

# Winhills Primary Academy

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

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22<sup>nd</sup> May 2015 Head of School: Mrs Diane Mitchell BA Ed (Hons)

Dear Parents

Firstly, can I thank you for your support yesterday with the closure of the school. We appreciate all parents spreading the word and being able to collect the children so quickly. The staff were very impressed with the way the children remained calm during the afternoon.

As with all emergencies that occur in school we evaluate and discuss how to further improve. It is extremely important that the contact numbers we have for each parent are up to date. The office staff will be contacting you if your details were unobtainable when we called yesterday. It is vital that you keep the office informed of any change of telephone numbers.

## **Parking**

After half term 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.

## **Year 6**

This month the Year 6 children have been preparing for the national SATs tests in Reading, SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and Mathematics which they took during the week beginning May 11th. All of their teachers could not have been more proud of the children's incredible motivation and hard work. We hope that they achieve the results they deserve.

## **Multi Skills Event**

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May Year 1 & 2 students from Middlefield, Roundhouse and Winhills all participated in a Key Stage 1 Multi Skills event.

The day was a roaring success with the Year 6 children being responsible play leaders and managing the event themselves. The children thoroughly enjoyed their throwing, catching and jumping skills ready for Key Stage 2 competitive sports.

## **Story Telling Festival**

Moonstone Class were lucky enough to be involved in the St Neot's Story Telling Festival. Schools from across St Neots had learnt a class story and innovated their own version. Year three learnt the story of 'The Little Gingerbread Man' as did all the other schools involved. The children performed really well throughout the morning, including their own version of a classic food story named 'The Mango Cake'. The festival was enjoyed by everyone who took part. As a result of the Story Telling Festival the children were able to create some delicious, exciting food stories of their own.

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### Library Visit

Year 4 were chosen to visit St Neots library on the 29th April. Recently, the classes had voted for their favourite book from the 'read it again' competition and were lucky enough to meet one of the authors, Katie May Green, who wrote 'Seen and not heard'. The children thoroughly enjoyed meeting Katie, hearing her read her story and creating masterpieces to show the characters' naughty and good sides. Katie even showed the children some of her artistic tricks!

### Lateness & Punctuality

The Government has recently announced that schools are now able to apply for Penalty Notices for families who are persistently late for school. This means that if you are late on at least 10 occasions in 10 weeks then you may receive a fine of £60. Please make sure that you are bringing your children to school on time as we will begin implementing this system as of the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015.

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/>

### 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 next half term.

### **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

#### **Achievement Awards**

Hattie Sargeant	Thomas Ayres	Jayden Best
Sarah Wray	Rachel Pelbrough	Leah Huckle
Maisie Hannah	Libby Nash	Occean-Faye Stoner

**WAC** - Alfie Backhouse

**RRR** - Rebecca Clarkson

**ART** - Jack Prentice

### 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**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**

1 <sup>st</sup> June	Staff Training – No pupils in school
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	New Nursery children parents meeting 5.00pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	New Reception children parents meeting 5.00pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2015	Sports Day
8 <sup>th</sup> July 2015	KS2 Performance 1.30pm & 6.00pm
9 <sup>th</sup> July 2015	KS2 Performance 6.00pm
13 <sup>th</sup> July 2015	New Nursery children session 1.30pm to 2.30pm
14 <sup>th</sup> July 2015	New Reception children meet teacher 1.30 to 3pm
15 <sup>th</sup> July 2015	Garden Party Yr 6
17 <sup>th</sup> July 2015	Reward Day
20 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2015	Hilltop residential, Yr6 children

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

#### **Summer Term 2015**

25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May

1<sup>st</sup> June

22<sup>nd</sup> July

Half Term  
Staff Training  
Term Ends

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

#### **Autumn Term 2015**

2<sup>nd</sup> September

3<sup>rd</sup> September

23<sup>rd</sup> October

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

2<sup>nd</sup> November

18<sup>th</sup> December

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

#### **Spring Term 2016**

4<sup>th</sup> January

5<sup>th</sup> January

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

24<sup>th</sup> March

Staff Training Day  
Term Starts  
Half Term  
Term Ends

#### **Summer Term 2016**

11<sup>th</sup> April

2<sup>nd</sup> May

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

20<sup>th</sup> July

21<sup>st</sup> July

Term Starts  
May Day  
Half Term  
Term Ends for Pupils  
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,  
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Child's name:

Comment: