

Winhills Primary Academy

Part of The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust
Established in the Queen's Jubilee Year 2012

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27th February 2015 Head of School: Mrs Diane Mitchell BA Ed (Hons)

Dear Parents

February has been a busy month at school and it has been wonderful to see the children return to school refreshed after the half term holiday.

One of the highlights this month was the snow day at school. The children had a fantastic time making many different snow sculptures. The team building and problem solving which the children encountered was amazing to see.

Our school website has changed recently. You should now be able to locate letters, newsletters and your child's class page easily. You will also be able to find information about the school on various pages. Our school website address is: www.winhills.cambs.sch.uk

Can I remind you that if your child has signed up to an after school club and no longer wishes to attend please inform the office. If your child is unable to attend their club one day please inform the office also so we can inform the member of staff running the club.

Our attendance for this term so far is 95.38% which is just over the national average. Thank you for all those who are trying really hard to get your children in on time, the doors open at 8.45am and your child needs to be in class ready to learn by 8.55am.

Little Gems Before and After School Club

Please can I remind you that all bookings and cancellations should be made via the school office. 24 hours notice must be given if your child cannot attend a session to avoid being charged. Breakfast is between 7.30am and 8.30am. Please let the staff know if your child has not had breakfast at home. Children attending after school club sessions from 4.30pm onwards will be provided with tea. Please speak to staff if you wish to see the menu.

Achievement Awards

Well done to all the children who have received awards this half term. I look forward to many more children receiving awards next half term.

Monday 2nd February 2015 Achievement Awards

Jessica Porter	Keyan Round	Peter Collins
Keanen Hanley	Ashley Picking	Callum Clinton-Berry
Kieran Best	Finlee Wallis	

WAC - Ivo Freitas

RRR - Tino Chamunokara

ART - Sam Prentice

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Monday 9th February 2015 Achievement Awards

Josie Griffiths	Kiera Johnson	Jack Vogel
Suchit Chopra	Ruby Langdale	Jack Prentice
Joshua Southwood	Chelsea-Anne Raffaelli	

RRR - Tayla Storey

ART - Alarna Oxborough

Term time holidays

Following Government Guidance, we as a Trust do not authorise leave during term time unless there are extra ordinary circumstances, which are judged on an individual basis. As a result of this we will apply to the Local Authority for a penalty notice if you take a child out of school for any unauthorised leave of more than 5 days.

Friends of Winhills School Association

Friends of Winhills School Association meet regularly; each meetings starts at 6.00pm and lasts for about 1 hour. Everyone is welcome to attend and support our hardworking committee. The next meetings are scheduled for:

Tuesday 3rd March 2015, Tuesday 21st April 2015 & Tuesday 9th June 2015

School Uniform

Children need to have their PE kit and a pair of wellies in school at all times.

As a reminder, the standard uniform consists of:

- White or blue polo shirts (plain)
- Grey trousers/skirt/pinafore with the length of skirt to be no shorter than just above the knee
- Grey or white socks, royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan (available from school with the school emblem)
- Royal blue pullover or cardigan.
- **Black footwear, shoes (not trainers)**

Hair – all long hair to be tied back, so that your child's vision is not impaired. Girls and boys may wear gel, ponytails or hair bands, but no extreme fashion hairstyles please. **Please name every item of your child's school uniform.**

New in stock – PE/Swim bags printed with logo £4.00

PE Kit

The children need a plain white t-shirt and plain blue/navy or black shorts. Please avoid strappy tops for the girls.

If your child comes to school without the appropriate items or kit a letter will be sent home with them indicating the missing item or appropriate school wear.

Uniform points will not be given out to pupils if they do not have the correct kit. If children do not gain enough points over the term they will need to come to school in their uniform on reward day.

School Dinners

The cost of a meal at school for children in Year 3, 4 5 & 6 is £2.15 and for children in Nursery the cost is £1.90 per child from September. Adult meals are charged at £3.00 per adult. Payment can now be made online. **Your child should have come home with a letter regarding online payments, however, if this has not been received or you need help with setting this up please contact the office.** You may order lunches on a daily basis but according to Local Authority's policy, all school lunches must be paid for in advance or on the day taken. School is not allowed to give more than one day's credit per child. As you know, any parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle can book to have a dinner with a child in the school any day of the week but we do require at least one day's notice where possible.

Future Dates

5 th March 2015	ASP Parents Evening 3.30pm-6.00pm
10 th March 2015	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 8.00pm
11 th March 2015	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm
5 th – 11 th March 2015	Travelling Books Book Fair in School
13 th March 2015	Red Nose day – bring a funny hat to wear for the day
26 th March 2015	Reward Day
15 th -17 th Apr 2015	Grafham Water residential, Yr 4 children
11 th -14 th May 2015	SATs
8 th July 2015	KS2 Performance 1.30pm & 6.00pm
9 th July 2015	KS2 Performance 6.00pm
15 th July 2015	Garden Party Yr 6
17 th July 2015	Reward Day
20 th -22 nd July 2015	Hilltop residential, Yr6 children

Term Dates 2014-2015

Spring Term 2015

27 th March	Term Ends
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Summer Term 2015

13 th April	Term Starts
4 th May	May Day Holiday
25 th – 29 th May	Half Term
1 st June	Staff Training
22 nd July	Term Ends

Term dates 2015-2016

Autumn term 2015

2 nd September	Staff Training Day
3 rd September	Term Starts
23 rd October	Staff Training Day
26 th October to 30 th October	Half Term
2 nd November	Staff Training Day
18 th December	Term Ends

Spring term 2016

4 th January	Staff Training Day
5 th January	Term Starts
15 th February to 19 th February	Half Term
24 th March	Term Ends

Summer term 2016

11th April
12th April
2nd May
30th May to 3rd June
21st July

Staff Training Day
Term Starts
May Day
Half Term
Term Ends

Yours sincerely



Mrs Diane Mitchell
Head of School
On behalf of Winhills Primary Academy (part of TDLPT)

We welcome any comments you may have below:

To: Mrs Diane Mitchell, Head of School, Winhills Primary Academy, Off Duck Lane, St Neots,
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Child's name:
Comment: