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Newsletter - Friday 18th February 2022

February Half Term Holiday:

School closes today for the half term holiday and opens on **Tuesday 1st March.**

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

Mid-year reports:

Today all children will bring home their mid-year report. Parents evenings will take place after half term to enable you to discuss your child's report with the class teacher. Please note - the attendance figure on the report was taken on 1st February, the day they were written. Please do not worry if you think your child's attendance figure is low as we are aware that a lot of children have been absent with Covid.

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/>

Year 4 and Year 2 PE Kits:

Please can all Year 2 and Year 4 children come to school in their PE kits on Tuesday 1st March. All children will be taking part in a 'Hoopstarz' session. Thank you.

Year 4 & 5 Football Tournament:

Well done to the Year 4 and 5 footballers who represented Whinfield at the Martin Grey Football Tournament at Eastbourne Sports Complex on Monday. They played brilliantly and won the tournament! Well done!

Afterschool Activities:

Year 3 & 4 - Wednesday - Multisports - 3:00pm/3:05pm - 4:15pm

Year 5 - Wednesday - Boy and Girls Netball - 3:10pm - 4:15pm

Year 5 & 6 - Thursday - Girls Football - 3:00pm/3:15pm - 4:15pm

Year 1 - Thursday - Phonics Club - 3:10pm - 4:15pm

Reception - Thursday - Storycraft - 3:00pm - 4:15pm

All activities need to be booked through School Gateway. There are limited spaces available and are on a first come first served basis. Activities will be available to book from 12 noon on Tuesday 1st March via the school gateway. You must select all sessions to secure your place. Sessions start week commencing 7th March and finish week commencing 28th March. Please note: all children must be collected by an adult at 4:15pm.

World Book Day Information:

Lots of activities will be taking place on World Book Day which is on Thursday 3rd March. The theme for the week is **RAINBOW COLOURS** with a focus on **reading and reciting poetry**. Year groups across the school will be focusing on a specific colour and learning a poem linked to that colour. We will put the poems together across the school to create a short rainbow video of poems. We will post on our school Facebook page some of the activities the children will be doing during World Book Day so watch out for them! Children can wear the colour of their year group. This could be as small as a ribbon, socks or covered in head to toe in their colour! Please see below which colour we would like the children to wear:



Reception - Red

Year 1 - Orange

Year 2 - Yellow

Year 3 - Green

Year 4 - Blue

Year 5 - Purple

Year 6 - Pink

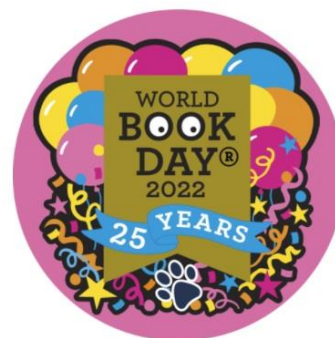


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World Book Day Competition:

Create a book selfie and win a prize! Pictures can be uploaded to Showbie, please see below for some ideas. The competition closes on Friday 4th March and winners will be announced the following week! We really want to encourage family participation! Be creative! We can't wait to see your ideas!



International Day of Maths:

We are celebrating International Day of Maths on Monday 14th March, the theme is 'Maths is Everywhere'. The children will take part in a fun maths competition in their classes with prizes to be won! To add to the maths theme, the children can come dressed as maths for the day. This could be very simple such as patterns, numbers, shapes, stripes, stars etc. on clothing they already have, or if they want to get creative over half term they could make something. For some fun ideas, [click this link](#) but please don't feel any pressure to create anything extravagant!

White Rose Maths:

White Rose Maths have launched an excellent free app called 1-minute Maths which you can download via the App Store, Google Play or Amazon Kindle. It helps children build greater number confidence and fluency and it supports what we are doing at school. It is definitely worth a look!



We follow the White Rose maths scheme at Whinfield. If you are looking for additional resources to support your child with maths at home, then this link will take you to free workbooks for Years 1 to 6. They are colourful, easy to follow and set out like the maths in the classroom and include answers. It is an optional extra tool for parents and children to enjoy maths together at home. <https://whiterosemaths.com/parent-resources>

Parent Governor:

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor to join the Governing Body of Whinfield Primary School. We are therefore requesting nominations from parents/carers who are interested in serving on the Governing Body. A Parent Governor must be a parent/carer of a pupil at the school at the time they are elected. Please complete the form below no later than 12 noon on Friday 11th March 2022. Many thanks.

[Click here to complete the form.](#)

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.

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