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Newsletter - Friday 4th February 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

GEMS Assembly:

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

Year 4 Terrific Tennis Players!

Well done to our Year 4 tennis players who came first in their cluster last Friday; we are very proud of you!

Year 5 Table Tennis:

Eight Year 5 children attended a developmental Table Tennis festival on Wednesday. Most of these children had never played table tennis before and their skills and knowledge of the game improved vastly throughout the day, their Sapphire and Emerald powers shone!

National Storytelling Week:

This week is National Storytelling week. To celebrate this, we have been listening to and telling lots of stories in school. Click the link below to discover lots of celebrities and storytellers reading and telling a story. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/world-book-day/z6nt47h>

Your child will be bringing home a "pupil choice" book. This is a great opportunity to read to your child and share a good book.



Children's Mental Health Week:

From the 7th to 13th February, schools, youth groups, organisations and individuals across the UK will take part in Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is 'Growing Together' and we will be participating in this event.

White Rose Maths Scheme:

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>



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Safer Internet Day 2022:

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively.

Safer Internet Day 2022 is on 8th February and the children at Whinfield will be completing work around the theme, 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'.

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.