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## Newsletter - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021

### Reminder:

**School is closed on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Ruby. Well done to everyone in Team Ruby! Find out about our GEM procedures here: <https://whinfield.net/parents/gems/>

### Children in Need:

The children looked brilliant today in their Pudsey/sporty clothes! They took part in lots of fun 'Children in Need' activities including a Joe Wicks quiz workout and mindfulness with Dr Ranj. School will make a donation on your behalf to Children in Need - thank you.

### Anti-bullying Week - 'One Kind Word':

We started our Anti-bullying week this week by wearing odd socks to show how we are all different and special and have continued with a range of activities to build on this theme! In Year 4 they created an Anti-bullying promise! We will continue saying "One kind word" and by doing this our Ruby power continues to radiate strongly!



### Virtual Author visit - Guy Bass:

Darlington Library kindly arranged for the author, Guy Bass, to meet virtually with the children in Years 3 and 5 this week. It was part of the 38th annual Northern Children's Book Festival. Guy is an award-winning children's author, whose books include the best-selling Stitch Head series, Skeleton Keys, Spynosaur, Laura Norder, Anna Gain and Dinkin Dings. He was extremely funny and entertaining. He inspired all to pick up a book and read!



### 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 17<sup>th</sup> December.**

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

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



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### **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.

### **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 17<sup>th</sup> December and school reopens on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>. January 2022.