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Newsletter - Friday 30th April 2021

Bank Holiday:

A reminder that school is closed on Monday 3rd May due to the May Bank Holiday. We hope that you enjoy the long weekend. The children return to school on Tuesday 4th May.

School Uniform:

At Whinfield Primary School, we pride ourselves on having high expectations and it is this ethos that makes our school such a lovely place to be. We understand that due to COVID-19 uniform expectations may have been relaxed, however, in order to maintain high standards, we kindly ask that children adhere to the school uniform policy.

- Red sweatshirt or cardigan
- White polo shirt
- Grey trousers or skirt
- Black comfortable shoes, not trainers.

All of these items are widely available and are usually less expensive than fashion items. It would be appreciated if any inconsistencies with your child's uniform are addressed before Monday 10th May. If you need any support with uniform, please inform the school office. Many thanks.

Local Elections:

Local elections take place on Thursday 6th May. School will remain open however, there will be some changes to entrances for children in 2A and 3O as detailed below.

Important - please read, changes for 2A/3O on election day:

- gates either side of the main entrance will remain locked as the general public will be using Mrs Airey's classroom to vote
- 2A will come in via the top gate and enter through Miss Graham's classroom door
- 3O will come in via the bottom gate and enter through Mrs Walker-Hodgson's classroom door
- At the end of the day Miss Graham's class will come out of her door first followed by Mrs Airey's children
- At the end of the day Mrs Walker-Hodgson's class will come out of her door first followed by Mrs O'Callaghan's children
- The teachers will explain to the children so they know in advance but please can you also explain this to your children. Thank you.

Parent Governor:

We have a vacancy for two Parent Governors to join the Governing Board of Whinfield Primary School. We are therefore requesting nominations from parents/carers who are interested in serving on the Governing Body. Please see attached letter.



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Holiday Requests:

If your child is going on holiday in term time please inform the school office as soon as possible in writing, confirming the dates and reason for holiday. Due to the current situation and guidance changing regularly, we also ask that you confirm where you are travelling to. This is so that we can check if there is any isolation period required on your return. We also ask that you check of any isolation period needed before your child returns to school and inform us.

PE - Class 4S:

There are some changes to the PE days for class 4S. They will now have PE on Tuesday's instead of a Wednesday's. PE days starting from next week will be Tuesday's and Friday's. This will be until May half term. Thank you.

Showbie:

Showbie should only be accessed to complete home learning if your child is isolating due to Covid-19. Please do not ask your child to complete the online work if they are unwell. Thank you.

Contacting School:

A reminder that as we are now back to school the Year group emails and phone numbers will not be in use - they will only be used should a year group need to isolate. If you need to contact school, please ring the office on 240499 or email admin@whinfield.net

Appointments:

A reminder that if your child has an appointment during school hours please do not bring/collect them mid-session.

A morning appointment - bring your child to school at lunchtime.

An afternoon appointment - please collect your child at lunchtime.

COVID Reminder:

Please can we remind you that if an adult or other member of the household is going for a COVID test you must not send your child into school while you wait for the results. Please all stay at home until you receive your results.

LFD Tests:

Just to remind you that the LFD test kit which can be used at home should only be used when you have NO symptoms. If you have symptoms, you must book an PCR test.

Safeguarding:

If you have any safeguarding concerns about any of our children, please contact Mrs Murray on 07469 402630