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### Newsletter - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022

#### Final Sports Morning - Year 2:

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July is the re-arranged date for Year 2 Sports. Please send your child to school wearing their PE kit. **The morning starts at 9:30am and will last for approximately 1 hour.**

#### School Games Gold Mark:

We are delighted to inform you that we have been awarded the School Games Gold Mark for the third year running. This is a great achievement, and our thanks go to Miss Watkins and Mr Cook for their hard work leading and organising all of the PE across the school. Well done!

#### Report discussion Drop-in:

If you would like to discuss your child's report, there is a drop-in parents/carers session on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July. This session will start at 3.30p.m. until 5.00p.m. We will not be putting the children's books out at this event as all pupils will be bringing their books home within the next week.

#### Lost property:

On Tuesday we will be putting out the lost property for parents/carers to find any of their child's missing clothing. Please be aware that any uniform left will be taken to the School Uniform shop in town - details are attached to this newsletter.

#### School Meals:

If your child is moving from Year 2 to Year 3, please be aware that school meals will become payable in September (unless your child is entitled to a means tested free school meal).

From September School Meals will be provided by Chartwells. The cost will increase to £2.25 per day which is £11.25 per week and payable in advance through our online payment system School Gateway APP or website. If you think that your child is eligible for free school meals, please complete the application form by clicking on the link below.

[Click here to complete FSM form](#)

Please do not send a message or email to change your child's meal pattern. We will send an online form at the beginning of September (before the children return) for you to complete if you wish to change your child's meal pattern.

#### Playleader Vacancies:

Would you like to join our team? We would like to appoint two lunchtime playleaders. If you are interested or know someone that may be, please head over to our website for further details and download an application form.

<https://whinfield.net/our-school/job-vacancies/>

#### Intra School Competition Day:

Please could all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 come to school dressed in their PE kits on **Tuesday 12th July** as they will be taking part in an Intra School Competition Day. Thank you.

#### GEM Treat:

The GEM summer treat will take place on Wednesday 13th July. We are having a sporty theme. Please can the winning Gem team wear their PE kits with trainers. Some of these events will be taking place outside- weather permitting and the children will be enjoying ice pops. If your child has any allergies, please contact the school office so an alternative can be provided.

#### 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.



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### **Parking:**

Please can we once again stress the importance of not parking in the Bus bay in ASDA car park. This is a designated place for buses ONLY and buses, on a number of occasions recently, have been unable to park, pick up children safely or leave on time. Please DO NOT park over residents drive ways. The safety of our children is paramount.

### **Breakfast Club:**

If your child attends Breakfast Club, please ensure you walk your child to the door so your child can be signed in and greeted by a member of staff. Please do not allow your child to walk from the car park on their own. Thank you.

### **Year 6 Key Dates:**

- 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

### **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.

### **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.