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Newsletter

Friday 23rd June 2023

GEMS Assembly:

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

Water bottles/Sun cream/Hats:

Important - The weather is becoming warmer, and the forecast is predicting hot weather. Please ensure your child has sun cream applied before school, brings a hat and a water bottle.

Roof update:

Classes will continue coming in and out of the same doors next week as this week - we will let you know as soon as there is a change.

NHS:

The NHS is celebrating its 75th birthday in July. The children are currently learning about the important work of the NHS. A member of the NHS came into school and shared a presentation to the children in assembly. Whinfield would like to mark the occasion. On Thursday 6th July we are having a non-uniform day. We would like to raise some funds for our NHS. All donations greatly accepted. Your child can bring in a donation on Thursday 6th July. Darlington Borough Council are also lighting up the town clock in the colour blue as a mark of respect to the NHS.

Year 6 girl's cricket:

A massive well done to our Year 6 Girls Cricket Team who attended the Darlington Cricket Cup on Friday 16th June. Your teamwork was excellent, and it was lovely to see you all cheering each other on! You were great representatives for Whinfield, and we are very proud of all of you.

Inclusion multi-skills festival:

Well done to the KS2 children who attend an inclusive multi-skills festival at the Education Village on Wednesday 21st June. You gave 100% in all activities, showing a particular talent in archery! The organisers commented on how well-behaved and enthusiastic you were, you truly are #littlegems.

Volunteers for Educational Visits:

All year groups have been on educational visits this year. It has been lovely to be able to gradually reintroduce these after Covid. We would just like to say a huge Thank you to all of the volunteers who give up their own time to go on these visits with the children. They wouldn't be able to go ahead without their help. If anyone else is interested in becoming a Parent Volunteer for Educational visits please contact the school office to request an application form.





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Sports Mornings:

Sports mornings start next week, please see dates below. On the day of your child sports morning please send your child to school in their school PE kit and with a water bottle and sun hat. Parents can attend to watch and will enter through the main car park gates. They will begin at 9:30am (parents to arrive 9:15am) and will last for approximately 1 hour.

IMPORTANT: We sent a form to complete regarding the taking of photographs at sports mornings and as many parents/carers did not respond, or responded with a No, we will not be able to allow you to take any photos or videos at any of the sports mornings.

PE Kit - Pupils will wear PE kit on the days they have PE:

Reminder that the PE uniform is Black shorts / jogging bottoms and red t-shirt (with or without school logo), plain Black or red hoodie (with or without school logo), trainers - **NOT FOOTBALL TRAINERS OR BOOTS.**

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.

Important Dates for the Summer term 2:

Monday 26 th June	Reception Sports Morning
Tuesday 27 th June	Year 1 Sports Morning
Wednesday 28 th June	Transition day
Thursday 29 th June	Transition day
Friday 30 th June	Year 3 Sports morning
Monday 3 rd July	Year 5 Sports morning
Tuesday 4 th July	Year 2 Sports morning
Wednesday 5 th July	Year 4 Sports morning
Thursday 6 th July	Year 6 Sports morning
Thursday 6 th July	Non uniform day
Tuesday 11 th July	Parents drop in (to discuss reports)
Tuesday 18 th July	Year 6 leavers assembly (9:30am) and Hollywood Bash. (4:30pm - 6pm)
Wednesday 19 th July	Year 6 leavers treat in school (more information to follow)
Thursday 20 th July	School closes for Summer

