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Newsletter

Friday 27th October

School closes today for half term and reopens Monday 6th November.

GEMS Assembly:

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

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.

Class 4O and 4S PE days:

After half term class 4O will have PE on Monday and Wednesday. Active mile will remain on Thursday. Class 4S will have PE on Monday and Tuesday. Active mile will remain on Thursday.

Harvest:



What a wonderful Harvest assembly we had on Wednesday, thank you very much for all of your kind donations. The photo shows only a portion of the produce which has been taken to St Andrews foodbank today.





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Parents Evening:

Parents evenings are Monday 13th November and Wednesday 15th November. Appointments are available to book through school cloud from 4pm today: <https://whinfield.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Afterschool Activities:

Tuesday: Year 1 and 2 Football 3:15 - 4:15pm

Tuesday: Year 5 and 6 Lego club 3:15pm - 4:15pm

Tuesday: Year 6 Film Club 3:15pm - 5pm

Wednesday: Year 5 and 6 Sports hall athletics 3:15pm -4:15pm

Thursday: Year 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Choir (this is separate from The Mayors Song Contest)
3:15pm - 4:15pm

Thursday: Year 4 boys Football 3:15pm - 4:15pm

Activities will start WC 13th November and will run for 4 weeks.

All activities need to be booked through School Gateway. There are limited spaces available and are on a first come first served basis. **Activities will be available to book from 11:00am on Tuesday 7th November** via the school gateway. You must select all sessions to secure your place.

Activities change each half term and are available for different year groups. This gives all year groups a chance to take part in a variety of activities.

Calling all singers and performers - Mayor's Song Contest:

The annual Mayor's Song Contest is coming around fast again! Whinfield will be due to perform on the evening of Friday 8th March. As such, we will have an open audition in the first week back after half term for the chance to be part of the choir. Children may perform any song of their choosing. Any child from Year 4-6 can apply to be a part of the choir but we expect the competition to be tough as there is limited spaces! *Get those singing voices ready!*

Poppies:

Poppies and poppy merchandise (wrist bands and reflectors etc) will be available to purchase in school from Monday 6th November for a donation.



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Important Dates for Autumn term 2:

(please note: Year 5 and 6 do not have a Christmas performance - Year 5 have an Easter performance and Year 6 a Leavers performance)

WC 13th November 2023	Antibullying week
Monday 13th November 2023	Parents evening 3:30pm- 6pm, Appointments to be booked through school cloud https://whinfield.schoolcloud.co.uk/
Wednesday 15th November 2023	Parents evening 3:30pm- 6pm, Appointments to be booked through school cloud https://whinfield.schoolcloud.co.uk/
Friday 17th November	Children in Need (more information to follow)
Monday 4th December	Year 3 Christmas performance - 10am and 2pm (more information regarding tickets to follow)
Tuesday 5th December	Year 4 Christmas performance - 10am and 2pm (more information regarding tickets to follow)
Wednesday 6th December	Reception Nativity performance - 10am and 2pm (more information regarding tickets to follow)
Thursday 7th December	Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance - 10am and 2pm (more information regarding tickets to follow)
Friday 8th December	Christmas Jumper day
Monday 11th December to Wednesday 13th December	Year 6 - Robinwood
Monday 11th December	Year 2 and 3 Christmas Party
Tuesday 12th December	Year 1 and 5 Christmas Party
Wednesday 13th December	Reception and Year 4 Christmas Party
Thursday 14th December	Christmas Dinner
Friday 15th December	Year 6 Christmas Party

