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Newsletter

Friday 2nd February 2024

GEMS Assembly:

The winning team for the weekly GEM Trophy was **Diamond** Well done to everyone in Team **Diamond!**

Find out about our GEM procedures here: <https://whinfield.net/parents/gems/>

School drop off and pick up:

When dropping off and collecting your child from the Key Stage 1 playground, please ensure they stand with a grown up. Please don't allow children to climb on the wall or run up and down the astro turf as this can be slippery. Thank you for your co-operation.

Sickness:

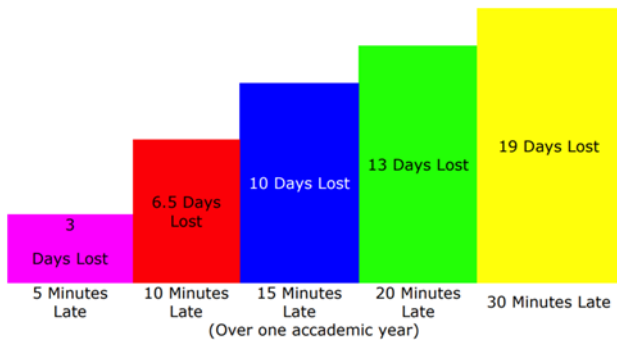
As you are aware it is the time of year when there are lots of different bugs and viruses going around. If your child is absent due to sickness or diarrhoea, please keep your child off school for 48 hours after the last time they were sick. This helps to prevent the virus spreading. Thank you for your co-operation.

Late children:

Last week we had 80 children sign in late through the school office.

Every Minute Counts

If you arrive late to school everyday your learning begins to suffer. Below is a graph showing how being late to school everyday over a school year adds up to lost learning time.



When pupils arrive late, they miss out on essential instructions given at the beginning of the lesson. This can significantly reduce achievement, regardless of academic ability. Your child may also feel awkward arriving to the classroom when everyone else is settled. Furthermore, when one pupil arrives late, it disrupts the entire class and the teacher - everyone's education is compromised.

Please ensure you adhere to your child's school start time. Children should not be coming into school late through the school office. They should also be picked up at their allocated time and not collected from the office early. We ask that where possible any appointments are made out of school time. If this is not possible and your child has an appointment bring a copy of your appointment letter to the office. Children coming to school late and leaving early are missing





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valuable learning time which can have a long-lasting impact on their progress. Thank you for your continued support.

Year 4 Dodgeball:

Well done to the Year 4 children who attending the dodgeball competition on Tuesday, the team came 2nd in their group which is an amazing achievement! Your Emerald powers were shining during every game you played, and we are very proud of you and how you represented the school.

World Book Day:

World Book Day is Thursday 7th March. We will be doing lots of exciting activities in school and having a special assembly.

The theme this year for the whole school is "Bedtime Stories". We would like staff and children to dress in their pyjamas. We would ask parents/carers to ensure children wear shoes/trainers and dress appropriately for the weather. The children may also like to bring their teddy.

Important Dates for the Spring term :

Friday 16 th February	School closes for February half term
Monday 26 th February	School reopens for pupils
Monday 4 th March	Parents Evening
Wednesday 6 th March	Parents Evening
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day (more information to follow)
Thursday 28th March	School closes for Easter holidays
Monday 15 th April	School reopens for pupils





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School book fair! Wednesday 7th February until Friday 9th February



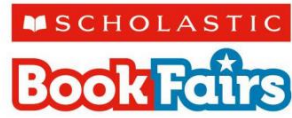
This is the QR code where you can access the book fair books and pay online. Once on the QR code enter the school name "Whinfield Primary". You can then make your order.

To see the books available please visit <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases> or you can pop into school on Wednesday 7th, 8th and 9th February at 3:15pm and make a purchase with your child. We will take cash payments but we would prefer online payments if possible.





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