

GREENFYLDE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FIRST SCHOOL

Incorporating Cygnets and Sunny Ile Pre Schools

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FrOGS AGM and planning meeting

In these Covid times, we need our FrOGS (PTFA) more than ever and hope many of you will consider joining our meeting next Monday to help us think of creative ways to keep FrOGS going in these times.

Topic: Frogs AGM MEETING

Time: Oct 19, 2020 08:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5837460030?pwd=TXdPNlpgL2pVcHNnY4Yi9lSEdkQT09>

Meeting ID: 583 746 0030

Passcode: 2DdE9s

Ilminster and Crewkerne Strategic Review of Schooling

Further to the paperwork sent out by the Local Authority last week, the Somerset County Council Cabinet papers can now be read via

<https://democracy.somerset.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=134&MId=898>

Coming and going from school

Just a reminder that whilst it is great to chat to other families as you are waiting for children to go in and out of school we do encourage you to maintain 2m social distancing whilst we are still in the pandemic and to maintain 2m distance when talking to staff. We are monitoring how this is working and if necessary, along with some other schools in the area, we will need to request adults (where not exempt) wear masks/face shields at drop off/pick up and staff will do the same.



Harvest

Thank you to everyone involved in our Harvest Festivals this year. Online Harvests were certainly a novel way of sharing in thanksgiving but it did allow over 200 families to join us over the three Services. We appreciate the kindness and generosity of our families that has allowed us to offer a donation this week to the Ilminster Food Bank

Safeguarding

Please can we ask families not to allow small children to walk along the boundary walls on Wharf Lane. These walls are very old and listed and not suitable for climbing. Thank you for your support.

Term dates

Please find attached to this email the term dates for the academic year 2021/2022.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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:

Friday 13th November – Children in Need – wear something cheerful from your wardrobe on an own clothes day – voluntary donation of 50p per family.

Friday 20th November – we're still going to dress up in Victorian Clothes to have a fun History Day in school and we'll also be having a lantern display in the Ilminster Emporium.

Thursday 10th and Friday 11th 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 of the week.

Dove	Eva-Mae H & Bradley G
Pippin	Effie S & Lysander E
Golden	Alfey S & Matilda W
Puffin	Lucas L & Georgie R-E
Camelot	Finley P & Kyla H
Hook	Samuel H & Elsie M
Dunkerton	Rocco J & Reeya Z
Morgan	Jake D & Dylan M
Ashton	Ollie W & Nancy P
Coker	Bruno B & Max C
Coopers	Rahul Q & Frankie M
Gatcombe	Harvey W & Lillian T

Children will have their certificates and stars presented in class on Friday 23rd October at 9.30am for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and Thursday 22nd October 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 Stars of the Week. 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



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Sunny Ile and Cygnet Pre School

Safeguarding - Absences

If your child will be absent from any of our preschools, please can you ring and speak to a member of the team or leave an answerphone message. Please do not email as we don't always pick up email every day.

Safeguarding – Coats

Now the weather is colder and changing, please can you ensure your child has a warm waterproof coat with them every day for preschool. We are still finding that some children are coming in without coats and we would like them to enjoy playing outside.

Facebook

Don't forget to "like" and "follow" our facebook pages. You will be able to view regular updates of our activities, events and important information.

Dates for the Diary

October Half term - Pre School closes after school on Friday 23 October 2020. We reopen on Tuesday 3 November 2020.

The 2 November is an INSET day for both preschools.

Sunny Ile Pre School

We are still enjoying the weather this week, the sun has shone lots this week, have you seen the rainbows too?. We have been busy collecting leaves in the playground and finding lots of spiders and bugs – we might even go for a bug hunt next week to see if we can find different types of bugs.

STC Signs

The children have learnt our STC signs of "Quiet" and "Listen" this week. Ask your child if they can remember them. We will be learning two new signs next week.

Tapestry

Did you know Tapestry has a 'like' button? During the new term if you have seen an observation or photograph you like – don't forget to press the 'like' button. This is nice for the staff to see that you have seen the observation and sometimes a comment **isn't** always necessary.

Resources

The children have enjoyed playing with our new addition to the outside – Gus the Caterpillar. This was purchased using some of the money raised from our sponsored bounce we held in the spring term. Thank you once again to everyone who helped raise this money, the children love their new friend.

Toys

We have had a few toys go missing recently and wonder if they went for an adventure at children houses. Could you please check your child's bags to see if cars, bugs or anything, which you believe, could be pre-schools have gone on an adventure? If 'yes' we would be really pleased to have them back....



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Cygnet Pre School

Tapestry.

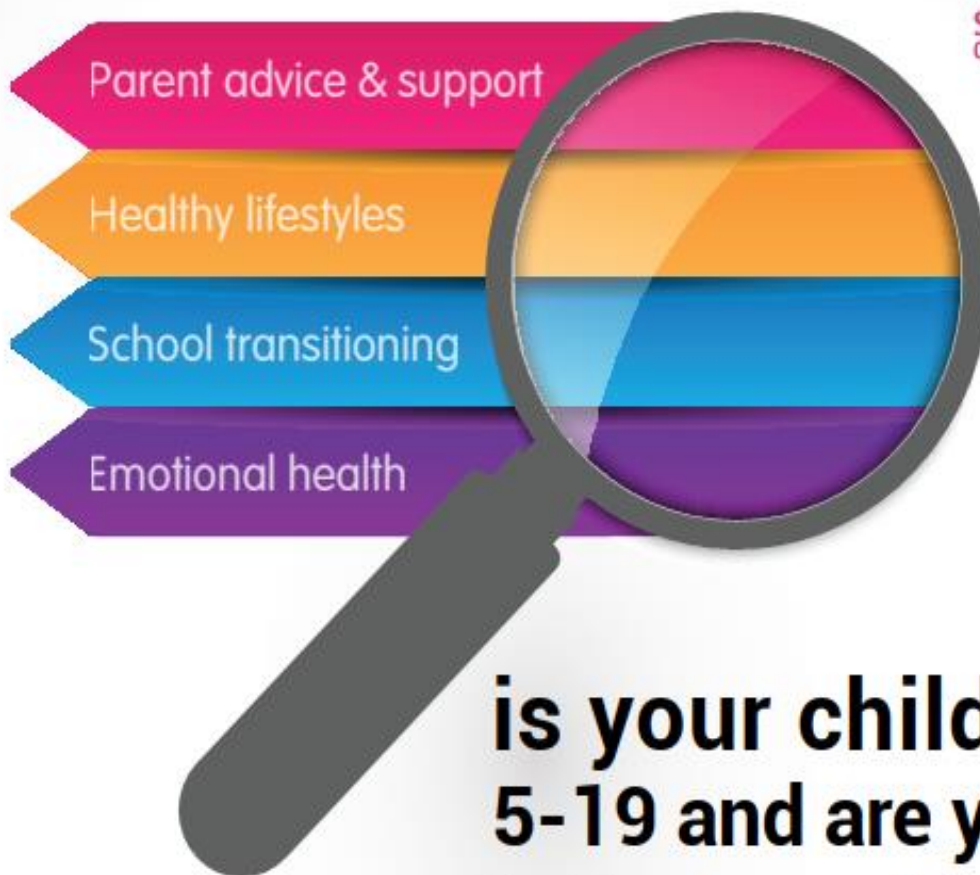
Please remember to log on and have a look at tapestry, we are uploading observations and would really appreciate parent comments. You can download tapestry as an app for your mobile phone. This also offers you the opportunity to upload your own photos from home to share with us.

Drop off and collections.

Please can you ensure you are prompt for drop off and collection timings of the children? We really do appreciate your cooperation and understanding at this time.

Autumn.

We are looking at all things autumn this month. If you go on any autumnal walks we would love it if you could share the photos on tapestry of anything you may find or see when out and about.



**is your child
5-19 and are you**
looking for confidential
help and support?

A safe and easy way to contact
your School Nursing Team

Just send a text or scan me

07480 635 515



Disclaimer: This is not an emergency service; it operates Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm and is only available by using a UK mobile number. Your messages are stored on our secure system and can be seen by the School Nursing Team who run our ChatHealth Service. Although this is a confidential service, in the event of an safeguarding issue the School Nurse has a duty of care to act on this and may escalate the concern.

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Somerset School Terms and Holidays

2021/2022 Academic Year

Greenfylde C of E First School

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September 2021					October 2021					November 2021							
M		6	13	20	27	M		4	11	18	25	M	1	8	15	22	29
Tu		7	14	21	28	Tu		5	12	19	26	Tu	2	9	16	23	30
W	1	8	15	22	29	W		6	13	20	27	W	3	10	17	24	
Th	2	9	16	23	30	Th		7	14	21	28	Th	4	11	18	25	
F	3	10	17	24	F	1	8	15	22	29	F	5	12	19	26		
Sa	4	11	18	25	Sa	2	9	16	23	30	Sa	6	13	20	27		
Su	5	12	19	26	Su	3	10	17	24	31	Su	7	14	21	28		
December 2021					January 2022					February 2022							
M		6	13	20	27	M	3	10	17	24	31	M		7	14	21	28
Tu		7	14	21	28	Tu	4	11	18	25	Tu	1	8	15	22		
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Su	5	12	19	26	Su	2	9	16	23	30	Su	6	13	20	27		
March 2022					April 2022					May 2022							
M		7	14	21	28	M		4	11	18	25	M	2	9	16	23	30
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Key:

	School Holiday
	Bank Holiday
	Term Time
	Inset Day

Term dates summary:

Term 1: 06 September – 22 October 2021 (35 days)
 Term 2: 01 November – 17 December 2021 (35 days)
 Term 3: 04 January – 18 February 2022 (34 days)
 Term 4: 28 February – 08 April 2022 (30 days)
 Term 5: 25 April – 27 May 2022 (24 days)
 Term 6: 06 June – 26 July 2022 (37 days)

TOTAL = 195

Bank and public holidays 2021/22

Christmas Day Bank Holiday	27 December 2021*	Easter Monday	18 April 2022
Boxing Day Bank Holiday	28 December 2021*	May Day Bank Holiday	02 May 2022
New Year's Day Holiday	03 January 2022*	Spring Bank Holiday	30 May 2022
Good Friday	15 April 2022	Summer Bank Holiday	29 August 2022

*Replacement Bank Holiday day when the bank holiday falls on a weekend

Academy, Free Schools, Foundation & Voluntary Aided schools can set their own term dates and may differ from ours. Please check with individual schools for their term dates