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Newsletter

Friday 8th March 2024

GEMS Assembly:

The winning team for the weekly GEM Trophy was **Ruby**. Well done to everyone in Team **Ruby**!
Find out about our GEM procedures here: <https://whinfield.net/parents/gems/>

Red Nose Day:

Red Nose Day is Friday 15th March. Children can wear red or their own clothes. You will be able to send a donation via School Gateway or we will accept any money that is brought into school.

Childcare:

As you are aware the childcare provision was set up to be self-funding. Fees have not been increased since 2019, long before the pandemic. We have tried to keep the cost low as we appreciate the increases in energy and food costs, we have all felt. However, as costs have continued to rise significantly during this time this has meant that the childcare provision is no longer self-funding and therefore school has no alternative but to increase the fees.

In order to give parents/carers some notice fees will increase from 1st June 2024. If you have pre booked sessions for 1st June onwards these sessions will be cancelled, leaving a credit on your account.

You will then have to rebook these sessions after the 24th May.

Once the price has been increased, you will be notified when sessions from the 1st June are available to book.

From 1st June 2024

Breakfast Childcare will be £3.00 per day

Afterschool Childcare will be £12 per day

School Meals:

Due to the continuing increasing costs School Meals for KS2 pupils will increase to £2.75 per day.
All payments should continue to be made on School Gateway.

Water bottles:

Please do not send your child to school with large water bottles. Children only require a standard size bottle that can be refilled throughout the day.

Year 5 Easter Production:

The Year 5 Easter production, "Easter Story" will be on Tuesday 26th March at 2pm. Tickets will be available to book today from 4pm. Please click the link to book your tickets. Please visit <https://whinfield.schoolcloud.co.uk> . Thank you.

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.





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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.

SEND survey:



<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=5abQzwBpnkOw3wvCNhVCD2USaK9Rrh1Lnt38UQzv4y5UQjRZQ0NaRDION0IIQziROEIQUE9aNDdNRy4u>

Important Dates for the Spring term :

Tuesday 26 th March	Year 5 Easter Performance 2pm (more information to follow)
Thursday 28 th March	School closes for Easter holidays
Monday 15 th April	School reopens for pupils
Tuesday 21 st May	Class RN Stay and Play (more information to follow)





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Wednesday 22 nd May	Class RM Stay and Play (more information to follow)
Wednesday 5 th June	Year 1 Parent workshop 2pm - 3pm (more information to follow)
Thursday 6 th June	Year 2 Parent workshop 1:30pm (more information to follow)
Wednesday 12 th June	Year 5 Parent Workshop 9:30am (more information to follow)
Thursday 13 th June	Year 3 Parent Workshop 1:30pm (more information to follow)
Thursday 13 th June	Reception new starters 2024 meeting 4pm
Wednesday 19 th June	Year 4 Parent workshop 9:15am (more information to follow)
Thursday 27 th June	Parent meeting for new year group - Year 5 moving to Year 6 - 3:15pm
Tuesday 2 nd July	Year 6 parent workshop - 1:30pm (more information to follow)
Wednesday 3 rd July	Parent meeting for new year group - Year 4 moving to Year 5 - 3:15pm
Tuesday 9 th July	Parent meeting for new year group - Year 1 moving to Year 2 - 3:15pm
Wednesday 10 th July	Parent meeting for new year group - Reception moving to Year 1 - 3:15pm
Thursday 11 th July	Parent meeting for new year group - Year 2 moving to Year 3 - 3:15pm
Monday 15 th July	Parent meeting for new year group - Year 3 moving to Year 4 - 3:15pm

