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Newsletter

Friday 20th January 2023

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/>

End of school day:

At the end of the school day when collecting your child please can you make sure you exit the school gates before walking around the perimeter of the school as there are children still leaving classrooms at this time.

PRIME drinks:

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

Childcare:

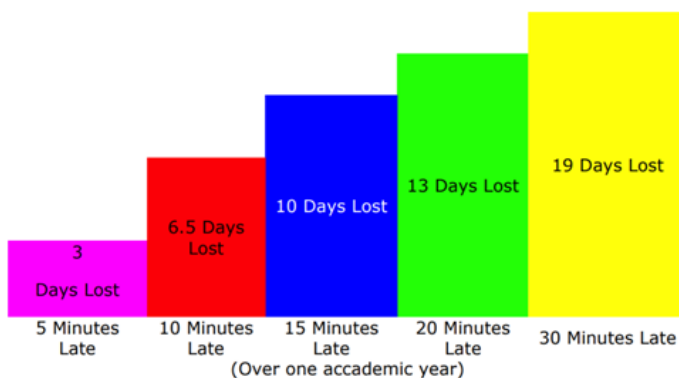
If your child attends breakfast or Afterschool childcare you may be eligible to pay using tax free childcare. Please see attached link for further information. <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

Late children:

Last week we had 106 children sign in late through the school office.

Every Minute Counts

If you arrive late to school everyday your learning begins to suffer. Below is a graph showing how being late to school everyday over a school year adds up to lost learning time.



When pupils arrive late, they miss out on essential instructions given at the beginning of the lesson. This can significantly reduce achievement, regardless of academic ability. Your child may also feel awkward arriving to the classroom when everyone else is settled. Furthermore, when one pupil arrives late, it disrupts the entire class and the teacher - everyone's education is compromised.





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World Book Day:

World book day is Thursday 2nd March. Children will be taking part in exciting activities throughout the day in school. They can come to school dressed in their Gem teams' colour (Emerald - green, Sapphire - blue, Diamond- yellow, Ruby - red). This can be a dress, a t-shirt or just a hat or hair accessory. Please don't go and buy anything new especially and please make sure it is sensible clothing and footwear and suitable for school.

Important Dates for the Spring term:

Wednesday 1 st February	Year 6 SATS meeting for parents to attend (more information to follow)
Friday 17 th February	School closes for February half term
Monday 27 th February	School closed for pupils (PD day)
Tuesday 28 th February	School reopens for pupils
Tuesday 28 th February	Year 1 Educational visit - Preston Park
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day
Tuesday 7 th March	Parents Evening
Thursday 9 th March	Parents Evening (excluding 6AB)
Thursday 16 th March	6AB Parents Evening
Friday 17 th March	Red Nose Day (more information to follow)
Friday 31 st March	School closes for Easter holidays