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Newsletter - Thursday 10th December 2021

Christmas Holidays:

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

GEMS Treat:

Sapphire team received their GEM treat this week. They had a virtual workshop with Liz Million. They were taught how to draw Christmas cartoon characters. All had a great time! Head over to our Facebook page to see photos of the workshop. We look forward to the Spring term. Who will be our Spring winners?

Find out more about our GEMS here:

<https://whinfield.net/parents/gems/>



Year Group Newsletters:

Autumn Term year group newsletters are now available to view on the 'Year Groups' page on the school website. Thank you. <http://whinfield.net/year-groups/>. Click on your child's year group and scroll down to 'Letters Home'.

Christmas Parties:

Children are to come to school dressed in their party clothes, please ensure that they wear sensible footwear. All party food will be provided by the school kitchen; therefore, it is important you inform us of any allergies your child has.

Year 2 & 3 - Monday 13th December

Year 1 & Year 5 - Tuesday 14th December

Reception & Year 6 - Wednesday 15th December

Year 4 - Thursday 16th December



Christmas Jumper Day:

The children looked brilliant in their Christmas jumpers today! Due to having so much fun, the children can also wear their Christmas jumper instead of their normal red school jumper on **Friday 17th December**.

Christmas Pantomime:

The children watched Cinderella today. They had lots of fun. They wore their emoji masks, joined in with the singing and laughed at the jokes!

How to set up your child's new devices this Christmas:

Christmas usually brings lots of new devices and technology to connect - with the inevitable stacks of user manuals and T&Cs to read. It can be hard to take it all in, especially when a child just wants to start playing on Christmas morning. So how can you set up your new devices to help your child be safe and secure on them? Here is a list of popular devices with some helpful tips. [Click here to view.](#)



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Snowman Homework:

Wow! What wonderful work the children have been doing at home! Thank you for your support with this. A small prize will be given to one child in each class for an outstanding effort.

Snowman Video:

As a special treat we have put together a video of all the work the children have been doing on the film "The Snowman". Watch out for this! Coming soon!

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.](#)

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.