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## Newsletter

Friday 10th March 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/>

### Snow:

Apologies for the disruption caused by the snow today. As you can appreciate the weather is out of our hands but something we plan for should it be like this morning. We had staff working onsite to ensure it was clear and safe for all children, and other staff up early and working from home to take messages, assess staffing ratios and send regular messages to keep you as updated as possible. We will always endeavour to keep school open wherever possible, but the safety of the children and staff is always a priority, which we hope you can appreciate. Thank you for your understanding.

### International Day of Mathematics:

International Day of Mathematics: It's nearly here! We are celebrating International Day of Mathematics on Tuesday 14th March, the theme is 'Maths for Everyone'. The children will take part in fun maths activities and investigations throughout the day. To add to the maths theme, the children can come dressed as maths for the day. This could be very simple such as patterns, numbers, shapes, stripes, stars etc. on clothing they already have, or if they want to get creative, they could make something.

For some fun ideas, [click this link](#) but please don't feel any pressure to create anything extravagant!

### Parking Safety:

We cannot emphasise enough how important it is that cars park SAFELY. Please do not park across driveways or in bus lanes. You must ensure you drive at a sensible speed and be vigilant as you are driving and parking so that you are always watching where children are walking. The safety of our children is paramount.

### Breakfast and afterschool childcare.

Please ensure all sessions are booked and paid for 7 days in advance through School Gateway. We are no longer able to accommodate any 'adhoc' or late bookings due to numbers. The childcare is now full most days and due to staffing ratio's we have to limit places. Any children who just turn up and are not booked on will be turned away and parents contacted to collect them. We are also unable to amend or cancel any bookings that are out of the 7 days notice. Any changes you wish to make with the 7 days notice period can be done through the School Gateway app. Once you have booked your sessions, please double check all sessions are correct by clicking on manage bookings.



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**Strike days Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March:**

Following the email sent today please see information below. **Please make sure you check both tables below as both days are NOT the same.**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

Year	Class	Open	Closed
Reception	RN - Miss Nixon	Open	
	RL - Miss Lindsay		Closed
Year 1	1D - Miss Dunn		Closed
	1HR - Mrs Hall/Mrs Rowney		Closed
Year 2	2A - Mrs Airey		Closed
	2G - Miss Graham		Closed
	2M - Mrs Murphy	Open	
Year 3	3WH - Mrs Walker-Hodgson	Open	
	3D - Mr Douglas	Open	
	3B - Ms Bennett		Closed
Year 4	4S - Mrs Souter	Open.	
	4G - Mrs Golightly	Open	
	4L - Mr Legg		Closed
Year 5	5B - Mrs Bowe/Mrs Barker Jones	Open morning only - children to be collected at 12.15 pm after their lunch, from their usual pick up point.	
	5L - Mr Lines	Open morning only - children to be collected at 12.15 pm after their lunch, from their usual pick up point.	
	5H - Miss Holden	Open morning only - children to be collected at 12.15 pm after their lunch, from their usual pick up point.	
Year 6	6C - Mrs Close	Open	
	6W - Miss Watkins		Closed
	6AB - Mrs Boulton	Open	



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**Thursday 16th March**

Year	Class	Open	Closed
Reception	RN - Miss Nixon	Open	
	RL - Miss Lindsay	Open	
Year 1	1D - Miss Dunn		Closed
	1HR - Mrs Hall/Mrs Rowney		Closed
Year 2	2A - Mrs Airey		Closed
	2G - Miss Graham		Closed
	2M - Mrs Murphy	Open	
Year 3	3WH - Mrs Walker-Hodgson	Open Afternoon only - children to be dropped off at 12pm at their normal entrance and will have lunch in school.	
	3D - Mr Douglas	Open Afternoon only - children to be dropped off at 12pm at their normal entrance and will have lunch in school.	
	3B - Ms Bennett	Open Afternoon only - children to be dropped off at 12pm at their normal entrance and will have lunch in school.	
Year 4	4S - Mrs Souter	Open.	
	4G - Mrs Golightly	Open	
	4L - Mr Legg		Closed
Year 5	5B - Mrs Bowe/Mrs Barker Jones	Open	
	5L - Mr Lines	Open	
	5H - Miss Holden	Open	
Year 6	6C - Mrs Close	Open morning only - children to be collected at 12.15 pm after their lunch, from their usual pick up point.	
	6W - Miss Watkins	Open morning only - children to be collected at 12.15 pm after their lunch,	



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	6AB - Mrs Boulton	Open morning only - children to be collected at 12.15 pm after their lunch, from their usual pick up point.	

**Library:**

We have some special visitors coming into school on the 31<sup>st</sup> March to open our new Library. We have had a big clear out and tidy up and the new Library looks amazing! Well done everyone.



**Important Dates for the Spring term:**

Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	International Day of Maths
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	6AB Parents Evening Please visit <a href="https://whinfield.schoolcloud.co.uk">https://whinfield.schoolcloud.co.uk</a> to book your appointments.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day (more information to follow)
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Easter performance - "Where the answers lie" Performances will be 10am and 2pm. More information on how to book tickets will follow.
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	School closes for Easter holidays