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Newsletter

Friday 24th May

School will close for half term today and re-open to pupils on Monday 3rd June 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/>

Children's Cancer run:

The children had a great time today participating in the mile run. **Over £550 was raised**. Thank you so much for all of your donations.

Cricket:

Well done to our Y6 cricketers who attended the Cricket Cup competition on Tuesday, the team came 2nd out of 7 teams - very impressive! Lots of other schools commented that we were the 'fun team' to play, as you all showed competitiveness, but also team spirit and a fantastic sense of humour. We are really proud of how you have represented our school.

Phonics screening parents/carers meeting:

There will be a meeting for Year 1 parents/carers Monday 3rd June at 3:10pm to discuss the Year 1 Phonics screening. Please come to the main entrance after you have collected your child from school.

Year 2 parent/carer workshop:

Year 2 parent/carer workshop is on Thursday 6th June and will be celebrating learning about Earth Art. If the weather is fine, we hope to get out onto the field to enjoy some lovely crafty activities. Please bring picnic type blankets and camping chairs for your own comfort if you wish. The children will need some supplies that you can help us with. Over half term, please collect palm sized rocks for rock painting, different sized sticks for building sculptures and weaving frames, pinecones, leaves and flowers for mandalas and any other bits you think might be useful. Get ready to show off your creative side! Thank you, Year 2.

Chartwells:

Chartwells have been the School Meal provider in this school through a contract with Durham for the last two years. As we are moving into year three, they would like to collect some views on the offer from parents.

Parents: <https://bit.ly/SMQ-Parents>

The survey has been commissioned by Durham. The responses will be collated and used by the Board to review current opinions and to inform how we share these with Chartwells going forward.

The questionnaire has not been directed by Chartwells but rather from members of the Board. There are some compulsory questions but also some free text boxes.

Chartwells would be extremely grateful if you could complete by close of play on the 24th May when the links will close.





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Water bottles:

Please do not send your child to school with glass water bottle. Please make sure they are plastic. Thank you.

Afterschool Activities:

| Day | Club | Year group | Time | How to book |
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| Tuesday | Football | Year 4 & 5 | 3:15pm - 4:15pm | Book through School Gateway - Tuesday 4 th June 12:30pm |
| Wednesday | Choir | Years 5 and 6 | 3:15pm - 4:15pm | To continue with same children as last term. |
| Wednesday | Dance | Years 2,4,5&6 | 3:15pm - 4:15pm | To continue with same children as last term. |
| Thursday | Gardening Gang | Year 3 and 4 | 3:15pm - 4:15pm | To continue with same children as last term. |

All activities will start week commencing 10th June 2024 and finish week commencing 8th July 2024. Children need to be collected after the club by an adult from the Asda entrance. If your child is attending a sporting activity, please send them to school in their school PE kit (no football strips).

Important Dates for the Summer term :

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| Friday 24 th May | School closes for half Term Holiday. School re-opens Monday 3 rd June. |
| W/C Monday 3 rd June | Year 4 multiplication checks |
| 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) |
| W/C 10 th June | Year 1 phonics screening |
| 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 |
| Monday 1 st July | Reception Sports morning 9:30am - 10:30am Parents can attend. |





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| Tuesday 2 nd July | Year 1 Sports morning 9:30am - 10:30am Parents can attend. |
| Tuesday 2 nd July | Year 6 parent workshop - 1:30pm (more information to follow) |
| Wednesday 3 rd July | Year 2 Sports morning 9:30am - 10:30am Parents can attend. |
| Wednesday 3 rd July | Parent meeting for new year group - Year 4 moving to Year 5 - 3:15pm |
| Thursday 4 th July | Year 4 Sports morning 9:30am - 10:30am Parents can attend. |
| Friday 5 th July | Year 3 Sports morning 9:30am - 10:30am Parents can attend. |
| Monday 8 th July | Year 5 Sports morning 9:30am - 10:30am Parents can attend. |
| Monday 8 th July | Parents evening 3:30pm - 6pm -Drop in, no appointment needed. |
| 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 |
| Wednesday 10 th July | Year 6 Sports morning 9:30am - 10:30am Parents can attend. |
| 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 |
| Wednesday 17 th July | Year 6 Leavers performance (more information to follow) |
| Wednesday 17 th July | Year 6 Leavers disco - 4:30pm - 6:30pm |
| Friday 19 th July | Last day of term. School closes for Summer. |

