

Winhills Primary Academy

Part of The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust

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Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a busy start to the term. The children have settled in very well in their new classrooms with new teachers. I have been so impressed with how well the Reception children have settled in to life at Winhills. I have enjoyed visiting them and seeing how busy they are with their learning.

I would like to say a massive thank you for all the kind donations of food for our harvest festival on the 8th October 2019. This food will be donated to the foodbank in St Neots.

Year 6 English Challenge: Monday 7th October

Four members of Year 6 took part in the English challenge on Monday 7th October. There were several different rounds for the children to take part in. They all worked together extremely well as a team and got a certificate for 'Knowing so much about different text types.'

Year 5 and 6 Girls Football: Wednesday 9th October

Some Year 5 and 6 girls travelled to St Ives to take part in a football tournament. There were 16 teams competing in four groups. Winhills won two and drew one of their group games which meant they finished top of their group. This meant that they then played in the semi-final. Unfortunately, they lost but did manage to finish in 4th place. They all were amazing and had a fantastic afternoon. Well done girls.

Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby: Wednesday 16th October

The Tag Rugby team worked extremely hard at the tournament. The team work, enthusiasm and sportsmanship they showed towards each other and the other teams was fantastic. The leadership skills they had been developing at school shone on the pitch as they organised and supported each other. They scored some amazing tries and used their positions on the pitch to defend.

Year 5 and 6 Stansted Aerozone Visit : Thursday 17th October

On Thursday 17th October, the children in our Years 5 and 6 classes were extremely lucky to be invited to Stansted airport to take part in a 'Cool Aeronautics' day at the Stansted Aero Zone. The children spent the day learning about aviation and aerospace, which included a number of hands on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) activities, plus talks from Young Engineers and even an Airline Captain from EasyJet. The children finished the day with a viewing of the runway and even got to glimpse a Jumbo Jet landing. We are extremely grateful for the Royal Aeronautical Society for funding the trip for the children and really hope the day inspired them.

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Year 1/2 History off the Page:

Year 1 and 2 were lucky enough to welcome History Off the Page into school. Here they had a whole day all about the Great Fire of London which helped to kick-start their topic. They took part in loads of different activities in the morning which helped them learn about how the fire started and how it spread. The children all had a wonderful day and behaved in a fantastic way.

Year 3/4 History off the Page:

Year 3/4 had a whole day on the Romans. They all came to school dressed as Roman children. In the morning, the children took part in a range of activities that helped them learn about life as a Roman. In the afternoon they had a feast. Each child had a different role that they took on during the feast. The children learnt lots and their behaviour was excellent. The children were able to tell me lots of new facts.

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.

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 3 days.

Friends of Winhills School Association/ PTA

Due to there not being enough people attending, we were unable to elect people to their roles at the PTA AGM. We are planning our first event on Wednesday 30th October. We encourage as many as you as possible to attend to help set up for this. We will then have the AGM on the same day.

The PTA held Film nights, a Christmas and Summer Fair and a disco. Without these volunteers, it would not be possible to hold all these events for the children. With this in mind, I would like to encourage as many as you as possible to attend on the 30th October.

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 20th September 2019

Achievement Awards.

Ryan	Cerys	Charlie
Joel	Maria	Scarlet
Tristain	Zachery	

WAC – Yasmina

RRR - Erin

Friday 27th September 2019

Achievement Awards

Violet	Luke	Bethany
Ethan	James	Elliot
Joshua		

RRR - Ella

Friday 4th October 2019

Achievement Awards

Abigail	Wesley	
Logan	Lola	
Isaac	Sophia	
Jack		

RRR – Jessica

WAC- Megan

Friday 11th October 2019

Achievement Awards

Ethan	Kiera	
Noah	Andreea	
Chase	Bobbi	
Olivia		

RRR – Tom

WAC-Jayden

Friday 18th October 2019

Achievement Awards

Lacii	Evie	
Jamie	Lyndon	
Lucy	Elliott	
Joshua		

RRR – Katie

WAC-Lilly-Mae

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

Ryan, Yasmina, Elliott, Lucy, Bobbi, Joshua and Scarlet

Term dates 2018-2019

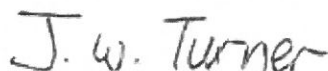
Autumn Term 2019

Monday 21st October-Friday 25th October
Monday 28th October
Monday 28th October- Thursday 31st October
Tuesday 29th October
Thursday 31st October

Wednesday 6th November
Monday 9th December
Monday 9th December
Monday 9th December
Tuesday 10th December
Tuesday 10th December
Wednesday 11th December
Friday 13th December
Monday 16th December
Monday 16th December
Tuesday 17th December
Wednesday 18th December
Thursday 19th December
Friday 20th December
Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January
Monday 6th January 2020

Half Term
Term starts
Year 5 and 6 Bike-ability course
SEND Parents Evening
Deadline for Yr6 applications for Secondary School Sept 2019
Individual School Photographs
KS1 performance 10.00am
KS2 performance 2.00pm
KS2 Performance 6.00pm
KS1 Performance 10.00am
KS2 Performance 2.00pm
KS1 Performance 2pm
Achievement assembly Reception 9am
Achievement assembly KS1 9.00 am
Achievement assembly KS2 2.30pm
Reward day.
Term ends
Training Day
Training Day
Half Term
Term Starts

Yours sincerely



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: