<p>...when conditions above, as matching your situation, are met</p>

For further information:

[gov.uk/backtoschool](https://www.gov.uk/backtoschool)

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