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Newsletter - Friday 22nd October 2021

October half term:

School closes today and re-opens on Monday 1st. November.

Have a lovely half term holiday everyone!

GEMS Assembly:

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

Parent Governor:

As you are aware, we have a vacancy for a Parent Governor to join the Governing Board of Whinfield Primary School. We have noticed that the online nomination form was not attached to the letter - please accept our sincere apologies for this. We are therefore extending nominations from parents/carers who are interested in serving on the Governing Body. The closing date for nominations is now **Friday 17th December**.

[Please click here to view the Governing Body - Nomination of a Parent Governor letter.](#)

[Please click here to complete the electronic nomination form.](#)

Afterschool Activities:

Year 5 - Monday Boys and Girls Football - 3:10pm - 4:30pm

Year 4 - Wednesday Boys and Girls Football - 3:00pm - 4:30pm

Year 6 - Thursday Boys and Girls Football - 3:00pm - 4:30pm

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 2nd November** via the school gateway. You must select all sessions to secure your place. Activities for other year groups will be available next term. Please note: all children must be collected by an adult at 4:30pm.

Parents/Carers Meetings:

Thank you for all of your replies to the questionnaire. By completing the questionnaire, you have enabled us to organise the event safely. You will receive an email after half term with instructions on how to book your parents evening appointment.

Nasal Flu Vaccination:

If your child has not had their nasal flu vaccination in school and you would like to book an appointment, contact **the office on hdft.immunisationcatchupclinic@nhs.net or 01423 557693 to book into a catch-up clinic.**

Continuing COVID Safety:

Please can parents/carers wear a face covering when they come into the school office. If you wish to speak to a member of staff, please stay outside the green fence and wear a face covering.

Showbie:

A reminder that home learning is on Showbie for children isolating due to COVID. It is provided from their second day of isolation.



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The reading folder on Showbie will give additional reading materials for children. Please contact the office if your child needs their Showbie/Purple Mash log ins.

Rugby Festival:

Well done to the Year 4 children who took part in the rugby festival at Darlington Rugby Club on Monday. You were great representatives for the school and staff were really impressed with your positive attitudes and excellent effort.

Morrisons - 'It's Good to Grow' Scheme:

We are happy to announce that Whinfield Primary School will be taking part in the 'It's Good to Grow' scheme from Morrisons.

It's Good to Grow is a token collection scheme that allows schools to collect for free gardening equipment to get kids outdoors and growing. Until the 24th October 2021, for every £10 spent in store or online at Morrisons customers will automatically receive one Grow Token to donate to our school.

You'll need to be a My Morrisons customer to take part so make sure you download the app and select Whinfield Primary School to donate your Grow Tokens to.

Finally, don't forget to scan your app or My Morrisons card at checkout every time you shop to receive your Grow Tokens. Once you've selected Whinfield Primary School, you'll be able to donate your Grow Tokens.

From 24th October, we'll be able to redeem the Grow Tokens we've collected for a range of growing and gardening equipment for our school.

