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Newsletter

Friday 30th 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.

Strike days:

The next dates are Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July. Having undertaken a risk assessment we are notifying you of the classes that will be closed due to the industrial action on each day.

The following classes will be closed all day on both days:

1D
1HR
3B

All other classes will be open as usual.





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Transition days:

Move up days were a great success. The children spent the two days with their new class teacher. Each year group took one of the Gem values and did lots of fun activities on their chosen value. We also had an assembly where we celebrated our school values as a community. Staff and children left school today with big smiles on their faces!

Pictures of move up day will be posted throughout this week and next on our Facebook page.

This is the new Year 4 class making their Ruby (kindness) hats.



Year 4 Mixed Football Cup:

A massive congratulations to our Year 4 Mixed Football Team who attended the St Augustine's Cup on Wednesday 28th June. Your teamwork was excellent, scoring 17 goals and only conceding 2. The team won all of their matches and were successful in winning the competition! You were great representatives for Whinfield and we are very proud of all of you, #littlegems.



Sports Mornings:

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.





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Important Dates for the Summer term 2:

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	Year 1 rearranged Sports morning
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

