

GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL

Incorporating Cygnets and Sunny Ile Pre Schools

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Happy New Year

It has been lovely to see everyone back at school again and we are looking forward to all the activities that are planned for the Spring Term. We hope everyone had a good holiday but appreciate for some Covid also became part of their Christmas plans. This term we are looking forward to events such as World Book Day and Fairtrade Fortnight and we've already started our Life Education sessions which all classes and pre-schools will take part in this week and next.

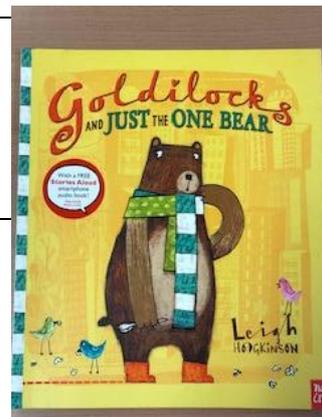
Our school community – happiness ambassadors

With the cold weather we need our happiness ambassadors more than ever to keep us all smiling. So, if you are short of a smile we have nominated these wonderful children as we know they will have one to share. For everyone else, keep smiling as well as we'll be on the lookout for our next set of ambassadors for after half term.

Pippin	Victoriah
Dove	Ayda
Sandew	Jack
Golden	Bethany
Puffin	Troy
Camelot	Clara
Hook	Alexander
Dunkerton	Ivy-Rose
Morgan	Ellie-Mae
Ashton	Brooke
Coker	Scarlett
Coopers	Lewis
Gatcombe	Bailey

Have a look at a book!

This week's book is a twist on a very well known fairy tale.



Online safety update



Some children may have received a new device for Christmas. Here is a guide on some of the features to be aware of when setting up these new devices to ensure they are safe for your child.

https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/new-devices-2021?utm_campaign=WakeUpWednesday&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=198699173&_hsenc=p2ANqtz--jhUukF1wMGYgULmo8C9-87RF6tW1mPX33vNNnlnzxNlj7wJEkvWv6KlnCumUJYhoTAVi54FiOpNihwxBrBHAFWD3ZZh5r5aNv8Khc0PPw6V_7des&utm_content=198699173&utm_source=hs_email

Covid

What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or tests positive for COVID-19

Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a new, continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they should get a PCR test and remain at home at least until the result is known **and they are fever free (without medication) for at least 24 hours.**

If **negative**, the child can end self-isolation and return to school once well;

If **positive**, the child should isolate until at least 10 days after their symptoms appeared.

They may be able to leave isolation and return to school on day 8 if day 6 and day 7 lateral flow tests, tested at least 24 hours apart are both negative.

If the child has a positive test result, but does not have [symptoms](#), they should stay at home and self-isolate for 10 days from the date the positive test was taken. Isolation can end early as above. This isolation period will be extended if they go on to develop symptoms by counting 10 full days from the day following their symptom onset. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for a PCR test (the normally available test type) and this can be arranged via <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

From the 11th January, children who test positive on LFT without symptoms, do not need to get a PCR test and instead start their isolation of 10 full days post the day of the test. As above this can end earlier if the additional tests are met.

A reminder that any information e.g if your child is 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, please don't send via School Comms as the office email is checked out of hours unlike the School Comms app. Your child must not come in or be brought to school if they have any Covid symptoms.

If your child is identified as a close contact and are 5 and over, they should lateral flow test for 7 days and only go for a PCR test if they develop symptoms. Children should not attend school if they get a positive LFT result – see guidance above re what to do if children receive a positive LFT.

When reporting absence please state the symptoms your child is experiencing as depending on these it changes their coding on the register. If we receive messages with just descriptions such as 'unwell' then the office will need to follow this up with you in a telephone call. Please can we ask families to be respectful to any calls from the office re potential Covid illness as they are only following the Government guidance.

Star of the Week

Congratulations to this week's Star of the Week nominations.

Dove	Imogen-Grace H & Millie H
Pippin	Ella F & Ernest F
Sandew	Logan N & Toby D
Golden	Oliver I & Arthur P
Puffin	Lily W & Matilda-Rose P
Camelot	Charlie L-L & Oliver H
Hook	Theodore H-W & Georgie R-E
Dunkerton	Amelia C & Ailsa P
Morgan	Oliver T & Phoebe G
Ashton	Blake P & Dexter C
Coker	Jack W & Luskanya W
Coopers	Olivia T & Morgan C
Gatcombe	Haydyn G & Tighe J

Stars and certificates will be presented on Thursday 13th January at 9.30am for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and Friday 14th January at 9.30am for Years 3 and 4.

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 pupils. 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 - Friday 7th January 2022

Sunny Ile and Cygnet Pre School

Welcome Back

We would like to welcome back all our families to both Sunny Ile and Cygnet's Pre –School. We hope you have been able to have a relaxing Christmas and New Year break. The children have loved telling the staff all about their adventures over the festive period, including what Santa brought for them.

We would like to also take this opportunity to welcome some new families to the Pre-Schools.

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Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for a PCR test (the normally available test type) and this can be arranged via <https://www.gov.uk/getcoronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

Weather

The weather has started to turn very cold, especially when the wind is blowing, the children love to play outside. Please can we ask that you send your children in with a warm winter coat, hat, and mittens please, and that all are clearly named? Many thanks

School Admissions Primary School

Please don't forget closing date for Primary School admissions is 15th January 2022 – Please go on-line and fill in your application form if your child is due to start school in September 2022.

www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/apply-to-start-school/

If you need any further assistance please contact us.

Please be aware that when you are registering your child for 'Greenfylde Church of England First School' with the current changes to the school Greenfylde now appears as 'Ilminster Community Primary School'

We have also welcomed a new member of staff 'Laura' she has a lot of experience within early years, Laura will be working at both Sunny Ile and Cygnet Pre-school. The children have had a wonderful first week with her, teaching her all the routines of the settings. We also have Debbie who is working Bank hours with us when needed.

Sunny Ile Pre School

It has been lovely to welcome back our families both new and existing families. The children have enjoyed playing with present friends and making some new friends.

We have had a very busy first week at Sunny Ile Preschool, with making shopping lists, playing with the animals in the jungle and chatting about our Christmas visits from Santa.

The children were visited by the life education programme, where the children learn about being healthy.

Cygnets Pre School

We have had a great start back to the New Year, lots of smiling faces and exciting times talking about what a lovely time we all had over Christmas. The children have enjoyed lots of play on the soft play this week as well as painting and making fresh play dough.

Life bus:

We are excited to have a trip to Greenfylde on Friday for the life education programme, where we will be involved with an interactive session.

Spaces:

We have spaces available if you or anyone you know is looking for a fun and exciting setting for their child.