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## Newsletter – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022

### 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/>

### Day for Ukraine:

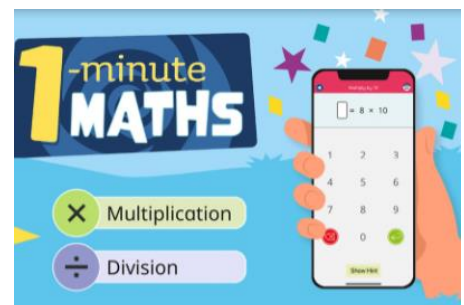
We are pleased to say that we will be holding a 'Day for Ukraine' on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Pupils are asked to wear blue and yellow and donate £1, if they can. We are happy to accept the cash into school - please send money in a sealed envelope with your child to be given to the child's class teacher and we will forward the money onto the Disaster Emergency Committee. Alternatively, you can send your donation via School Gateway. More details of the fundraiser, including the link for donations, are available on the [First News Education website](#).

### Assemblies:

This week we resumed face to face assemblies after a two year break. Children have accessed assemblies on Teams throughout this period but not in person. We started with two year groups in the hall at a time. It was fabulous to see all of the children again and share an assembly with them. The younger children, who have never been part of a formal assembly, were amazing. Well done to everyone and we look forward to continuing and extending these further across the summer term.

### White Rose Maths:

1-Minute Maths have just added two new topics to their app. It now includes a range of new tasks based on multiplication and division to accompany addition and subtraction. There are also new hint screens including arrays, number lines, bar models and ten-frames which the children use in school. It helps build greater number confidence and fluency in targeted one minute chunks and it's free to download via the AppStore, Google Play and Amazon Kindle.



### The Queen's Platinum Jubilee:

As you are aware the Queen is celebrating 70 years on the throne in June. We are planning activities for the week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup>. May for all of the children and will be sharing our ideas in the coming weeks.

### 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.

### Easter Holidays:

School closes at the end of the day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April for 2 weeks and re-opens on Monday 25<sup>th</sup>. April.



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