

Winhills Primary Academy

Part of The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust
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22nd July 2015 Executive Headteacher: Mrs Susannah Connell BSc MA (Ed Mgt) NPQH
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Dear Parents

Year 6 will leave us and begin the next stage of their school life at Senior School. They have contributed a fantastic amount to the school and we will miss them.

Robbie Aird
Chloe Allen
Kieran Best
David Burden
Ronnie Chamberlain
Tinotenda Chamunokara
Rebecca Clarkson
Alfie Clinton-Berry
Tora-Jayne Coleman

Sophie Cotogno
Rowan Huckle
Caitlin Keating
Mollie Morphew
Tyler Parker
Samir Patel
Chelsea-Anne Raffaelli
Alana Sizer

Joshua Southwood
Occean-Faye Stoner
Jazzeigh Taylor
Trevor Tembo
Denny Vout
Finlee Wallis
Kira Webster
Thomas Williams
Callum Wray

Staff hosted a 'Garden Party' for the Year Six children leaving primary school and moving onto secondary school. All the children made a huge effort to dress up for the event (as did the staff!) and they had a great time together thinking about special memories and looking back on their years at Winhills.

Many of the Year Six children will be spending their last few days at Winhills away on a residential course with their classmates and teachers at Hilltop in Norfolk. They will have lots of fun plus the opportunity to challenge themselves with adventure activities including high ropes, assault course, zip wire and mountain bikes.

This has been an extremely busy month and the children have remained focused in their learning and finishing off their topics. I know you will be pleased to read about what has happened this month. Please ensure you read the sections referring to school uniform, school dinner payments so that you can be ready for the start of term in September.

Attendance

Currently we have 13 children who have 100% attendance this year. Well done to you all and I hope this continues until the end of term on Wednesday 22nd July. Overall attendance has improved from last year but we still have some way to go. From recent Ofsted inspections we are aware that schools attendance has an impact on the personal development, behaviour and welfare judgement that inspectors decide. We need your continual support to ensure attendance and punctuality is as high as possible.

Alice in Wonderland

Last week Year 6, supported by Years 3, 4 and 5, performed 'Alice' to the rest of the school and to their parents and families. This was the culmination of weeks of hard work learning songs, practising dance moves and rehearsing scenes. On the night, we were very proud of how fabulous all the children looked in their costumes and how they remembered all their words and dance moves. Everyone involved really loved putting the performance together and we hope that the parents enjoyed eating the jam tarts stolen by the Knave of Hearts!

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Cambridge Young peoples Film Festival

Following the topic on 'Africa' the children in year 1 made African masks and had fun designing and making models that could be used in the animation. With the help from our Artist in Residence the film; Africa, Art and Animation was created.

Some year 1 children represented Winhills at the Awards evening in Cambridge. The children sat very patiently through the year 6,5,4,3 and 2 presentations and then found out that they had won! We are really proud of all the children who made an amazing film.

Sports Day

It was a delight to see so many adults turn up to watch Sports Day. The Key Stage One children had a fabulous morning running lots of different races. It was great to see each child covered in so many wonderful stickers. The Key Stage Two children challenged themselves in their running races and in their four events: shot put, javelin, long jump and tug-of-war. All of the children were fantastic and had a great Sports Day making all of the adults proud. It was lovely to hear so many parents comment on how much they enjoyed the events.

Girls Cricket tournament

The year 5 and 6 girls cricket team made it through to the county finals on Monday 10th July. We travelled over to Peterborough and played four teams from all over the county. The children played excellently and were delighted with their 4 point runs.

Semi-Final football

On Tuesday 7th the football team played Priory Junior school. The boys were super and played amazing football. They worked excellently as a team and scored some fantastic goals. A great team effort, well done!

Music Festival

Year 2 had a lovely morning visiting the Priory centre this month where they joined other schools in St, Neots at the annual music festival. The class sang their songs brilliantly and Miss Beadles was extremely pleased with the class not only in their singing but their brilliant behaviour throughout the visit.

Dates

Please look at the future dates at the end of the newsletter so you are aware of training days and holidays. All dates are on the website under the calendar section:
<http://www.winhills-cambs.co.uk/diary/list/>

Parking

The school car park will be locked from 8:30am to 9:15am and 2:45pm to 3:30pm. Parents and staff will not be allowed to drive into the school car park at these times.

Please ensure you park considerably outside of the school, ensuring you do not block anyone's driveway or emergency access point.

Red Post Box in Office Reception Area

Envelopes and forms should be posted in the red quick drop box in the office reception area, please ensure all items are clearly named and easily identifiable. We encourage you to use this facility to save you time unnecessarily waiting.

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 during the last few weeks of term.

Monday 29th June 2015

Achievement Awards

Aimee Brce	Joseph Culling	Lily Cruttenden
Sam Prentice	Maisie Fisher	Shannon Howard
Lilly Bailey	Chloe Allen	

WAC - Ben Musgrove

RRR - Ashley Picking

ART - Sam Cheswick

Monday 6th July 2015

Achievement Awards

Jessica Corley	Ivo Freitas	Fabian Galan-Tarachiu
Ryan Willison	Archie Ray	Joseph Hawkins
Jaydon Rhodes		

RRR - Mason Judge

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 8th, 15th and 22nd September.

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.**

It is The Diamond Learning Partnership Trusts policy that earrings must not be worn for PE, and your child must be able to remove them if they wear them to school on PE days. Earrings should be small studs.

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

Please note there is a 10p increase in dinner money for a childs meal as from 3rd September 2015 making the cost £2.25 and an increase of 20p for adult meals

The cost of a meal at school for children in Year 3, 4 5 & 6 from September is £2.25; adult meals will be £3.20. Payment can now be made online, please ask the office staff for more information. 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.

Term dates 2015-2016

Autumn Term 2015

2nd September
3rd September
23rd October
26th October to 30th October
2nd November
18th December

Spring Term 2016

4th January
5th January
15th February to 19th February
24th March

Summer Term 2016

11th April
2nd May
30th May to 3rd June
20th July
21st July

Staff Training Day
Term Starts
Staff Training Day
Half Term
Staff Training Day
Term Ends

Staff Training Day
Term Starts
Half Term
Term Ends

Term Starts
May Day
Half Term
Term Ends for Pupils
Staff Training Day

Future Dates

Autumn Term 2015

9th Sept
2nd Oct
21st Oct
22nd Oct
11th Nov
7th Dec
8th Dec
9th Dec
10th Dec
14th Dec
15th Dec
16th Dec
17th Dec

Spring Term 2016

10th Feb
16th Mar
17th Mar
23rd Mar

Summer Term 2016

3rd May
9th-13th May
16th-18th May
15th June
5th & 6th July
11th July
12th July
13th July
14th July
18th-20th July

Roman Day Yr 3 & Yr 4
School photographer – individual photos
Parents evening 3.30-6.00pm
Parents evening 3.30-7.00pm
SEND Parents evening 3.30-6.00pm
Little Gems/Nursery performance 10.30am & 2.00pm
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Yr1 & Yr2 performance 10.30am
Yr1 & Yr2 performance 2.00pm
KS2 performance 1.30pm
KS2 performance 6.00pm
KS2 performance 6.00pm
Reward day

Parents evening 3.30-6.00pm
Parents evening 3.30-6.00pm
Parents evening 3.30-7.00pm
Rewards day

School photographer – class photos
SATs week
Grafham Water Visit for Yr 4
SEND Parents evening 3.30-6.00pm
Yr6 Transition days
KS2 performance 1.30pm & 6.00pm
KS2 performance 6.00pm
Yr 6 Garden party
Reward day
Hilltop Yr6

I would like to thank you all for your continued support this year and enjoy the summer break with your child.

Finally, I would like to dedicate a poem to the Year 6 parents.

Dear Year 6 Parents,

I give you back your child, the same child you confidently entrusted to my care last September. I give them back inches taller, months wiser, more responsible, and more mature than they were then. Although they would have attained their growth in spite of us, it has been our pleasure and privilege to watch their personality unfold day by day and marvel at this splendid miracle of development.

I give them back reluctantly, for having spent nine months together in the narrow confines of a crowded school, we have grown close, have become a part of each other, and we shall always retain a little of each other.

Ten years from now if we meet on the street, your child and I, a light will shine to our eyes, a smile to our lips, and we shall feel the bond of understanding once more, this bond we feel today.

We have lived, loved, laughed, played, studied, learned, and enriched our lives together this year.

We wish it could go on indefinitely, but give them back we must.

Take care of them, for they are precious.

Remember that we shall always be interested in your child and their destiny, wherever they go, whatever they do, whoever they become.

Their joys and sorrows we'll be happy to share.

We shall always be their friends.

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, PE19 2DX

Child's name:

Comment: