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Newsletter

Friday 3rd February 2023

GEMS Assembly:

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

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.

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 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.

Library Writing Competition:

Today Emily and Lucy from Darlington Library led 2 assemblies to launch their writing competition. They gave the children the start of a story and the children will finish the story their own way. Winners from each year group will be chosen and the entries will be uploaded onto the library app - Borrow Box. This can be accessed if you are a member of the library. Application forms to join the library were given out. The winners will be announced on World Book Day.

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

