

# **GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL**

**Incorporating Cygnets and Sunny Ile Pre Schools**

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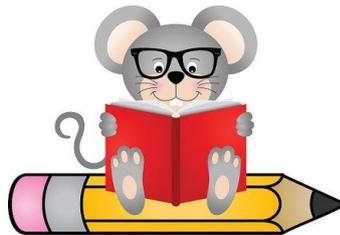
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## **Welcome back!**

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back for the Summer term and we have especially enjoyed the sunshine this week as we have been out exploring our new playground markings which came during the holidays. We now have new sports pitch markings including a mini football pitch for playtimes, an activity trail, snakes and ladders and a chess board, these last two being requested by the school council. Our quiet area, including our Reading den is now bright purple and both Reception outdoor areas have new number rockets. These have all been very popular this week and we look forward to using these during the Summer term.



## **Young Voices**

Well done to all the children who put themselves forward for our Young Voices public speaking competition. We were very impressed by everyone who took part and our class winners will now go forward to our final next Monday evening. Congratulations go to:

Golden class	Rose and Freddie
Puffin class	Alice and Hermione
Morgan class	Anna
Ashton class	Alice
Coker class	Izzy
Coppers class	Phoebe
Gatcombe class	Caitlyn

Certificates for these children will be given out during the Star of the Week assemblies next week and families will receive the Zoom links for these.

## **Parents' Evening**

Thank you to all our families for participating in our recent parent meeting discussions. We would like to get some feedback on these to help us plan future ones so please take a couple of minutes to complete the questionnaire via the link below. This will stay open until Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

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### **North Street crossing**

The School Crossing Patrol is now back on North Street for families who cross this road to get to and from Greenfylde.

### **Public Health Advice**

A reminder to families that if children have sickness or diarrhoea they must stay off for 48 hrs after the last episode to prevent potential infection spreading in school. Thank you to all families for your cooperation with this.

### **Classes for next year**

To start the process to organise our class from next September, we are going to do the same process as last year and email families asking for them to return their child's choices for three friends they would potentially like to be with and we will aim they will be with at least one listed. We will do a year group at a time so please look out for these emails between now and half term. Our provisional class structure for next year will be:

3 x Reception classes  
3 x Y1 classes  
2 x Y2 classes  
2 x Y3 classes  
1 x Y3/4 class  
2 x Y4 classes

### **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).

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.

### **Forest School**

Please find the dates below for the Forest School sessions for the rest of this half term. Children should come in own clothes with suitable footwear on these days.

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April – Coopers

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April – Coker

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Gatcombe

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Camelot

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Pippin

## Star of the Week

Congratulations to this week's stars.

Dove	Bradley G & Lucy C
Pippin	Sandy E & Ollie I
Golden	Rose I & Sicily H
Puffin	Hermoine C & Elliot O
Camelot	Chloe P & Cody C
Hook	Alex H & Elsie M
Dunkerton	Freddie C & Reggie S
Morgan	Jack T & Jake D
Ashton	Vinnie C & Casey F
Coker	Alec P & Finley W
Coopers	Lewis W & Ella P
Gatcombe	Jessica O & Harvey W

Stars and certificates will be presented on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 9.30am for Years 3 and 4 and Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 9.30am for Reception and Years 1 and 2.

Families of the stars are welcome to attend via Zoom and a link will be sent out to the contact emails we have for our stars. 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.





# Sunny-Ile Pre-School Cygnet Pre-School Newsletter 23 April 2021



## Sunny Ile and Cygnet Pre School

### Sun Cream

Now we are in the Summer Term and hopefully will see the Sun more, we would like to remind you of our sun cream policy. We ask for you to apply a long lasting sun cream lotion to your child before they come into session. If your child is in the setting all day, parents can bring in sun cream which is to be left at the pre-schools and applied after lunch by the staff. We require you to fill in a permissions form before any sun cream can be applied. Please bring in your sun cream named and fill in the form and hand to a member of staff. Sun cream **MUST NOT** be left in your child's bag. Don't forget a named sunhat for your child as well. We ask that the children do not wear strappy tops/sundresses and if sandals are worn they are fitted to the foot.

### Spaces for September

We will be opening our registers soon for September sessions. If you are looking for your child to start either Sunny Ile or Cygnet Pre-School from September please contact us on [hlancaster@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:hlancaster@educ.somerset.gov.uk) for an application pack and prospectus. We accept 2 and 3 year funding and the Government funding of 30 hours free childcare for working parents. Speak to Helen for more information.

### Dates to Remember

Both preschools will be closed on Monday 3 May 2021 for the May Bank Holiday Monday. Both preschools will close at the end of the day on Friday 28 May 2021 for the May Half Term holiday. We reopen on Monday 7 June 2021.

## Cygnets Preschool

Welcome back everyone and we hope you have had a lovely Easter break, we would also like to welcome our new families who have joined us.

This week we have been enjoying the sunshine and making the most of the garden space with water activities, as well as the climbing frame area.

### Hats

Please can we ask that children come to preschool with sun cream already applied and hats, with the weather beginning to warm up.

### Home corner

We've had a little change around in preschool and turned our home corner into a little 'school' for the children to explore as we focus more this term on school readiness.

### Letter of the week

Next week our letter / sound of the week will be P. We always enjoy seeing what things you find around your home and out and about with your children so remember to upload your observations to tapestry.



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## Sunny Ile Preschool

The children have really enjoyed the sunshine this week, It's has been so nice to take part in many outside activities such as bug hunts, parachute games and assault courses. The weather is still a little chilly so please ensure your child wears suitable clothing for the day. We have also enjoyed seeing old and new faces at Sunny Ile. Our new children have settled in really well and we look forward to sharing Sunny Ile adventures with you all.

## Sound of the Week

Our sound of the week has been 'S'. Thank you for the photos you have shared with us of items you have found at home. All the children have loved the sound activities at pre-school. **Next week's sound will be 'A'**. Please upload any items you find at home with the sound 'A' to Tapestry.

## Parking

Please be aware that you need to park within the designated spaces in the SSDC car park behind school and display either a valid car park ticket or the school/pre-school permits. The school permit allows you to park for drop off and pick up time and the pre-school permit allows you 20 min for lunch drop off and lunch pick up. Please speak to Helen for a permit.

## Dropping off procedure

Thank you to you all for following the new procedure at the morning drop off. We have more children attending now and would like to speed up the process so the children aren't waiting too long in the queue. We will place our Lunch trolley just outside the gates by the railings and we ask that you place lunchboxes and drinks in here please. **We must stress that all lunch boxes and drinks bottles must be named.** We thank you for your cooperation in this and hopefully this will speed up the mornings. If your child is only in for a morning or afternoon session they do not need to bring a drink as we provide drinks for them. They only need a drinks bottle if they are staying for lunch.

We will also now have a staff member available to pass on any messages, form filling etc after you have dropped your child off by the railings.

Thank you for your understanding in making the morning dropping off flow more easily, this will also help the children coming in and being settled.

We would also like to add that **ALL** your child's belongings must be clearly named.

## Adult led

Next week's adult led is 'Reading'. Sharing stories is so important for all aged children. Listening and joining in with repeated refrains and rhymes introduces your child to the different letter sounds which will help them in the future to read. At this age we are not expecting children to read, just to listen, join in and recall what they have heard. Please look for your Key persons reading focus on your Tapestry journal.