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## Newsletter – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

### May Half Term Holiday:

School closes today and re-opens on Monday 6th June 2022.

### **GEMS Assembly:**

The winning team for the weekly GEM Trophy was Diamond! Well done to everyone in Team Diamond!

Find out about our GEM procedures here: <https://whinfield.net/parents/gems/>

### **Jubilee Celebrations:**

What a wonderful week we have had despite the weather! However, we did manage to complete our 'Variety Performance' this morning on the field! Seeing the whole school back together was lovely.

Across the week the children have learned lots of historical facts about the Queen and enjoyed participating in many fun activities. The children have demonstrated a wide range of talents and their confidence when performing to each other was brilliant to see. The children also got to see some of the staff talents - everyone has had a huge amount of fun! What amazing children and staff we have at Whinfield!

Well done to everyone who participated in 'Whinfieldbloom' by creating a planter/pot and a special well done to the winners! All the entries were brilliant, which made choosing the winners extremely difficult!

Please look on our Facebook page to see photographs of all that has gone on this week. Once again thank you for your support!

### **Quidditch Day:**

Children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 are to come to school in their PE kits on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June as they will be taking part in a 30-minute Quidditch style PE session.

### **Afterschool Activities:**

**Monday:** Year 5 and 6 - Boys and Girls Football - end of the school day to 4:30pm.

**Wednesday:** Year 1 and 2 - Multisport - end of school day to 4:15pm.

**Thursday:** Year 3 and 4 Orienteering - end of school day to 4:15pm \*please note - if your child previously attended Year 3 and 4 Orienteering before half term, they can continue to attend the first two sessions which will take place on 9<sup>th</sup> June and 16<sup>th</sup> June. You do not need to re-book your child on to these two sessions on the Gateway.

From the 23<sup>rd</sup> June, the new sessions of Orienteering will commence.

**Thursday:** Year 5 and 6 choir - end of school day to 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 7<sup>th</sup> June via the School Gateway. You must select all sessions to secure your place. Sessions start week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> June and will run for four weeks. Please note: all children must be collected by an adult at 4:15pm.

### **Sports Mornings:**

We would like to invite parents/carers to our Sports mornings again this year. We have decided to limit it to one year group each morning to enable parents/carers to socially distance however, we are keen to give you the opportunity to come and join the school community as we did pre-Covid. Specific timings will be given nearer the date, but they will all take place during our morning session.

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Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June - AM - Reception

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June - AM - Year 1

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June - AM - Year 2

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June - AM - Year 4

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July - AM - Year 3

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July - AM - Year 5

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July - AM - Year 6

### Year 1 Tynemouth Aquarium:

A reminder that the Year 1 children will visit Tynemouth Aquarium on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June. The children will take part in various activities such as a Rockpool encounter! We will be leaving school at 9.00a.m. and will return in time for normal home time.

### Volunteers:

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer to support educational visits, please contact the school office and ask to for a 'Volunteer Application Form'. All volunteers complete an enhanced DBS check prior to starting as a volunteer. Many thanks.

### Continuing COVID Safety:

On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 you 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.

### Parking Safety:

We cannot emphasise enough how important it is that cars park **SAFELY** on Augusta Close and in ASDA car park. Please ensure you drive at a sensible speed and be vigilant as you are driving and parking so that you are always watching where children are walking. The safety of our children is paramount.