

Winhills Primary Academy

Part of The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have had an exciting and busy November. It is wonderful to see the children so engaged in their learning as I walk around the school. As I write this, I am starting to hear the sounds of some Christmas songs coming from the hall.

We have done a recent assembly on Road Safety reminding the children how to stay safe whilst walking around St Neots. We have talked to them about things such as the importance of wearing bright clothing if walking in the dark and finding the safest places to cross the road. Please do remind the children of these things when walking to and from school. The teachers sent out two weekly newsletters about the children's learning. If you have any questions, please do catch your child's teacher in the morning or the afternoon.

On Monday 2nd December we will be wishing the Christmas lights on ready for the festive period. Please remember to make a decoration with your child to bring in on Monday to help decorate our trees.

You should have all received a festive newsletter with all the events that are happening in the run up to Christmas.

Please continue reading below for some of the highlights of our November so far.

Poppy Appeal:

As always, we remember on the 11th November at Winhills. This year we raised £153.00. Thank you for all of your support with this. Without you, the Poppy appeal wouldn't be able to continue their hard work.

Film Festival:

The children in KS2 were lucky enough to obtain tickets to Cineworld in St Neots to watch a film as part of 'Into Film's Nation Film Festival'. On Friday 8th November Years 3 and 4 watched 'Wonder Park', an animated film where a young girl encounters a real version of her magical amusement park, and on Friday 22nd November Years 5 and 6 saw 'The Kid Who Would Be King', a modern twist on the Legend of King Arthur, where a young boy must use Excalibur to defeat the evil Morgana and protect mankind. The children have since used these films as inspiration for writing tasks back at school, including entering a writing competition to create a review of their chosen films. We hope the experience has helped the children develop new ideas for writing and giving them inspiration for imagination and ideas.

Children in Need:

It was wonderful to see the children with all the accessories on for 'Children in Need'. The children all used their coppers to create fantastic picture of Pudsey in the hall. In total we raised £333.64p for a wonderful cause.

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Friends of Winhills School Association/ PTA

The PTA are in the middle of planning for our Christmas Fayre on Thursday 5th December. There a lot of activities, stalls, hot dogs and Father Christmas will also be there. Please do attend straight after school.

The PTA raised £360 from our recent film night. The children all really enjoyed themselves and KS1 and KS2 watched Monsters Family and Reception watched Madagascar. A massive thank you to everyone that stayed and helped with this event. It is so worthwhile to see the children really enjoying themselves.

Thanks to the support of the PTA the school are able to use this money to fund amazing new things for the school.

Money from the previous PTA has recently been used to purchase new laptops and some new tablets. I massive thank you to them for all their hard work in raising this money.

KS1 Cricket Tournament 20th November 2019

Some of the Year 2 children were lucky enough to be able to go to a cricket tournament. They enjoyed learning new cricket skills through games led by year 9 Longsands students including coconut wicket shy, knockout cone bowling and many more before competing with other schools in games of quick cricket. All children were fantastically behaved and enjoyed every moment. They even met the star of the day! The hunts mascot 'twinkle'.

Football Matches

On Thursday 21st November, one of our football teams played a cup game against Buckden Primary School and they won 3-2. The boys all played brilliantly as a team as they organised themselves and supported each other throughout the match. It was a very close game but a well-deserved win! Winhills are through to the next round.

On Tuesday 26th November, a group of Year 5 and 6 children travelled to Warboys Primary School to compete in the next round of the Girls' Football Cup. The girls' all played superbly, showed wonderful sportsmanship throughout, and eventually won the game 3-1 to progress to the next round. Despite going 1-0 down, they all stuck together and never gave up, before Keira scored all three goals to seal the win. Well done!

Arbor Information

Please make sure that you are signed up on Arbor. This is the schools main use of communication, payment system and online booking system for parents evening. If you have changed your contact details, please can you make sure that these are all up to date on Arbor too. Due to GDPR, we can no longer send data collection sheets home for you to check, this can be done through the Arbor portal and it is your responsibility to ensure the information is kept up to date. Arbor have recently released the Arbor app, which can be downloaded from the app store. We currently have over 94% of Parents who have who have sussesfully signed up. This makes such a massive difference to both the environment and our budget as we do not have to print as many letters..

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.

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 3 days and this may result in a penalty notice fine of £60.00 per parent per child, if paid within 21 days.

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 1st November 2019

Achievement Awards.

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| Sophie | Mia | Lilly-Mae |
| Demi-Leigh | Jaidyn | Kaitlyn |
| Mateo | Mollie-May | |

WAC – Mason

RRR – Poppy

Year 6 students who have been awarded their Truly Trusted badges:

Kaitlyn, Hayden, Joshua, Sophia, Halley-Sue, Samuel, Sophie

Friday 8th November 2019

Achievement Awards

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| Oliver | Keanen | |
| Alexandra | | |
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RRR – Saoirse

Friday 15th November 2019

Achievement Awards

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| Aimee | Cameron | |
| Kianna | Andrew | |
| Munana | Ryan | |
| Megan | | |

RRR – Connor

WAC – Erin

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| Head Boy | Joshua |
| Deputy Head Boy | Ryan |
| Head Girl | Kaitlyn |
| Deputy Head Girl | Scarlet |
| Chair of School Council | Samuel |
| Vice Chair of School Council | Sophie |
| Secretary of School Council | Sophia |

Friday 22ND November 2019

Achievement Awards

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| Riley | Ben | |
| Mason | | |
| Sophia | | |
| Emily | | |

RRR – Scarlet

WAC-Blake

Friday 29th November 2019

Achievement Awards

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| Maizy | Isabella | |
| Thomas | Ebrar | |
| Raggie | Alfie | |
| Dylan | | |

RRR – Rosie

WAC-Josie

Term dates 2020

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| Monday 6 th January 2020 | Term Starts |
| Thursday 6 th February 2020 | Young Voices |
| Tuesday 11 th February 2020 | SEND Parents Evening |
| Monday 17 th February 2020- Friday 21 st February | Half Term |
| Monday 24 th February 2020 | Term Starts |
| Tuesday 25 th February 2020 | Parents Evening |
| Wednesday 26 th February 2020 | Parents Evening |
| Friday 27 th March 2020 | Reception Celebration Assembly |
| Monday 30 th March 2020 | KS1 Celebration Assembly |
| Tuesday 31 st March 2020 | Reward Day |
| Wednesday 1 st April 2020 | KS2 Celebration Assembly |
| Wednesday 1 st April 2020 | Term Ends |

Yours sincerely

J. W. Turner

Mr. John Turner
Head of School
On behalf of Winhills Primary Academy (part of TDLPT)

We welcome any comments you may have below:

To: Mr. John Turner, Head of School, Winhills Primary Academy, Off Duck Lane, St Neots, PE19 2DX

Child's name:

Comment: