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Newsletter

Friday 8th December

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/>

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.

When dropping off and collecting your children from school please do not block the walkways. Please allow room for people to pass so that they do not have to walk on the grass.

Christmas performances:

The Christmas performances have taken place this week. The children have all been amazing. Thank you to parents for your support and for following guidance with photographs.

Christmas Parties:

Christmas parties will take place next week. If you have not already done please could you make your payment of £1.50 through School Gateway for the party food. Children can come to school dressed in their party clothes on the day of their party. Please make sure they are wearing sensible footwear. Children do not need to wear or bring their PE kits to school on their party days.





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Packed lunches:

A reminder that we are a Nut and Egg free school. We have children in school with severe allergies so please do not send any eggs, nuts or products containing nuts in packed lunch.

Important Dates for Autumn term 2:

Monday 11 th December to Wednesday 13 th December	Year 6 - Robinwood
Monday 11 th December	Year 2 and 3 Christmas Parties
Tuesday 12 th December	Year 1 and 5 Christmas Parties
Wednesday 13 th December	Reception and Year 4 Christmas Parties
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Dinner
Friday 15 th December	Year 6 Christmas Party

