

# Winhills Primary Academy

Part of The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust

Established in the Queen's Jubilee Year 2012

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Dear Parents/Carers

The children have made an impressive start to the New Year with their enthusiasm for learning all the new topics. Key Stage 1 have the topic "Back to the future", looking at how technology has changed over time. Year 3 and 4 are studying the "Ancient Egyptians". Their ICE Zone has been transformed into an Egyptian tomb. Year 5 and 6 are moving on to look at the "Ancient Mayans" where they will be looking at the Mayan way of life including their beliefs. The children are busy fact finding and researching. You should have received your child's curriculum letter for this term. This can also be found on your child's class page on the school website.

## **Sport**

Winhills have taken part in one knockout game this term. The boy's team went to Crosshall and played amazingly. They won 3-1 and are now through to the quarter finals. The girls are playing next week in the quarter finals. We wish them all the best of luck.

## **NSPCC speak out stay safe programme**

This half term, both KS1 and KS2 were visited by the charity NSPCC (and their mascot Buddy) and received a talk called 'Speak Out, Stay Safe'. The charity held different assemblies for KS1 and KS2 before leading workshops for Years 5 and 6. The children listened and participated brilliantly while they learnt about different types of abuse so they can get help if or when they need it. They took part in activities, including looking at different scenarios and deciding whether they are OK or not OK. They also learnt about ChildLine, and how the service can support them.

## **Coram Life Education Bus**

We have had the Life Education Bus in during January. This involved the children going outside and having a PSHE session on board the bus. The children all really enjoyed this and talked positively about their experiences.

## **Young Voices**

On Wednesday 30th January, the children in Year 6 travelled to London to attend Young Voices at the O2 arena. Young Voices is the largest school concert in the world, where 5,000 children sing as a choir to a capacity crowd of 15,000 people. This year, the children sang a variety of songs, both old and new, and were joined by famous stars including Tony Hadley from Spandau Ballet. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children who behaved impeccably throughout, and we delighted to be able to offer them the chance to travel to London for this fantastic event.

## **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/>

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### **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.

### **Winhills Wraparound 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.

### **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 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

#### **Achievement Awards**

Lucy Hunter	Angel Jeffries	Callum Oxborough
Noah Biggs	Ethan Woolsey	Mijana Snapkauskaitė
James Bailey	Charlie Sizer	

**WAC** - Josie Gentle

**RRR** - Cian Walton-Smith

**ART** - Oliver Ford

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

#### **Achievement Awards**

Shantaya Hargrave	Maria Lamb	Olivia Hanley
Sophia Pacitti	Amana Saddique	Charlie Cornwell
Ronnie Young-Crozier	Joshua Haynes	Shannon Wray

**WAC** Kyle Alvarez

**RRR** - Shay Robinson

**ART** - Maria Rujoiu

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019**

#### **Achievement Awards**

Rocky Langdale	Lucy Corcoran	Jessica Corley
Saoirse Fairbrass	Kaylin Johnson	Peter Collins
Connor Loveridge	Shannon Caunt	

**WAC** Emilia Sadza

**RRR** - Maria Wisniewska

**ART** - Abigail Buckmaster

### **Term dates 2019-2020**

#### **Spring Term 2019**

30<sup>th</sup> January  
18<sup>th</sup> February- 22<sup>nd</sup> February  
4<sup>th</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> March  
6<sup>th</sup> March  
8<sup>th</sup> March  
12<sup>th</sup> March  
13<sup>th</sup> March  
15<sup>th</sup> March  
5<sup>th</sup> April  
5<sup>th</sup> April

Yr6 trip to Young Voices  
Half Term  
Yr 4 Residential Trip to Grafham Water  
SEND Parents Evening  
Year 3 trip to the Fitzwilliam Museum  
Parents Evening  
Parents Evening  
Year 4 trip to the Fitzwilliam Museum  
Reward Day  
Term Ends

**Summer Term 2019**

23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Term Starts
6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day
13 <sup>th</sup> May-17 <sup>th</sup> May	SATS Week
27 <sup>th</sup> May-31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half Term
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Training Day
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Term Starts
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Photographs
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Vision Screening (Reception Children)
15 <sup>TH</sup> July	KS2 Performance
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Achievement Assembly Reception
16 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Performance
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Achievement Assembly KS1
18 <sup>TH</sup> July	Achievement Assembly KS2
18 <sup>TH</sup> July	Yr 6 Garden Party
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Reward day
22 <sup>nd</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> July	Yr 6 Residential trip Hilltop
24 <sup>th</sup> July	Term Ends

Yours sincerely

Mr John Turner  
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: Mr John Turner, Head of School, Winhills Primary Academy, Off Duck Lane, St Neots,  
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Child's name:

Comment: