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Newsletter - Friday 1st April 2022

Easter Holidays:

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

GEMS Assembly:

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

'Day for Ukraine':

Thank you all for your contributions, we have raised £448.05 for the Disaster Emergency Committee.

Ofsted:

As you are all aware, Ofsted visited the school this week. Thank you to all parents/carers and pupils for the lovely comments and support given to all of the staff and children. The report will be published after the Easter holidays, and we will share it with you as soon as we can.

Year Group Newsletters:

Year group newsletters are now available to view on our school website via your child's year group page.

Dance Festival:

We are incredibly proud of our Year 2 dancers who performed with such confidence at the Darlington Dance Festival on Monday evening at the Hippodrome. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and some even asked if they could go back on stage and perform again! #LittleGems

GEM Treat:

GEM treat is Wednesday 6th April. **The overall winners of the spring GEM treat were RUBY team!**

The winning team will need to wear P.E kit and suitable shoes. Trainers for outside and please bring a warm coat. The children will be participating in an egg hunt and doing Easter crafts.

E-safety - Setting restrictions on game chat:

There have been recent incidents in the news of strangers contacting children through online gaming. It is possible to block strangers and just allow friends to play with your child while online gaming. Depending on the game console, there are ways to change the settings:

If your child has an Xbox or a Playstation, all you have to do is go into "account settings" and click "Privacy & Online Safety." Then you can make it so your child is only able to talk to friends, and not strangers. Xbox has a mobile app for parents to set up controls as well. Download "Xbox Family Settings App", where you can block access to them talking to strangers, set time limits, and set age restrictions.

If your child has a Nintendo Switch, there is an app for parents to control their child's game settings. It is available for download with apple devices and android devices. First, you have to go into the app store and download the app: "Nintendo Switch Parental Controls". You should be able to select the switch that you want to control (upper-left corner of the screen), and then click "Console settings" (at the bottom of the screen). In "Console Settings," tap "Restriction Level." Once you click this, at the very bottom of the list click on "Custom Settings" and then tap "Communicating with others." Next, find where it says, "Restrict Communicating with others" and turn it on.



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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 23rd. May for all of the children and will be sharing our ideas in the coming weeks.

Continuing COVID Safety:

On Tuesday 29th March, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Sajid Javid, set out the [next steps for living with COVID-19](#) in England from Friday 1 April.

- If your child is unwell or has a high temperature, they **must** stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can come back to school, when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

Please be mindful when the entering the school building and at drop off and pick up times. Please aim to keep your distance if you can. Thank you for your continued support.