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## Newsletter - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 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/>

### 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. Please can we request that if you are unwell with respiratory symptoms or a high temperature, you do not attend.

**All sports mornings start at 9:30am and will last for approximately 1 hour.**

Thank you to all parents/carers who completed the sports morning photograph questionnaire. As 144 parents/carers have not replied together with parents/carers who do not wish for their child to be photographed, we are unable to allow photographs or videos to be taken at this year's sports mornings. Many thanks.

Please send your children to school wearing their PE kit on the relevant day.

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

### Packed Lunch:

A reminder that due to allergies in school packed lunches **MUST NOT** contain any 'nut' products. Milk and water are available free of charge in the dining room each day for all children, including those who bring packed lunch. Please do not include sweets, chocolate, hot food, soup, hot drinks or fizzy drinks in your child's packed lunch.

### Year 6 Key Dates:

- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July- Hippodrome Theatre trip- Gangsta Granny
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Transition
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July- SATs results drop-in session from 3:30pm - 5:00pm
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July- Year 6 Leavers Assembly- 9:30am
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July- Year 6 Leavers Disco- 5:00-6:30pm
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July- Year 6 Leavers Treat - more information to follow

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### Reception Leavers Assembly:

The Leavers Assembly for parents/carers of pupils in Reception will take place Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July. It will start at 2:15pm and will last for approximately half an hour. Please can we request that if you are unwell with respiratory symptoms or a high temperature, you do not attend.

### Warm Weather:

The warm weather has arrived so please remember to send your child to school with a sun hat and a water bottle. Please apply sun cream before school if necessary. Thank you.

### Drop-in parents evening sessions

There is a drop-in parent's session on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July. More details will follow shortly.

### Bikes and Scooters:

We are aware that many parents/carers are asking if children can ride bikes and scooters to school now the weather is better. We are currently looking at how we can store them as all children no longer enter school through the gates where the bike sheds/racks are located as they did pre-covid. We will inform you once a solution has been found.

### Holiday Requests:

Please ensure all holiday requests are sent to the school office in writing, either by letter or via email BEFORE your child goes on holiday. Please ensure your request is submitted with as much notice as possible. Schools may not grant any leave of absence from school during term-time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Our full attendance policy can be found on our school website.

### 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 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.
- All children and young people with respiratory symptoms should be encouraged to cover their mouth and nose with a disposable tissue when coughing and/or sneezing and to wash their hands after using or disposing of tissues.

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.