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Newsletter

Friday 21st October

October Half Term holiday:

School closes today - we hope you have a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 31st October.

GEMS Assembly:

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

Photographs:

For free delivery to school on your child's photographs order by Thursday 27th October. Order via the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk. Call 01736 751555 for assistance.

Harvest:

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival in school the week after the half term holiday. We would like to be able to send a donation to the local foodbank so if you are able, please could you send in tinned or dried food to display in our assemblies and then be taken to the foodbank. School will also make a contribution to the foodbank of £50. Thank you for your support.

Reception New Starters 2023 Open Evening:

If your child is reaching school age in September 2023 there will be an open Evening for Reception new starters. This will be on Thursday 3rd November 4:30pm - 5:30pm. More information will follow but this will give you the opportunity to look at our Reception provision and talk to school staff.

Afterschool Activities:

Monday - Years 1 and 2 - Multisports - 3:15pm - 4:15pm
Wednesday - Year 5 - Christmas Craft Club - 3:15pm - 4:15pm
Wednesday - Years 5 and 6 - Girls Football - 3:15pm - 4:30pm
Thursday - Years 5 and 6 - Boys Football - 3:15pm - 4:30pm

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 11:00am on Tuesday 1st November** via the school gateway. You must select all sessions to secure your place.

School Start and end times:

Please ensure you adhere to your child's school start time. Children should not be coming into school late through the school office. They should also be picked up at their allocated time and not collected from the office early. We ask that where possible any appointments are made out of school time. If this is not possible and your child has an appointment bring a copy of your appointment letter to the office. Children coming to school late and leaving early are missing valuable learning time which can have a long lasting impact on their progress. Thank you for your continued support.





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Important Dates for the second half of the Autumn term

Tuesday 8 th November	Parents Evening Please visit https://whinfield.schoolcloud.co.uk to book your appointments.
Thursday 10 th November	Parents Evening Please visit https://whinfield.schoolcloud.co.uk to book your appointments.
Monday 14 th November	Odd Sock Day to start Anti-bullying week
Tuesday 15 th November	School nursing team - Reception and Year 6 heights and weights
Friday 18 th November	Children in Need (information to follow)
Monday 28 th November	Reception - Year 6 - Flu vaccinations (if consent has been given)
Monday 5 th December	Year 3/4 Christmas performance 'The Angel who nearly missed it' 10am and 2pm (more information to follow) Year 3 parents/carers
Tuesday 6 th December	Year 3/4 Christmas performance 'The Angel who nearly missed it' 10am and 2pm (more information to follow) Year 4 parents/carers
Wednesday 7 th December	Reception Christmas performance - 'The Nativity', 10am and 2pm (more information to follow)
Thursday 8 th December	Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance - 'Boogie Woogie Nativity' 10am and 2pm (more information to follow)
Friday 9 th December	Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance - 'Boogie Woogie Nativity' 10am and 2pm (more information to follow)
Friday 9 th December	Christmas jumper day for UNICEF



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Monday 12th December	Years 2 and 3 Christmas Party (more information to follow)
Monday 12th December	Year 6 Robinwood Monday to Wednesday
Tuesday 13th December	Years 1 and 5 Christmas Party (more information to follow)
Wednesday 14th December	Reception and Year 4 Christmas party (more information to follow)
Thursday 15th December	Year 6 Christmas Party (more information to follow)

Please note:

Year 5 and 6 will not be doing a Christmas performance this year. Parents/carers will be invited into school later in the year to see Year 5 in an Easter performance and Year 6 in their Leavers performance.

