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Newsletter - Thursday 2nd December 2021

Reminder:

SCHOOL IS CLOSED TOMORROW (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**.

We also announced the winning Gem team who has won the end of term treat this was **Sapphire** Well done to everyone in Team **Sapphire** !

The winners of the Gem treat will be getting a special treat on either Tuesday 7th December or Thursday 9th December. Liz Million will be visiting us virtually. She is an author and illustrator and will be working with the Gem winners! She will be demonstrating her amazing drawing skills and showing the children how to draw cartoon characters. Check out her website! <http://www.lizmillion.com/>

Find out more about our GEMS here: <https://whinfield.net/parents/gems/>

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

Christmas means lots of new connected tech around homes - and 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.](#)

Christmas Jumper Day:

On Friday 10th December, your child can wear their Christmas jumper instead of their normal red school jumper to celebrate 'Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day.' [Please click here to view the Christmas newsletter.](#)

Christmas Dinner:

If your child usually has a packed lunch and you have completed the online form, a reminder that on Thursday 9th December your child will receive a Christmas dinner so will not need their packed lunch on this day. Thank you.

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 10th 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 which you can upload to Showbie. We look forward to seeing your work! Children will be entered into a class prize draw for any entries that come into school. Good luck and have fun everyone!





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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 the work we have completed on the theme "The Snowman".

[Click here to view the Christmas newsletter.](#)

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 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.

Christmas Holidays:

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

