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Newsletter

Friday 29th September

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/>

Volunteer for Educational visits:

If you would be interested in becoming a volunteer to help with educational visits, please contact the school office to request a volunteer application pack.

Cross country:

Well done to all of the children from Year 4, 5 and 6 who represented Whinfield at the Cross-Country Festival yesterday afternoon. You all showed your emerald power and didn't give up around the track, despite some distances being very long!

We are very proud to say that three of our children finished in the top 10 in their races and will go onto represent Tees Valley. Well done to Amelia Stanford, Jenson Large and Poppy Brown.

School Start and end times:

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 valuable learning time which can have a long-lasting impact on their progress - it also interrupts the learning of all children in the class. Thank you for your continued support.

Facebook:

As you are aware the school uses our Facebook page to share different information with you from celebrations of achievements to messages.

We really value this form of communication and have been informed by you as parents/carers that you do too.

Moving forward we will continue to use our page in a way that keeps you up to date and able to see the outstanding work and achievements your children make.

Facebook has proved the most effective way of contacting parents/carers quickly, which we need to do on occasion when there is a sudden problem eg. flooding, which is completely out of our hands. As you appreciate the change in weather we are experiencing at the moment which is leading to extremely heavy downpours of rain has caused many buildings across the town sudden problems. We will continue to try and give as much notice to you as is possible.

Should you have a question or a query about anything posted please contact the school via email or through School Gateway so that individual concerns can be addressed. Please do not name individual





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staff on our Facebook page as this is not the purpose of the page but contact them directly through the admin@whinfield.net to discuss your concerns.

Thank you for all of your support. We really appreciate the kind messages and understanding we have had whilst trying to work alongside the contractors leading the current re-roofing works. We will continue to do our best and know that you understand that situations of this nature are beyond the control of the school.

Important Dates for Autumn term 1:

Thursday 12th October (note amended date)	Reception Parents reading meeting (more info to follow)
Thursday 12th October	Individual and in school sibling photos
Monday 16th October	Flu vaccinations (Reception - Year 6) more info to follow.
Thursday 26th October	Parents open evening for Reception 2024 new starters 4:30pm - 5:30pm

