

# Winhills Primary Academy

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

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26<sup>th</sup> June 2015 Executive Headteacher: Mrs Susannah Connell BSc MA (Ed Mgt) NPQH  
Head of School: Mrs Diane Mitchell BA Ed (Hons)

Dear Parents

This month has been incredibly busy and the children have been extremely focused on their learning. We have had many visitors to school this month, including our governors. They have once again been very impressed with how active the children are in their learning and how the children are able to discuss what they have learnt and how they need to further improve their learning.

A group of performers from Stageworks visited school and led an exciting assembly about internet safety and cyber-bullying. They used singing, dancing and acting to reinforce the important messages about keeping safe online. Years 5 and 6 also took part in a fun workshop afterwards, learning some of the songs and dances!

Last week another assembly was led by GenR8 who are a local Christian group. The children always enjoy the mix of acting, story, puppets and song, joining in with the actions at every opportunity. This half term the theme was about sharing and team work.

Transition to secondary school is a really important time for Year 6 who have already been visited by teachers from Ernulf and Longsands Academies. The children have started to complete some special work which will be passed on to their new teachers and next week they will be spending two days at their new schools, meeting staff and new friends as well as learning to find their way around.

Teams from Years 5 and 6 have recently taken part in Maths and Science challenges with children from other local schools. Unfortunately we didn't win this time but each child tried their best, representing the school well.... and there's always next year!

## **Attendance**

The attendance so far this term is 95.62% which is an improvement from the same time last year. Currently we have 67 children who have had 100% attendance so far this term and 17 children who have 100% for the year! Well done and keep it up.

This month has seen many different tournaments and competitions which have been great. The children have thoroughly enjoyed participating in the different events.

## **Cricket**

There have been two cricket tournaments this month; one for girls and one for boys, both took place at Eaton Socon cricket club. The boy's tournament was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of June, they played excellently and were all proud of their fantastic achievement coming fourth in the tournament. The girls tournament was on the 18<sup>th</sup> of June, the team put in maximum effort to ensure victory, overall they came second and they have made it through to the county final. A super effort from all who were involved, well done!

## **Football**

As the sun came out so did the football! We were lucky enough to host two tournaments here at Winhills. The first was the FA under 10 tournament against Buckden, although Buckden were successful our children played excellently and worked extremely well as a team. It was a pleasure to start entering some of our younger year groups ready for the huge selection of football competitions for year 5 and 6 next year. The second tournament was against Alconbury on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June for the Under 11 team, Winhills were successful and have made it through to the semi finals!

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### **Inter sports competition**

One of the great benefits of being part of the Diamond Learning Partnership Trust is the community links between the five schools. This term we are holding an inter-academy tournament which includes dodgeball, tag rugby and netball. The children are split into three teams and all children carousel around the three sports earning different points for a win, draw or loss. Winhills are delighted to host these tournaments; we have even been successful in winning one trophy for the year 5 tournament. The children have thoroughly enjoyed meeting the children from the different school and have already started to build new friendships with them.

### **Sports Day**

This year's Sports Day will be held on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Year groups 3, 4, 5 & 6 will be in the morning from 9.30 a.m. and year groups Reception, 1 & 2 will be held in the afternoon from 1.45 p.m. Parents and families are welcome to support the morning and/or afternoon session. A section of the field will be reserved for viewing the events.

Please look at the future dates at the end of the newsletter so you are aware of training days, big bakes, performances and sports day. 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 8<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

##### **Achievement Awards**

Ben Vogel	Owen Riley	Lucy Parker
KC-Tia Maltby	Lilly-Sue Johnson	Owen Davies
Tanisha Patel	Samir Patel	

**WAC** - Kai Chambers

**RRR** - Maria Farrugia

**ART** - Kyle Christie

#### **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

##### **Achievement Awards**

Mijana Sanpkauskaitė	Lyndon Tunnah	Caitlin Keighley
Jack Lewis	Matthew Clarkson	Jacob Keighley

**WAC** - Chloe Allen

**RRR** - Tulah Nixon

**ART** - Cameron Shaw

#### **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2015**

##### **Achievement Awards**

Dennis Frankiewicz	Sebastian Stray	Chaniece Bayliss
Shannon Wray	Ellis Nicholson	Dylan Elwart
Tobey Criddle-Dore	Tino Chambunokara	Leon Parker

**WAC** - Ben Musgrove

### 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 meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July.

### 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.**

### 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

29<sup>th</sup> June 2015  
30<sup>th</sup> June 2015  
1<sup>st</sup> July 2015  
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3<sup>rd</sup> July 2015  
8<sup>th</sup> July 2015  
9<sup>th</sup> July 2015  
13<sup>th</sup> July 2015  
14<sup>th</sup> July 2015  
15<sup>th</sup> July 2015  
17<sup>th</sup> July 2015  
20<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> July 2015

Yr 2 & 3 trip to Hamerton Zoo  
Yr 6 pupils secondary school transition day  
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Yr R & 1 trip to Hamerton Zoo  
Sports Day  
KS2 Performance 1.30pm & 6.00pm  
KS2 Performance 6.00pm  
New Nursery children session 1.30pm to 2.30pm  
New Reception children meet teacher 1.30 to 3pm  
Garden Party Yr 6  
Reward Day  
Hilltop residential, Yr6 children

### **Term Dates 2014-2015**

#### **Summer Term 2015**

22<sup>nd</sup> July

Term Ends

### **Term dates 2015-2016**

#### **Autumn Term 2015**

2<sup>nd</sup> September

Staff Training Day

3<sup>rd</sup> September

Term Starts

23<sup>rd</sup> October

Staff Training Day

26<sup>th</sup> October to 30<sup>th</sup> October

Half Term

2<sup>nd</sup> November

Staff Training Day

18<sup>th</sup> December

Term Ends

#### **Spring Term 2016**

4<sup>th</sup> January

Staff Training Day

5<sup>th</sup> January

Term Starts

15<sup>th</sup> February to 19<sup>th</sup> February

Half Term

24<sup>th</sup> March

Term Ends

#### **Summer Term 2016**

11<sup>th</sup> April

Term Starts

2<sup>nd</sup> May

May Day

30<sup>th</sup> May to 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Half Term

20<sup>th</sup> July

Term Ends for Pupils

21<sup>st</sup> July

Staff Training Day

Yours sincerely



Mrs Diane Mitchell

Head of School

On behalf of Winhills Primary Academy (part of TDLPT)

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#### **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: