

GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL

Incorporating Cygnets and Sunny Ile Pre Schools

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Remembrance

Thank you to Morgan for laying the wreath at the war memorial on behalf of the Greenfylde School community. Although this year, this was done just by Morgan and his family with nobody else in the area for safety, it still had as much meaning and we were very proud of the way Morgan represented the school.

Ilminster and Crewkerne Strategic Review of Schooling

As per the newsletter on the 23rd October, you can still use the link below to access all the information about the Crewkerne and Ilminster Strategic review. The consultation is now open via this link and it is important families have their say, as the proposal is a major change for education in Ilminster. Please try to join the Local Authority question and answer sessions that were sent out to you on a letter this week, especially the one on the 26th November from 4.15pm to 6.15pm as this is specifically about the changes in Ilminster.

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/crewkerne-and-ilminster-strategic-school-review/>

School Crossing

If your route to and from school takes you along North Street, please be aware there will be no school crossing until after the 2nd December.

Covid update

A reminder that if anyone in the household is having a test or displaying Covid symptoms (temperature, new cough, loss of taste/smell) then everyone in that household must isolate and children not go to school until a negative test result is received or 14 days isolation is completed. If a household member develops symptoms during the day then we ask that you contact the school office to arrange collection of your children straightaway. Where possible, we are still requesting that only one adult drops/picks up children at school to try and limit the numbers waiting in the school area. Finally, if a household member has a test and you are isolating, please can you let the office know the result of the test before returning your children to school

Good news!

A number of children have asked and we are pleased to say that Amy Burke, our school Receptionist, gave birth to a beautiful baby girl this week. Mum and baby are both doing well and I am sure you will join me in offering congratulations and best wishes to the family.



Internet

A reminder that the school does not have any internet access currently and we can only answer office emails from home in an evening. Any urgent messages e.g. change of who is collecting a child etc. should be made by telephoning the school office please.



Shoobox collection

The last day for dropping shoeboxes off at The Minster is Saturday 14th November, many thanks to all those who have already supported Blytheswood Care in this endeavour.



Future Events

Even with Covid restrictions we are trying to keep as many events as possible in the school calendar and we thought you would appreciate advance notice of the following:
Friday 20th November – Children to dress up in Victorian Clothes to have a fun History Day in school through books and rhymes and we'll also be having a lantern display in the Ilminster Emporium. Do look out for this display from Tuesday 17th November.

Thursday 10th and Friday 11th December
– Save the Children Christmas jumper days – wear your favourite Christmas/Winter jumper or just a jumper of your choice for a voluntary donation of 50p per family

Star of the Week

Congratulations to our Stars for this week

Dove Benjamin W & Lucy C

Pippin Clara H & Oscar H

Golden Ivy-Rose J & Toby C

Puffin Melissa N & Laila S

Camelot Max W & Oscar P

Hook Reuben C & Oliver T

Dunkerton Leela H & Cruz H

Morgan Eli K & Oscar B

Ashton Morgan C & Alexia L

Coker Riley C & Kye H

Coopers Aston O & Olivia D

Gatcombe Tiger-Lilly C & Alfred P

With no Internet access we will have to let families know when these presentations can take place.

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 Star of the Week recipients. 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.





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Sunny Ile and Cygnet Pre School

On Wednesday the children observed the two minute silence for Remembrance. All the children were really good - sat still and quiet for this time. The children have been creating some beautiful poppies for this important day.

Safeguarding – Winter warmth

Please can you ensure that the children come to preschool every day with a warm waterproof coat. The children still have access to outdoor play during the day in any weather. It is also important to name ALL belongings so we correctly give the children their coats.

Safeguarding – Incidents

If your child has an accident at home, please speak to a member of staff to fill in an incident from home form.

Safeguarding – Covid

Thank you for your continued support and the wearing of face masks at drop off and collection times.

Places

From January parents may become eligible for 15 and 30 hour funding for sessions both at Sunny Ile and Cygnet Preschool. For further details please contact Helen on hlancaster@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Dates for your diary

Christmas Jumper day – 10 and 11 December – Wear Christmas jumpers to raise funds for Save the children – a voluntary donation of 50p is appreciated.

Sunny Ile Preschool

The children have been very busy this week with lots of activities and Christmas craft. This week's focus is writing. The children have been describing the marks they've made and also looking at the different signs around preschool. What signs can you see when you're walking home?.

STC signs

The children have learnt the STC signs of "Go" and "Come" this week. Ask your child if they can remember them. Please visit our Facebook page for details.

Tapestry

Again we have had such an amazing response to our Adult Led objectives which were put on your child's learning journal. We really appreciate your support in our shared learning. Next week's Adult led is **Shape, Space and Measure**.



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Cygnets Preschool

Wellies

Please could you send children in with wellies now the weather is turning wetter. We often go for walks around Swanmead field so Wellies would be useful for this.

Tapestry

Please remember to look at Tapestry to ensure you are up to date with any observations that have been uploaded for your child's learning.

Toys from home

Please can we remind you that children are not to be bringing in toys from home during this time due to COVID risk assessments and guidelines.

Letter/ Sound of the week

Next week our letter will be 'S'. It would be great if you could upload any pictures to Tapestry with words or sounds you may find at home with your child.