

Winhills Primary Academy

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

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22nd October 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been another busy month and the children have been very active in their lessons. I am delighted to inform you that our attendance since the start of term is 96.25%. The national figure for attendance is currently 96%. This is the first time Winhills has been above the National figure for attendance. Thank you for all your continued support to ensure your child is in school everyday. The children know their attendance needs to be higher than 96% and that it is important to be in school five days a week.

It was wonderful to see so many parents this week at parents evening. I hope you found your session with your child's class teacher informative. Our assessment arrangements for years 1 to 6 have now changed, with each year group being assessed against their year group objective. We hope the guidance provided will help explain why we have changed our half termly reports. If you have any questions regarding the changes, please contact the office to make an appointment with your child's class teacher.

Thank you for all your contributions for harvest assembly this year. Our head boy and head girl helped deliver them to St Neots Foodbank where your donations were gratefully received.

Reception open mornings for children starting school in 2016

Winhills is holding two open mornings where you can find out how your child can have a fantastic start to their education, experience a wide range of exciting experiences available through school and learn about our enrichment activities. Our open day sessions will be held on **Friday 6th November and Saturday 7th November from 10.00 to 11.00am**. Please contact the school office to book a tour.

Freedom Parade

On Tuesday this week, the children from Year 5 and Year 6 walked to the Market Square to join the flag-waving crowds and welcome more than 200 soldiers from the 1st Battalion of The Royal Anglian Regiment who marched through the town accompanied by their band.

The event was organised by St Neots Town Council who granted the Freedom of the Town to the Royal Anglians last year "in recognition of their services to the country at home and abroad".

The children thoroughly enjoyed the spectacle and acted with sensitivity and respect throughout the whole event.

Tag Rugby

On Tuesday 20th October the Winhills Tag Rugby team competed in the Hunts SSP tournament in Huntingdon. The children played excellently and really impressed Mr Franco and Miss Clarke with their superb sportsmanship. The children were delighted when they came third in the tournament; they won 4 games and drew 2 which meant they had the same result as four other teams. A super effort from everyone! Well done.

Year 6 pupils transferring to Secondary School in September 2016

If your child is currently in year 6 the deadline to apply for a Year 7 Secondary School place is **31st October 2015**. Applications received after this date will be considered late and will not receive an offer letter until 20th April 2015.

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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 considerately 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.

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 7th November, Tuesday 8th December & Tuesday 12th January.

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

The cost of a meal at school from September for children in Year 3, 4 5 & 6 is £2.25, meals for nursery children are £2.00 and adult meals are £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.

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.

Friday 25th September 2015

Achievement Awards

Liam Pullen	Sophia Hodgson	Suki Judge
Erin Riley	Owen Davies	Leon Parker

WAC - Josie Griffiths **RRR** - Patrick Hughes **ART** - Scarlet Watson

Friday 2nd October 2015

Achievement Awards

Freddie O'Keeffe	Aimee Bruce	Keira Johnson
Cayden Greet	Harmony Murkett	Ruby Langdale
Tamara Grecitova		

WAC - Calliegh Dodson **RRR** - Callum Oxborough **ART** -

Friday 9th October 2015

Achievement Awards

Lexi Luff	Mia Greenwood	Charlotte Sharpe
Kaitlyn Conlon	Katie Gallacher	Suchit Chopra
Shannon Howard	Tobey Criddle-Dore	

WAC - Kayleigh Raffaelli **RRR** - Connor-Rocco Maltby **ART** - Daud Durrani

Friday 16th October 2015

Achievement Awards

Lucas Ellis	Keira Cheswick	Casey Botfield
Elliot Rayner	Archie-Rhys Scotcher	Blake Tunnah
Maisie Hannah	Charlie Fowler	

WAC - Luke Picking **RRR** - Jack Oddy **ART** -

Year 6 Roles

Head Boy	Patrick Hughes
Head Girl	Tanisha Patel
Deputy Head Boy	Harry Hedges
Deputy Head Girl	Libby Nash
Red/Mars Vice Captain	Sophie Caunt
Blue/Pluto House Captain	Ben Musgrove
Blue/Pluto Vice Captain	Chloe Willison
Green/Jupiter House Captain	Emily Matzk
Green/Jupiter Vice Captain	Eamon Grantham
Yellow/Saturn House Captain	Lilly Bailey
Yellow/Saturn Vice Captain	Jack Prentice
School Council Lead	Charlie Connor Tobey Criddle-Dore

Term dates 2015-2016

Autumn Term 2015

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

11 th April	Term Starts
2 nd May	May Day
30 th May to 3 rd June	Half Term
20 th July	Term Ends for Pupils
21 st July	Staff Training Day

Future Dates

Autumn Term 2015

22 nd Oct	Parents evening 3.30-7.00pm
31 st Oct	Deadline for Yr6 applications for Secondary School Sept 2016
5 th Nov	Deadline for photo orders back to school
11 th Nov	SEND Parents evening 3.30-6.00pm
7 th Dec	Little Gems/Nursery performance 10.30am & 2.00pm
8 th Dec	Little Gems/Nursery performance 10.30am & 2.00pm
9 th Dec	Yr1 & Yr2 performance 10.30am
10 th Dec	Yr1 & Yr2 performance 2.00pm
14 th Dec	KS2 performance 1.30pm
15 th Dec	KS2 performance 6.00pm
16 th Dec	KS2 performance 6.00pm
17 th Dec	Reward day

Spring Term 2016

10 th Feb	Parents evening 3.30-6.00pm
16 th Mar	Parents evening 3.30-6.00pm
17 th Mar	Parents evening 3.30-7.00pm
23 rd Mar	Rewards day

Summer Term 2016

3 rd May	School photographer – class photos
9 th -13 th May	SATs week
16 th -18 th May	Grafham Water Visit for Yr 4
15 th June	SEND Parents evening 3.30-6.00pm
5 th & 6 th July	Yr6 Transition days
11 th July	KS2 performance 1.30pm & 6.00pm
12 th July	KS2 performance 6.00pm
13 th July	Yr 6 Garden party
14 th July	Reward day
18 th -20 th July	Hilltop Yr6

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: