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## Newsletter - Friday 26<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 Emerald. Well done to everyone in Team Emerald!  
Find out about our GEM procedures here: <https://whinfield.net/parents/gems/>

### Christmas Theme - 'The Snowman':

Our theme for Christmas this year is the wonderful 'The Snowman'. Please check your emails to find attached 'The Snowman' homework worksheet. On the worksheet you will find a list of activities that you can complete at home with your child. Please can all activities be completed by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December. We would love to see your work and any other wonderful ideas you may have based on the story. This can be through photos or by bringing your entries into school. We look forward to seeing your work in school. Children will be entered into a class prize draw for any entries that come into school. Good luck and have fun everyone!



### Christmas Activities:

Please refer to the Christmas letter we sent for the activities your child will do in school and the dates of parties etc. Unfortunately, due to the number of cases of Covid we have had in school we have made the decision not to go ahead with the parent/carer activity sessions. We will, however, be making a video of all of our activities to share with you. [Click here to view the Christmas newsletter.](#)

### Year 2:

If you have any empty jam jars with lids on, please could they be brought into school from Monday for our snowman activity. Thank you.

### Reading Books:

Please ensure children use their book bag for bringing and taking home their reading book.

### 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.](#)

### 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.

### 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.

