

# **GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL**

**Incorporating Cygnets and Sunny Ile Pre Schools**

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## **Happy Easter**

We have thoroughly enjoyed sharing Easter with you via our Easter worships with Rev Jo and we thank all involved in leading, creating and watching these services. We wish you all a very happy Easter and look forward to seeing our families again when term restarts on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April.



## **Individual School Photographs**

Tempest will be taking individual school photographs of the pupils on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. This year, the process is slightly different as we need to keep everyone Covid safe including ensuring we do not mix school bubbles. For this reason, we will be cleaning between each bubble having their individual photographs taken and we will not be able to have siblings together on photographs (unless in the same class) or offer for non-Greenfylde siblings to join photographs in the morning before school starts.

The office are in discussion with Tempest about offers they could make to those now having to consider purchasing individual photographs rather than a sibling photograph. We realise this will be disappointing to some families but we do need to prioritise Covid safety for our community at present.

## **Goodbye and good luck**

We are saying goodbye and good luck to two staff at the end of term. Mrs Parrington is leaving us for new challenges beyond education and Miss Dunn is moving across the South West. Both have given a lot to the Greenfylde community and we wish them well in the future.

## **Comic Relief**

Thanks to everyone's generosity (and odd socks!) we were able to send a donation of £188.90 to Comic Relief's 2021 appeal.



## After Easter

As we return after Easter our Covid measures will remain the same especially with rates currently rising locally. Although on the Government's roadmap more will have opened up by then, please can we remind families that social distancing guidance and wearing masks if you can remains so please use the spots when dropping off/picking up, maintain 2m from staff and move quickly away from the area so gate areas remain as clear as possible. A Covid warden was in our area this week and watched one end of school day; he reported to the staff that he approved of all our measures and felt we were doing all we could in these Covid times to make drop off/pick up as safe as possible which was reassuring to hear.



## Covid

A reminder that any information e.g if your child or someone in your household is self isolating, waiting for a test or when they have received a result should be sent by email to the school office at [greenfylde@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:greenfylde@educ.somerset.gov.uk) even during the Easter holidays. If symptoms occur in the holidays more than two days after being in school, contact tracing will be undertaken by NHS Test and Trace however we would appreciate you letting school know as well.

Your child must not come in if they have any Covid symptoms or if anyone else in their household has them and/or is waiting for a test.

## Ilminster Lions' award

Congratulations to our Lions for April.

Dove	Ellie T
Pippin	Luke H
Golden	Theo H
Puffin	Archie W N
Camelot	Oscar P
Hook	Myrtle P-B
Dunkerton	Kyra C
Morgan	Olivia M
Ashton	Gabrielius G
Coker	Mason W
Coopers	Hunter A
Gatcombe	Zachary D



Stars and certificates will be presented on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 9.30am for Years 3 and 4 and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 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 lions. 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 and we ask you to remain on mute. Please also be aware of your screen name and we ask that this is changed to your child's name.



**Huge Easter thanks to Cottage  
Flowers and Ilminster Tesco for  
arranging Easter eggs for all  
the children.**

**An amazingly kind and  
thoughtful gesture which we  
thank them for and wish all of  
them a fabulous Easter from  
Greenfylde**



# Sunny-Ile Pre-School Cygnet Pre-School Newsletter 1 April 2021



## Sunny Ile and Cygnet Pre School

### Absences

If your child is going to miss a session due to illness or appointment, then please let us know by either leaving a message on the Preschool answering machine 01460 259732 for Sunny Ile or 01460 57444 for Cygnets or by emailing [sunnyile@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:sunnyile@educ.somerset.gov.uk). Or [cygnetspreschool@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:cygnetspreschool@educ.somerset.gov.uk)

### Dates to Remember

Both preschools will close at the end of the day on Thursday 1 April 2021 for the Easter holidays. We reopen on Monday 19 April 2021. We hope you all enjoy the Easter holidays and the sun shines.

## Sunny Ile Preschool

**This week we have really enjoyed the sunshine, we have been playing outside lots this week. We have been using paintbrushes and water, making boats in the tyres and exploring in the sea for pirates. We have made a Great Wall of Sunny Ile using the bricks for our cars to ride along and finally bug hunting finding worms, beetles and even a ladybird.**

### Easter Holidays

We will be concentrating on Letters and Sounds next term. We will have a "Sound of the week" each week and we invite all of you to find things beginning with that sound. The first sound we will have is 'S'. We would like you to find a 'S' object during the Easter holidays and upload it to Tapestry – How many things can we find?

### Spare Clothes

Last Friday the children and staff were caught in a big downpour coming into Preschool. Most of the children were changed into dry, clean clothes. Some children were sent home in Preschool clothes as they didn't have spare clothes. May we ask that you bring in spare clothes with your child if they get wet during messy play, toileting or the weather.

## Cygnets Preschool

**This week the children have enjoyed painting daffodils, Easter crafts and lots of outdoor play and exploration.**

### Hats

With the warmer weather approaching please can children return after Easter with named sun hats and sun cream applied before attending.

We want to wish you all a very happy Easter and if you get up to anything exciting we would love to see your photos on tapestry.

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## **Online Safety Newsletter**

Issue 5 – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

Welcome to our online safety newsletter, designed to keep you up-to-date with the latest information on apps, games and ways in which you can support your child to stay safe online. These newsletters will be sent out termly and we welcome any ideas or requests for our future issues.

### **How is online safety taught in school?**

At Greenfylde, children use iPads, Chromebooks and other forms of technology such as Beebots to develop their computing skills. Online safety is taught as stand-alone lessons each term but it is also integrated into each lesson – if we are using technology, we are making sure that we teach the children how to use it safely. We want to encourage the children to be open about discussing which apps and games they use so that we can equip them with the knowledge and skills to use these appropriately.

#### Taming Gaming



The Taming Gaming website is brilliant as it has a huge catalogue of game ideas including age rating, top tips and details about costs - meaning all of the research has been done for you.

We hope this will be helpful when you are looking for new games for your children or if they mention a new game that they would like to play.

#### Net Aware



Net Aware is an excellent resource which makes it really easy to know about the latest apps and games that your children may be using at home. Simply type in the name of the app or game and it will tell you the age rating and other key information both as a quick snapshot and in more depth.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>



Thinkuknow is a fantastic resource base with lots of links which gives plenty of information about staying safe online for children of all ages. They have also added new resources recently including video clips and activities you can do with your children.

<http://bitly.ws/aljC>

While these newsletters will be sent out termly, we will be posting more regular updates on Class Dojo, Tapestry and our Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/greenfyldefirstschool/](http://www.facebook.com/greenfyldefirstschool/)

Please let us know if you have any requests or suggestions for our next online safety newsletter.

If you would like to be a part of our online safety group, please get in touch as we would love to have more parents involved this year.

# Holy Week & Easter at The Minster



## **PALM SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

8am BCP Holy Communion in-person (booking required)  
10.30am Holy Communion in-person (booking required) and  
on Facebook Live  
5pm Church Where You Are on Facebook Live



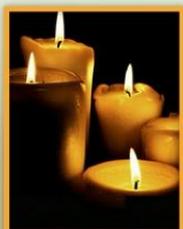
## **MAUNDY THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL**

7.30pm Holy Communion with stripping of the Altars  
In-person (booking required) and on Facebook Live



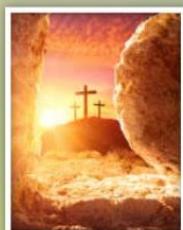
## **GOOD FRIDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL**

'An Hour at the Cross'  
12pm in-person (booking required)  
2pm in-person (booking required)



## **HOLY SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL**

7.30pm Service of Light  
In-person (booking required)



## **EASTER SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

6.15 am Sunrise Communion in the Churchyard (booking required)  
8am BCP Holy Communion in-person (booking required)  
10.30am Holy Communion in-person (booking required) and on  
Facebook Live  
5pm Church Where You Are on Facebook Live

To attend an in-person service please contact Teresa Hutchinson Tel: 01460 259710  
or Email: [minsterbookings@ilminsterpc.org.uk](mailto:minsterbookings@ilminsterpc.org.uk) - *Please arrive 15 min before the  
service and expect to wait to be seated. Face-coverings are mandatory in line  
with Government guidance unless you are exempt.*

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