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Newsletter - Friday 21st January 2022

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.

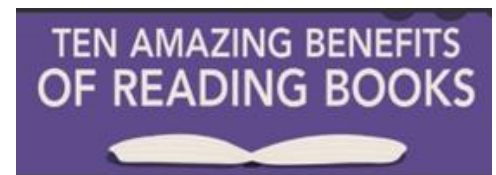
A reminder that there is currently a high number of cases of Covid-19 within school and within the region. Please LFD test your child regularly to help reduce the spread of Covid 19 and to keep everyone safe. If your child develops symptoms of Covid-19 please isolate and book them a PCR test immediately. Thank you

Reading books:

Over the following weeks your child will be bringing home two books.

1. The first one will be from the "reading scheme". This is a book your child should be able to read confidently on their own. It would be great if you could hear them read and question them about the book they are reading.
2. The second book will be a "pupil choice" book. This is a book the child wants to read but may be a little tricky for them to read independently. This is a book you and your child can share together and enjoy. The pupil choice books will have a sticker on them that say, "pupil choice". They can bring this book back whenever they have read it and change it for another book.

**The more that you read,
 The more things you will know.
 The more that you learn,
 The more places you'll go.
 -Dr. Seuss**



- Strengthens your writing skills
- Improves your memory and focus
- Enhances your imagination
- Increases your vocabulary
- Expands your knowledge
- Stimulates your brain
- Boosts your mood
- Deepens empathy
- Helps you relax
- Lowers stress



GEMS Assembly:

The winning team for the weekly GEM Trophy was Diamond. Well done to everyone in Team Diamond!
 Find out about our GEM procedures here: <https://whinfield.net/parents/gems/>

Gem Captain Chants

<p>Diamond: We are Determined We are problem solvers We are amazing We are Diamonds!</p>	<p>Emerald: Give us an E- Emerald Give us an M- Motivated Give us an E- Engaged Give us an R- Resilient Give us an A- Awesome Give us an L- Loyal Give us a D- Determined Who do we have EMERALDS!</p>
<p>Ruby: Kindness can brighten up someone's day Make it shine in every way. So come on Ruby- lead the way!</p>	<p>Sapphire: We have the Power of Concentration We have the Power of Focus We have the Power of Motivation We have the Sapphire Power!</p>



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PE Kit:

Please ensure your child comes to school in their correct PE kit (red t-shirt, black shorts/tracksuit and trainers) Thank you.

School Closure:

It's that time of year when the weather or heating problems can cause a sudden closure of the school so just to remind you that should this be the case, a message will be sent at 7.00a.m. This will give you a first guide as to whether the school is definitely closed or if we are working to get the school open.

The messages will come via text, Facebook, Twitter, email or on the website.

If you are aware that you do not receive texts/emails from us at the moment please update your details by sending an email to admin@whinfield.net - it is really important that we have up to date contacts for all parents/carers.

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 enough.

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

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

February half term holiday:

School closes on Friday 18th February for the half term holiday and opens on Tuesday 1st March.

Please note the school is closed on Monday 28th February.