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Newsletter Friday 10th November

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.

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 patience while the roofing works continue and we alter entrances and exits.

Year group	Start time	End of day
Reception	8.45a.m.	3.05p.m.
Year 1	8.50a.m.	3.10p.m.
Year 2	8.45a.m.	3.05p.m.
Year 3	8.50a.m.	3.10p.m.
Year 4	8.50a.m.	3.10p.m.
Year 5	8.45a.m.	3.05p.m.
Year 6	8.45a.m.	3.05p.m.

Parents' Evening:

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

Due to the ongoing roof works the entrances and exits for Parents' Evening will be different for some classes:

Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and class 3D	Enter and exit through the main entrance.
Class 3G and 3WH	Enter and exit through the Asda gates, turn left and walk up the ramp to the portacabins (there will be signage).



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Year 4 and 5	Enter and exit through Asda gates, enter school through the breakfast and afterschool childcare entrance (there will be signage).
Year 6	Enter and exit through the Asda gates, turn right and enter through the Year 6 door (there will be signage).

Breakfast and afterschool childcare will be in a Year 1 classroom on Monday and Wednesday due to Parents' evenings. Please collect your child from the classroom door. This is the fourth door up from the main entrance.

Odd Sock Day

Next week is Anti-bullying week in school. Children will be taking part in discussions and activities during the week. To raise awareness children can come to school on Monday 13th November wearing odd socks.

Afterschool Activities:

If you have booked an afterschool activity on the School Gateway, your child must be collected by an adult after the activity from the Asda entrance. Please see dates and times below. Thank you.

Tuesday: Year 1 and 2 Football 3:15 - 4:15pm. First Session Tuesday 14th November, last session Tuesday 5th December.

Tuesday: Year 5 and 6 Lego club 3:15pm - 4:15pm. First Session Tuesday 14th November, last session Tuesday 5th December.

Tuesday: Year 6 Film Club 3:15pm - 5pm First Sessions Tuesday 14th November, last session Tuesday 5th December.

Wednesday: Year 5 and 6 Sports hall athletics 3:15pm -4:15pm. First Session Wednesday 15th November, last session Wednesday 6th December.

Thursday: Year 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Choir (this is separate from The Mayor's Song Contest) 3:15pm - 4:15pm. First Session Thursday 16th November, last session Thursday 7th December.

Thursday: Year 4 boys Football 3:15pm - 4:15pm First Session Thursday 16th November, last session Thursday 7th December.

Please send your child to school in their PE kit on the days of the club if it is a sports activity. NO FOOTBALL KITS ARE TO BE WORN ONLY SCHOOL PE KITS. Children can bring football boots to change into.





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Get Rockin'!



Children in Need

On Friday 17th November Children can come to school in non-uniform. They can wear yellow or Pudsey Bear/Children in Need Merchandise. Please could any donations for Children in Need be made directly using this link <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

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 13 th November 2023	Parents evening 3:30pm- 6pm, Appointments to be booked through school cloud https://whinfield.schoolcloud.co.uk/
Wednesday 15 th November 2023	Parents evening 3:30pm- 6pm, Appointments to be booked through school cloud https://whinfield.schoolcloud.co.uk/
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need
Monday 4 th December	Year 3 Christmas performance - 10am and 2pm (more information regarding tickets to follow)
Tuesday 5 th December	Year 4 Christmas performance - 10am and 2pm (more information regarding tickets to follow)





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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

