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Newsletter - Friday 12th November 2021

Reminder:

School is closed on Friday 3rd December. This is the additional days holiday we can take this academic year for Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee in 2022.

GEMS Assembly:

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

Children in Need:

Children in Need is on Friday 19th November. As the ambassador for this year is Joe Wicks, children can come into school dressed in sporty clothes or their PE kits. In class, children will be taking part in a Joe Wicks workout session and other exciting Children in Need activities! School will make a donation on your behalf to Children in Need so please do not send your child into school with money. Thank you.

Anti-Bullying Week - 'One Kind Word':

'Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. This is one of the reasons, that 'One Kind Word' has been chosen as the theme of Anti-Bullying Week taking place from 15 to 19 of November 2021.' Anti-bullying Alliance website.

Next week is Anti-Bullying week and on Monday 15th November to start the week, we will be wearing odd socks to show we're ALL unique and different so let's be kind to each other and respect each other's individuality. Your child can come to school on Monday wearing odd socks to celebrate being unique and special.

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 extended 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.](#)

Parents/Carers Meetings:

Parents/carers who choose a face-to-face parents/carers meeting must follow the guidance to keep both them and the staff safe.

- please conduct a lateral flow test prior to the appointment
- please wear a face covering at all times
- all staff will wear a face covering
- you will be invited into the classroom by the member of staff using the outside classroom doors - please do not come to the main entrance, go to your child's classroom. Parents/carers of children in Years 4 and 6 will be told the specific room to use.
- sanitise hands on entry
- maximum of 2 adults per appointment and no children to attend
- sit on the chairs provided
- the room will be set up so that the teacher is more than the recommended 2m away
- doors will be left open to ensure that the ventilation is good





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- there will not be any books to look at during the appointment
- if there is a positive case in your household book a virtual meeting
- if there is an outbreak in that class then all appointments will be conducted virtually
- appointments will be 10 minutes long and staff will stick to these timings to ensure the evening runs smoothly

We thank you for your support. As you will appreciate, we want everyone to stay well.

Parental Questionnaire 2021:

Thank you to all parents/carers that have completed the 'Parental Questionnaire 2021'. If you have not yet completed the questionnaire, please do so by 9:00am on Monday 15th November. Thank you.

[Click here to complete questionnaire.](#)

Basketball Competition:

Well done to the Year 5 children who represented Whinfield at the Basketball Competition on Tuesday. Out of 12 schools, you came 4th! This is an excellent achievement and we are very proud of you. Your 'Emerald' Gem power shone through in all of the games you played.

Showbie:

Reminder that work on Showbie is for children who are isolating due to COVID. Please complete the work only if your child is well.

Year groups have included a reading folder on Showbie to encourage children to read more. This is in addition to their reading book. This is accessible to all pupils.

Staff are also beginning to put homework on Showbie. This will be in a folder that says 'homework.' Children may need to learn spellings, do some maths etc. Paper copies of homework are also available if you would prefer.

Gems:

The children have been working really hard to achieve their Gems. There will be an end of term treat for the overall winning team. Please speak to your child about the Gems they have received across the week. We are currently holding weekly Gem assemblies where certificates are given out to the children. This is a very exciting event! We have also elected our Year 6 Gem captains and they will be working with Mrs O'Callaghan. One of their responsibilities will be to unite teams and organise the end of term treats.

Dr Tom has finished working with the children and staff for this term, however, the good news is that he will be back in the Spring term! And yes, he will be bringing in Jed and Archie who all the children and staff love!

Christmas 2021:

You should now have received an email with the link to the Christmas newsletter. Please ensure you read as it contains lots of dates for your calendar. [Click here to view the Christmas newsletter.](#)

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.

Christmas Holidays:

Term ends for the holidays on Friday 17th December and school reopens on Wednesday 5th. January 2022.



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