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Newsletter - Friday 29th April 2022

Bank Holiday:

A reminder that school is CLOSED to all pupils on Monday 2nd May.

GEMs:

The new Gem approach introduced in September is working really well. We are seeing children becoming more independent. They are showing all four values across the school day and all children are rewarded for their individual efforts. Every Friday a child is chosen from each class and awarded the Gem certificate. This is a child who has shown great effort in demonstrating the Gems across the week.

All Gems awarded are added up and we have a weekly Gem team winner. At the end of each term the winning team is the team who have the most weekly wins and they receive a Gem treat. Autumn term was a virtual visit from Liz Million - a book illustrator and Spring term the children participated in an Easter egg hunt and Easter crafts. They also received a chocolate Easter egg. We are currently planning the summer treat.

Throughout the year all children across the school will participate in various pastoral activities (please see our diary of events on the front page of our website). Some of these activities will be fun based activities at the end of each term. These will take place in their classes. We no longer do the High 5 treat.

Afterschool Activities:

A reminder that if you have booked your child to attend an afterschool activity, the first session will commence next week (w/c 3rd May). All children must be collected by an adult. Thank you.

Monday - Reception and Year 1 Story craft - end of school day - 4:00pm.

Wednesday - Year 5 & 6 Multi-sports - end of school day - 4:15pm.

Thursday - Year 2 Multi-sports - end of school day - 4:15pm.

Thursday - Year 3 & 4 Geography/Orienteering - end of school day - 4:15pm.

Thursday - Year 5 & 6 Choir - end of school day - 4:00pm.

The Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen:

As part of the Queen's celebrations, Superbloom will take place at the Tower of London, where a spectacular, colourful, vibrant field of flowers will fill the Tower's moat. It will celebrate the value of nature for our wellbeing.

We have signed up to Tower of London Superbloom Schools Project and we are hosting 'Whinfieldbloom'.

We would like all children to join in by bringing in a plant or a planter in to school to decorate outside each classroom. Planters can be pots or made from recycled materials such as an old welly! We are excited to see what creations you can come up with!

Plants, pots and planters can be brought into school week commencing Monday 16th May.



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Tri-Golf Festival:

Well done to the Year 4 children who attended Tuesday's Tri-Golf festival, your Emerald powers shone, and you were great representatives for Whinfield.

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 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.

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