

# **GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL**

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## **Lanterns**

Normally this evening would see our annual lantern parade as part of the Christmas Lights switch on. Unfortunately, this couldn't happen with Covid but we have still made lanterns with your children and thanks to the generosity of Angie and Cottage Flowers, these will be coming home with a light tonight. We hope you can all join in with lighting your lanterns and that next year we will be able to take these on parade again. We have also celebrated 'Lighting up Ilminster' with a display in the Ilminster Emporium so please go and look at this and thank you to all at the Emporium for letting us use this space.

## **Christmas Lights**

Please look out for our display in the window of the old McColls opposite the Market Square and our thanks go to Puffin, Ashton, Coopers and Hook classes for creating the images.



## **Goodbye**

This week we say goodbye to Jessica Cox who has worked as an LSA at Greenfylde since September 2018, I'm sure you join with me in thanking her for all her work here and wishing her well in her new career.

## **Children in Need**

Thank you to all who support our wear something bright and cheerful day, we now have a final total and raised the magnificent amount of £235 across the school and pre-schools.

## **Covid update**

Thank you to everyone for persevering with all the guidance in these Covid times. Please can we ask families to be aware of staff needing to access school at the same time as children and help them to access in a socially distanced way.

## **Shoobox collection**

Thank you to everyone who donated shoeboxes and these are now being prepared for transport across Europe.

## **Internet**

A reminder that the school still does not have any internet access 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.

Please note we will send out links and catch up with all celebration assemblies once the internet is up and running again although as the fix is a new line, we cannot anticipate when this will be.

## **Ilminster and Crewkerne Strategic Review of Schooling**

Don't forget that the consultation is now open and online Q&A sessions are happening with the one on the 26<sup>th</sup> November 4.15pm to 6.15pm specifically about education in Ilminster. Details are on the letter sent home, posters on the main gates and via the link below.

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

Please be aware that you need to register for these sessions via the link above and if you are having difficulty getting access at the start of the session via the County Council given link once you have registered for tickets, try going direct to Eventbrite at [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk). It will either show you as logged in, in which case go to the little person icon in the top right part of the screen, click and then choose tickets and then click on the link to the session or on some mobiles/tablets there is actually a tickets icon next to the person one that does the same.

If you are not logged in, click on sign in, again in the top right part of the screen, log in or create log in and then follow the instructions above.

We can't promise that this will work but did help some staff who struggled to get in via the County Council sent link.

## **New Reception Starters**

Look out in this week's Chard and Ilminster for photographs of Dove and Pippin class

## **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:

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 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	Frank R & Skyler C
Pippin	Sophie H & Thomas G
Golden	Aishwarya Z & Seren M
Puffin	Eddie P & Lily M
Camelot	Ellie-Mae M & Blake P
Hook	Jack T & Poppy G
Dunkerton	Lexi C & Harrison W
Morgan	Lucy E & Ollie A
Ashton	Isla H & Ava D
Coker	Charlie B & Elsie W
Coopers	Phoebe C & Nancy B
Gatcombe	Isla B & Lily H

**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.



## **FrOGS – Friends of Greenfylde School**

Don't forget the FrOGS quiz tonight – details on the poster attached.

We now have a new committee and to introduce themselves they have written this for our families and community:

### **Hello from your new FrOGS Committee**

*We're delighted to introduce ourselves as your new FrOGS committee members. Its two for the price of one with new Joint-Chairs Elizah Hammelberg and Phaedra Perry. Elizah works as a Plumbing Buyer for Screwfix, but has recommended you don't trust her to fix so much as a leaky tap! She can, however, get through more glitter in a kids crafting session than Phaedra did on a Friday night in the 90s. Phaedra heads up the charity Diabetes UK south west and has worked in campaigning and communications in the charity sector for many years! She's also married to the local cider-maker so comes with the added benefit of easily accessible Perry's Cider! Hayley Knief remains with us a Secretary having taken over the role in 2019 and Lydia Inglis joins as Treasurer. Hayley works as an auditor for SWAP Audit and was a student herself at Greenfylde more years ago than she cares to mention! Lydia keeps the country running though her work in the NHS though her knowledge of 1<sup>st</sup> gear and reverse has been known to be a bit remiss on occasion, so watch out for her in the car park! We are all parents to children in Golden class in year 1 but will very much be seeking the input and support of parents from across all the years so we can create events and fundraisers suitable for all our children. What we all have in common is a strong desire to help ensure Greenfylde school can invest in the resources, facilities and experiences our children deserve in order to give them the best primary school experience possible – even during a pandemic! We've got some tough times ahead of us so whatever help and support you can offer, however small you think it might be, please don't be shy! All ideas and skills welcomed! It would be great to meet as many in the school community as possible before we formally take over as a committee, so please do join us at our upcoming meeting on Zoom (date to follow). It will be a relaxed affair so bring a drink and snacks, don't worry about the chaos in the background and either come to listen or come to share your thoughts!*

We also wanted to 'de-mystify' what being a part of our Parent, Teacher and Friends Association, FrOGS means so thank you to a parent who has helped over many years for writing the following:

*I joined FrOGS in 2016, when my daughter started in reception, she is now in year 4. I initially joined as I thought it would be a great way to meet other parents and a good way to help the pupils, parents and the staff. We meet every few months to discuss fundraising ideas and plan events. All monies raised go towards resources and opportunities that enhance the teaching, learning and the social, emotional and well-being of our children at Greenfylde. Everyone is very welcoming and appreciative of any help and support. There is no expectation of you to take on a big role on a committee, it is more about the sharing of ideas and giving time to help at events, anything will be a help and allow us to continue to run and raise more funds to benefit all the children within school. Many of the events we run, such as discos, bingo and the summer BBQ are great fun for the children and families to enjoy. The money we raise is available for all staff to request for items and projects of their choice that they feel would benefit the children. If you would like more information please feel free to speak to any FrOGS members in person or by messaging the FrOGS Facebook page.*

We are planning another meeting on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 8pm via Zoom and we hope you will all be able to join us then – link to follow on next week's newsletter.



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## Frogs Speed Quiz

Join us for our FrOGS zoom speed quiz  
Hosted by Ilminster's one and only...

**DJ GINGE!!!**

On **Friday 20th November**  
8pm - 9:30pm  
£3 suggested donation

Payment can be made via Paypal to  
[phaedraneal@hotmail.com](mailto:phaedraneal@hotmail.com)

**Open to everyone** so please  
forward on to friends and family!

Check the Greenfyldes & FrOGS Facebook pages  
for more details on how to take part

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