

# **GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL**

**Incorporating Cygnets and Sunny Ile Pre Schools**

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## **Christmas Trees**

Do look out for the virtual Christmas Tree festival run by The Minster this year, there are posters around the town advertising this. As usual, Greenfylde has trees by our children in the festival and we have also created a tree for the Ilminster Fairtrade group. To let all our children see the trees, we have kindly been offered window space by Ilminster Hair and Beauty and Just Things so look out for our trees next week. Many thanks to both businesses for helping us share in the joy of Christmas time.

## **Covid and social distancing**

A number of families have spoken to us asking if we can remind families waiting at the beginning and end of the day to still socially distance (2m) between adults and different family bubbles. We are still encouraging families to only bring one adult to pick up/drop off unless there is a specific requirement discussed with the school to limit the numbers congregating. As we move into tier 2 (high) post this lockdown we would still like to do whatever we can to protect our school community.



## **FROGS**

Thank you to all who joined the quiz last week and to Perry's Cider for the donation of the prize. Don't forget there is a meeting next week on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 8pm via Zoom to meet our new committee and we hope many of you will be able to join – link below.

<https://zoom.us/j/94371278644?pwd=L0xFVTRBY0lsR0NXeWJBZ0xVb0N6Zz09>

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

Don't forget that the consultation is now open and responses should be sent to the Local Authority by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December via this online questionnaire

[www.somerset.gov.uk/schoolsconsultation](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/schoolsconsultation)

or by writing to

Crewkerne and Ilminster schools consultation

Somerset County Council

PP-B3E3, B3 East

County Hall

The Crescent

Taunton

TA1 4DY

All documents re the proposal are available at:

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



## **Illness – D&V**

If your child has diarrhoea and/or vomiting please ensure they remain off school for 48 hours from the last occurrence to help us maintain infection control.

### **Safeguarding**

Please can we not allow children to climb and walk on the school walls on Wharf Lane for everyone's safety. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

### **Internet**

We now have internet working again so will be catching up with celebration assemblies etc over the next week. Thank you to families for your patience during this upheaval.

### **Christmas Cards**

To try and balance being Covid secure with still celebrating Christmas we are asking that this year, if your child wishes to give Christmas Cards to others these should be brought to class only in the week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> December with the intended recipient's name and class clearly shown on the front of the envelope. These will then be quarantined and will be given out on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December. We appreciate this may seem strange but we are all having to work in some very unique ways during this pandemic.



### **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	Teddy B & Martha R
Pippin	Daisy S & Louisa L
Golden	Luca K & Alex L
Puffin	Jack H & Annabelle M
Camelot	Brooke H & Rory D
Hook	Damian H & Fen B H
Dunkerton	Kiki H & Thomas M
Morgan	Lewis T & Olivia T
Ashton	Lana S & Alex H
Coker	Jacob W & James L L
Coopers	Hudson R & Michael S
Gatcombe	Hollie D & Max W

Stars and certificates will be presented on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 9.30am for Years 3 and 4 and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am for Reception and Years 1 and 2.

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.





# Sunny-Ile Pre-School Cygnet Pre-School Newsletter 27 November 2020

## Sunny Ile and Cygnet Pre School

### Safeguarding – Medical Needs

Please ensure that if your child has a medical condition that you have not informed us about, please let us know as soon as possible. Preschool will need to put a Medical Care plan in place for any emergencies.

### Safeguarding – Contact details

Please can ALL parents make sure you update your contact details with both Preschool. If there is an emergency, we will need to contact you as soon as possible. Please can you also ensure that you have at least three contacts that can be contacted if you are unavailable.

### Christmas

We are getting really excited for Christmas with lots of crafts and decorations. Next week both Greenfyld and Preschools have their Christmas tree displayed in the window in Dyers. It will be lovely to see all the trees helping us getting into the Christmas spirit.

### 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

**This week we have been looking at Listening and Attention and really enjoyed listening to our favourite stories and rhymes. Going on a Bear hunt and Three Little pigs have been our favourites this week. Are there any songs that you like singing at home or stories for bedtime you like listening too.?**

### Uniform.

We have had a delivery of our uniform in different sizes. Our jumpers are ideal for Preschool. We also have polo shirts, drawstring bags. Please email Helen for details.

### Clothes

We are running low on larger sized trousers 3/4 and 4/5 yrs old. The children are still enjoying our free flow activities and with the weather recently they need changing more regularly. Parents are able to bring in a bag of spare clothes in needed. Also if you have any of Preschool clothes which have been used recently please return them as soon as possible. If any families would like to donate any larger size trousers we would be very grateful

### STC signs

The children have learnt the STC signs of “Milk” and “Water” this week. Ask your child if they can remember them. Please visit our Facebook page for details.

### Tapestry

Please remember our letters and sounds challenge is still running on Tapestry. We have had some exciting and different observations for our sound. Also thank you for your observations and comments for our Adult Led. Next week’s Adult led is “The World”

### Toys

We are finding that some toys from home are still being brought into the setting. We would like to remind parents that toys from home are discourage due to the fact they could be lost or damaged in preschool. Please can you encourage your child to keep them at home as Preschool has lots of fun things to play with.

## Cygnet Preschool

### **Full of beans:**

This week we have started our first session via zoom with SASP (Somerset activity and sports partnership) (our camera and mic is kept off for this but we can see the instructors) we will be taking part in a session every Wednesday morning from 10am-10.30am for the next 4 weeks. This week was a space theme, we flew to the moon in our rockets and jumped across the planets. Please see tapestry as we upload photos of this.

### **Christmas tree festival:**

The children have been working hard to help create our 'alternative' tree for the Christmas tree festival which usually takes place in the minster church. This year our tree will be displayed in the window of Ilminster hair and beauty.

### **New fence:**

You may have been told as the children have been very excited about the digger and trucks, we now have a new fence surrounding our outside play area and allotment.

### **Colouring competition:**

You will have received an email as the children have taken home a Christmas tree picture for our colouring competition. Please can these be returned by December 11th.

### **Drop off:**

Please can we remind you that, unless exempt, face coverings are advised for drop off and collection times. Can we please also ask that drop offs are made swift. We have had a few children become unsettled due to parents holding back as children line up ready for preschool.



## A quick guide for Covid

If any of your household has any of these symptoms they must go for a Covid test:

- High temperature: any new high temperature where the person feels hot to touch on their chest or back.
- New continuous cough: coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours.
- Loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

**If anyone in your household has these symptoms and/or is waiting for a test result everyone in the household must self isolate as per guidance.**

**This means children of school and pre-school age do not attend school or pre-school until the person with symptoms has a negative test result or 14 days self isolation has been completed.**

If in doubt at any time, please contact the school office who are happy to talk you through the guidance.

# Christingle@home

## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 5pm

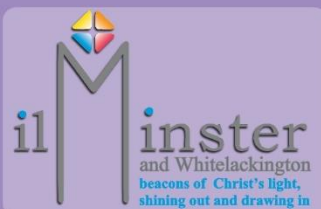
### Church Where You Are

Join us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/minsterilminster/>

Follow these 3 steps to celebrate **Christingle** with The Minster this year.

- 1. Order** your '**Christingle@home kit**' by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December from Lydia (Tel: 01460 54145 or 07713 727605)
- 2. Collect** your '**Christingle@home kit**' from The Minster on:  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. 3pm to 5pm  
Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10am to 12pm  
(maximum of 4 kits per household)
- 3. Join us** on Facebook 5pm Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December with your kit(s)



*Light of the World*



Explore the meaning of advent and build your own **Christingle**



**The Minster Church**



# CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

**SUNDAY 29TH NOV**

**On-line event until 23rd  
December**

With one or two photos a day of Christmas trees.



**On The Minster and Ilminster Facebook  
pages each day for Advent.**

Local individuals and groups are sending  
photographs and will be hoping for donations to  
charity. All **MONIES**  
will be directed to a Go Fund Me Page and  
distributed equally after the festival to  
nominated good causes.

This will hopefully bring a touch of sparkle ✨  
and some much needed support for charity at  
this difficult time. I hope you will all support this  
great event. Many thanks ✨ ✨ ✨ ✨ ✨



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