

# **GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL**

**Incorporating Cygnets and Sunny Ile Pre Schools**

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## **Covid 19 update**

Thank you to everyone for all your support as we all work together to get through this difficult Covid time. We realise there are a lot of changes to make for everyone as well as a lot of guidance to follow and we appreciate all your efforts in supporting us to keep our community safe.

Please can we ask everyone to keep maintaining social distancing (2m) whilst waiting to collect children outside of school and reminding children of the need to try and socially distance from adults they meet in school. Even if it is not a pupil with a suspected Covid symptom, see below, but another member of your household, the whole household must self isolate until the person with the symptoms receives a negative test or you complete the necessary 14 days of isolation if no test/that person tests positive. We realise the guidance can be quite complicated so if you are unsure about what to do re your child/a household member with symptoms please contact the school office and we can signpost the correct advice.

*The three main symptoms of coronavirus in children are:*

**a high temperature** – *this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)*

**a new, continuous cough** – *this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)*

**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*

## **Flu vaccinations**

Please look out for the email you will have been sent about your child's flu vaccination this month. All children at Greenfylde are eligible and will be vaccinated in school. Please be reassured we have already spoken to Somerset SAINT School Nursing team about the PPE/precautions we expect them to take to maintain our school community and children will be vaccinated in class so that bubbles are not sharing a space together. The team have asked us to share a promotional film that they hope this will help to demonstrate how school based flu sessions will run this term during these uncertain times.

[https://youtu.be/cdqeuh97\\_aU](https://youtu.be/cdqeuh97_aU)

## **FrOGs AGM**

Do join Friends of Greenfylde School for their AGM which this year will be via Zoom. Details below and please try and join to see how you can help the school especially in these very different Covid times.

Topic: Frogs AGM MEETING

Time: Oct 19, 2020 08:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5837460030?pwd=TXdPNlpgL2pVcHNGcnY4Yi9lSEdkQT09>

Meeting ID: 583 746 0030

Passcode: 2DdE9s



## **Harvest – dates for the diary**

A reminder about Harvest dates when all are welcome via Zoom (link to be sent direct to families) It would be wonderful if we could ask for one item from every child to support the Ilminster food bank, especially Baked beans, Tuna, Corned beef, Tinned hot dogs sausages, Tinned fruit, Custard powder, Angel delight or equivalent, Fruit Squash and Cookie/muffin cake mixes and these can be brought into classes from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

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

## **Carnival**

Don't forget to look at the wonderful work of the classes in our Carnival display in The Ilminster Emporium. Keep designing those umbrellas as all completed sheets will be sent to the Ilminster Carnival Committee for judging

## **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 15<sup>th</sup> January.

The deadline for secondary phase applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Please apply online by visiting <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/> <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/>

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## School Council

Well done to our class elected representatives for this year's School Council and to everyone who put themselves forward to be considered for the roles.

Golden	Matilda	Freddie
Puffin	Lucas	Alice
Camelot	Lissette	Cody
Hook	Reuben	Elsie
Dunkerton	Sebastian	Leela
Morgan	Abigail	Tai
Ashton	Reuben	Alice
Coker	Izzy	James
Coopers	Betty	Charly
Gatcombe	Alfred	Isla

The council will be working with Miss Woodley and Miss Green and our Key Stage 2 representatives will have a chance this month to virtually pose questions to the Mayor about their town.

## Star of the Week

Congratulations to our stars of the week.

Dove	Esme B & Reggie D
Pippin	Arthur P & Lila-Claire L
Golden	Theodore H-W & Sicily H
Puffin	Jaiden W-T & Lumin F
Camelot	Jessica C & Alfie W-B
Hook	Scarlett R & Harriet G
Dunkerton	Sebastian G & Megan W
Morgan	Anna S & Jack L
Ashton	Izy C & Kian N
Coker	Tymon M & Harvey B
Coopers	Charly W & Alex B
Gatcombe	Stanley B & Ethan B

Children will have their certificates and stars presented in class on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.





# Sunny-Ile Pre-School Cygnet Pre-School



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## Sunny Ile and Cygnet Pre School

We have all enjoyed the weather at the beginning of the week – lots of sunshine, though the rain did eventually make an appearance, but we still enjoyed looking for rainbows and splashing in puddles. Don't forget to bring in a warm waterproof coat as we will be still going outside.

### Safeguarding

Please can we remind all parents to maintain a safe distance from other families, whilst waiting for drop off and collection – Many thanks for your cooperation in this important matter.

### Carnival Umbrella Competition

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 Preschool by Monday 12th October.

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### 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

### STC Signs

Next week we will be learning two Somerset Total Communication signs. This helps all children communicate in different ways. We will post a picture on how to do the sign on our Facebook page. Please look out for this soon.

### Road to School.

We have recently uploaded a document called "what to expect " on our Tapestry documents page. This is a reminder for all parents to see what age development learning your child should be doing. This parent friendly booklet breaks down the EYFS into a simpler way for parents to share learning at home.

### Training

The staff will be completing their training in Prevent – part of our Safeguarding Continuous Professional Development. We are very committed to making sure all the staff are up to date with relevant training especially in Safeguarding.



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Cygnet Pre School

**Thankyou:** We would like to thank you all for your continued support and understanding over the last month with things being a little different at preschool. We are very happy with how things are going and appreciate your cooperation.

**Theme:** As we enter October, our theme for the month will be autumn. We can't wait to explore what happens during autumn.

**Tapestry:** Please keep an eye out for those tapestry emails, we are uploading observations daily and really appreciate any parent interactions.

**No smoking:** Please can we remind you that at drop off and collection times, our designated drop off / collection area is on the site of Swanmead school, we have been asked to politely remind you that this is a school site which is a no smoking zone.





**ILMINSTER  
FOOD BANK**

and  **Self Help  
Africa**



# *Harvest Service*

## Sun 4<sup>th</sup> October 10.30 am

The Minster Harvest Service will be supporting the Iminster Food Bank and 'Self Help Africa'.

Find out how the Iminster Food Bank has served our community during Covid-19, a wonderful tribute to the work of Michael Pragnell who set it up.

Food donations to the Food Bank would be welcome in church on the table at the back, or via the Tesco/Co-Op trolley and basket. (Specifically tea-bags, instant coffee, biscuits or individual chocolate bars). Remember to buy Fairtrade if you can!

All cash donations received in our retiring collection will be given in full to Self Help Africa.

In order to attend this service please book with:  
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Email: [minsterbookings@ilminsterpc.org.uk](mailto:minsterbookings@ilminsterpc.org.uk)



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