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Newsletter

Friday 4th November

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/>

Times tables Rockstars:



It's back again! The competition runs from 7:30am on Monday 14th November to 7:30pm on Wednesday 16th November on Times Tables Rockstars.

Children can play in any game mode with every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, earning themselves, their class and the school a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average. Winning classes in the school and in the competition as a whole will be the classes with the highest average.

To support player wellbeing there is a daily time limit of 60-minutes per player. Each player can earn competition points for up to 60-minutes between 7:30am and 7:30pm. Once the player goes beyond 60-minutes of play on that day, they will still earn coins but will no longer earn points towards the competition.

Please encourage and support your child to join in, have fun and keep rocking!





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Harvest



What a wonderful array of goods you sent in for harvest - thank you very much. The photo shows only a portion of the produce which will be taken to St. Andrew's Foodbank next week.

We had two Harvest Assemblies where children thought about farmers all over the world and their hard work collecting the harvest whether it be wheat, grain, bananas, grapes or any crop. The children sang songs, recited poetry and shared their thoughts on harvest. Well done to all!

PRIME drinks:

Please can we request that children do not bring PRIME drinks into school. A named water bottle should be brought each day.

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

If you have booked an afterschool activity on School Gateway, please note that your child needs to come to school dressed in their PE kit on the day of the club (except for the Christmas craft club). Your child must be collected by an adult from the Asda entrance. All clubs will start week commencing 7th November and the last session will be Week commencing 5th December.

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

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

