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Newsletter - Friday 23rd April 2021

Summer Term Newsletters:

A reminder that Year group newsletters are available to view on our school website on your child's year group page. <https://whinfield.net/year-groups/>

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.

After school activities:

We are delighted to inform parents/carers that from week commencing Monday 26th April after school activities are available for Year 1, Year 3 and Year 6 children to attend. As stated in the email sent to all parents/carers yesterday spaces are available to book on the School Gateway on a first come first served basis - **please ensure you book ALL sessions up until half term to secure your child's place.**

Due to COVID restrictions please be aware that no matter the weather the children will be outside so please send your child into school prepared for any weather. The children need to come dressed in their PE kits all day when attending after school activities, even if it is not their PE day.

After school activities start at the end of the school day, children will go straight from their class to the activity. Children **MUST** be collected by an adult from the school gate next to the ASDA car park once the activity has finished.

The year groups who have not received a club this half term will get the chance next half term.

Monday: Year 1 Multi-Sports lead by Mr Cook and supported by Miss Watkins - pick up time - 4:15pm

Wednesday: Year 3 Multi-Sports lead by Mr Cook and supported by Mrs Vinton - pick up time - 4:15pm

Thursday: Year 6 Multi-Sports lead by Mr Cook and supported by Mr Legg - pick up time - 4:30pm

Weather/Sun:

As the nice weather has started to arrive, please remember to send your child to school with a sun hat and a water bottle and please apply sun cream before school if necessary. Please ensure you still send your child to school with a coat. Thank you.



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Reading Books:

This week children across the school have brought home a reading book. Please ensure your child brings back their book on the correct day so that it can be quarantined. If your child has a reading record, please write a comment about your child's reading - this is really helpful for the teacher. Online reading materials from Oxford Owl and Purple Mash will continue to be posted on Showbie as an additional reading resource.

It is vitally important that ALL children read each day for at least 10 minutes. We know that improved reading skills aid a child's learning in school across the curriculum. We will continue to promote reading at Whinfield through our weekly reading assemblies and by giving out reading certificates each week to children who have tried hard with their reading in school and at home. Thank you for your continued support. Mrs O'Callaghan.

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 a PCR test.

Safeguarding:

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