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Newsletter

Friday 2nd December

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/>

Christmas Tree in the entrance:

Please have a look at the beautiful tree we have in the entrance to school. The children have made the decorations to match those of our tree in the 'Unicorn Tree' window in Grange Road.

Nuts/Egg Free School:

Please can we remind you that any nut products including Nutella or egg should not be given to children in their packed lunches.

Fruit:

Please only send a piece of fresh fruit or prepared fresh/dried fruit in packets for break time snacks.

Water bottles:

As stated in previous newsletters please do not send 'Air-UP' water bottles into school as they are very expensive. Normal water bottles only please.

Christmas performance tickets:

Tickets for the Christmas performances are still available to book online. Please book using the school cloud system which we also use to book parents evening appointments. You are limited to 2 tickets per child.

<https://whinfield.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

You should already have an email confirming your booking, we will resend these again. Please make sure you have your confirmation email available as this will be needed for entry to the performance. Entrance to the performance is at the gate near Asda and you will be shown in and seated 10 minutes before the performance time.

Christmas Card Competition

Year 5 have taken part in Councillor Andrew Keir and Councillor Jamie Bartch Christmas Card competition. They came into school to judge and they were extremely impressed by the designs. Well done to our winners, who were presented with some amazing books.
Rio 1st Place, Emily 2nd Place and Jake 3rd Place





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Photographs/videos at the Christmas Performances:

As you are aware we need permission from you as parents/carers in order for other parents/carers to take photographs or videos at any of our performances.

Next week parents/carers attending the Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 performances will be able to take photos and videos, however, **we must remind you that they are for personal use only and not to be shared on any social media platform.**

Unfortunately, photos/videos will not be allowed at the Year 4 performances as we do not have the necessary permissions.

Santa Dash:

Friday 9th December is our school's Christmas Jumper Day. On this day, your child will also be taking part in our Santa Dash. Over their break or lunch time they will be supported by the sports crew to complete a Christmas themed active mile!

Christmas Parties:

Christmas parties will take place WC 12th December. Chartwells will provide the food for the parties for a contribution (price to be confirmed on Monday). Children can come to school dressed in their party clothes on the day of their party. Please make sure they are wearing sensible footwear.

Year 6 Leavers Hoodies:

You will receive information on how to order the Year 6 leavers hoodies in January when we return after Christmas.

School Meals:

If you wish to change your child's meal pattern, please inform the school office before doing so. We usually ask for half a term notice in writing unless there are any exceptional circumstances. You can do this either by letter, email or via School Gateway. It is important that the office is informed so that the catering team can prepare the correct number of meals, have the correct information for any allergies and also that you are being charged correctly.

Flu Vaccinations:

Flu vaccinations took place in school on Monday 28th November, if you gave consent and your child was in school you should have received an email confirming that your child received the vaccination.

The nurses returned to school today to give vaccinations to any children that were absent on Monday.





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Important Dates for the second half of the Autumn term

Monday 5th December	Year 3 Christmas performance 'The Angel who nearly missed it' 10am and 2pm. Year 3 Photos/videos are allowed at these performances for personal use only - NOT to shared on social media.
Tuesday 6th December	Year 4 Christmas performance 'The Angel who nearly missed it' 10am and 2pm. Year 4 Photos/Videos WILL NOT be allowed at these performances.
Wednesday 7th December	Reception Christmas performance - 'The Nativity', 10am and 2pm Photos/videos are allowed at these performances for personal use only - NOT to shared on social media.
Thursday 8th December	Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance - 'Boogie Woogie Nativity' 10am and 2pm. Year 1 Parents/Carers. Photos/videos are allowed at these performances for personal use only - NOT to shared on social media.
Friday 9th December	Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance - 'Boogie Woogie Nativity' 10am and 2pm. Year 2 Parents/Carers. Photos/videos are allowed at these performances for personal use only - NOT to shared on social media.
Friday 9th December	Christmas jumper day for UNICEF Santa Dash
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)



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