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Newsletter - Friday 7th January 2022

Welcome Back 2022:

We hope that you have all had a lovely Christmas break and wish you all a Happy New Year. The children have settled back into school routines really well.

As you all know numbers of Covid cases in the community are currently high, so we are working hard in school to follow all procedures to ensure the safety of the whole of the school community.

Ventilation in the classrooms is a key part of our risk assessment so as it is cold you can send an extra fleece for your child to wear.

Please wear a face covering when you come onto the premises, even if you are outside on the KS1 yard as there are a lot of people coming in and out of the top gate.

If you come into the school office wear a face covering and if you drop off or collect from Breakfast or After School Club.

To keep everyone safe, if you let the staff member know you need to speak to them, they will telephone you at some point during the day.

We will continue to update you as we go with the current guidance.

We will do everything in our power to continue to provide a full education for your child.

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/>

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.

E-safety:

Did your child receive a device this Christmas? Set up your new devices to help your child be safe and secure on them. Please click below to view our helpful tips guide.

[How to set up your child's new devices - click here.](#)

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 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.