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Newsletter

Friday 10th February 2023

February Half Term holiday:

Please note the dates below as school closes on Friday 17th February and does not re-open until **Tuesday 28th February**.

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/>

Packed lunches:

A reminder that we are a nut free school please do not send nuts of any kind in your child's packed lunch. We also ask that children do not bring egg to school in their packed lunches as we have children in school with severe egg allergies.

Children can bring food to school in flasks as long as it is at a child safe temperature, and it is not a liquid which can be spilled like soup. Thank you

World Book Day:

World Book Day is Thursday 2nd March. Children will be taking part in exciting activities throughout the day. 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 for the day, however, can we request that all clothing and footwear is sensible and suitable for school.

Year 4 Tennis:

Well done to the Y4 children who attended the tennis festival on Thursday at Queen Elizabeth sixth form. The boys came away with Silver medals and the girls with Gold. Amazing effort by all!

Year 4 Dodgeball:

Well done to the Y4 children who attended the town Dodgeball festival last Thursday. We were incredibly impressed with your teamwork and emerald powers throughout the afternoon. You cheered each other on and won many of your games. You were fantastic representatives of the school!

Before School Request:

Please can we request that children stand with their adult while waiting to come into school each morning. As we are in the winter months, we are finding a huge amount of mud is being brought into school on children's shoes as they are running around on the grassed areas. We also want to make sure that there are no accidents, falls or safeguarding incidents as children have wandered away from their adult. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Parents evenings:

Parents evening will be available to book next Tuesday. You will receive a text/app message informing you how to book.





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Uniform:

School uniform should be worn in school by all children.

The school uniform is red, white and grey:

Winter:

- Red sweatshirt or cardigan with or without school logo (hoodies are for PE only)
- White shirt or white polo shirt with or without school logo
- Plain grey skirt (knee length) / pinafore or trousers
- Red Fleece can be worn in addition to sweatshirt Autumn / Winter 2022/23 (Covid guidance requires windows to be open to provide ventilation in classrooms)

Summer:

- Red sweatshirt, cardigan or pullover with school logo (hoodies are for PE only)
- White shirt or white polo shirt with or without school logo
- Plain grey skirt (knee length) / pinafore or trousers / shorts
- Red and white checked dress

Footwear

- Plain tights / socks
- Sensible black shoes without heels - no training shoes or logos
- Summer - plain flat sandals with a back support may be worn - white, black or red
- Winter - Wellingtons or plain boots may be worn but should be changed to indoor shoes
- Children may bring trainers into school for the days they participate in the 'Active mile'

If it is your child's PE day children should come to school wearing the School PE kit:

- For indoor - Black shorts and red t-shirt (with or without school logo), plimsoles NOT trainers as they damage the hall floor.
- For outdoor - Plain Black jogging bottoms & red or black hoodie (with or without school logo), trainers (or football boots for football)
- For Year 4 and top up Swimming - Towel, swimming costume and cap (if children have long hair), waterproof bag.

Important Dates for the Spring term:

Friday 17th February	School closes for February half term
Monday 27th February	School closed for pupils (PDday)
Tuesday 28 th February	School reopens for pupils
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day
Tuesday 7 th March	Year 1 Educational visit - Preston Park
Tuesday 7 th March	Parents Evening
Thursday 9 th March	Parents Evening (excluding 6AB)
Tuesday 14 th March	International Day of Maths (more information to follow)
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

