

Winhills Primary Academy

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

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29th January 2016

Dear Parents

The children have made an impressive start to the New Year with their enthusiasm for learning new topics. Estate agents, fire engines, bakeries and an Anglo-Saxon merchant workshop have evolved? 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.

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Tynegate next week. All the staff at Winhills will miss her in the school office and we wish her well for the future. I will let you know who our new school administrator will be soon.

Great Fire of London Day

The Key Stage One children had a fabulous time at their Great Fire of London day hosted by History off the Page. The children looked wonderful in their costumes and loved learning about the historic events from 1666. During the day the children made candles, they embroidered their initials, they pressed their names into leather and even visited the surgery to learn how to fix their ailments. It was an incredibly enjoyable day for all who participated - even the adults! The story unfolded throughout the day and the teachers were amazed by the amount of knowledge and facts that the children had learnt. Thank you for all the parents who volunteered and supported throughout the day.

Young Voices

On Monday this week Year 6 had an amazing day in London at the O2 arena where they took part in a 'Young Voices' concert. They rehearsed, sang and performed alongside 7,400 other children in addition to The Beatbox Collective, Urban Strides, Tom Billington and Laura Bright (who introduced the Rugby World Cup last year). Their seats were quite scarily high up but all the children conquered their initial fears and were soon up out of their seats dancing along! It was a long and tiring day - with the coach arriving back at school just before midnight - but the children had experiences and made memories that will stay with them for a long time to come.

Sport

On the 14th January the football team participated in a football match in Houghton. Both teams played fantastically and the Winhills team were admired for their perseverance throughout the match. It was a tough game but the children played fantastically.

Attendance

We started the term really well, our attendance was higher than the national average of 96%. Unfortunately this has slipped over the last few weeks. Hopefully all the bugs are now over and we can ensure children are in school and on time.

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Chicken pox

If your child has chicken pox, slapped cheek or any other illness that could potentially harm an unborn child please alert the school office so that we can inform parents of these illnesses.

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/>

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

We are once again collecting the Active Kids vouchers available from Sainsbury's stores and online between Wednesday 27th January and Tuesday 3rd May. We used the vouchers collected last year to purchase some Footballs for use during PE lesson.

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.

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 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 9th February.

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 22nd January 2016

Achievement Awards

Mia Hodgson	Alexandra Jeffery Villarta	Thomas Ayres
Milla Clarke	Sophie Caunt	Isla McShane
Ella Hayward	Jake Parker	Connor Morphew

WAC - Shannon Howard

RRR -

ART - Ivo Freitas

Friday 29th January 2016

Achievement Awards

Ethan Woolsey	Evie Williams	Lola Brown
Lola Brown	Lucy Parker	Oliver Shaw
Shannon Wray	Frederick Ayres	Matthew Swanser
Braidy Norman		

WAC - Tamara Grencikova

RRR - Suki Judge

ART - Dylan Elwart

Term dates 2015-2016

Spring Term 2016

15th February to 19th February

24th March

Half Term

Term Ends

Summer Term 2016

11th April

2nd May

30th May to 3rd June

20th July

21st July

Term Starts

May Day

Half Term

Term Ends for Pupils

Staff Training Day

Future Dates

Spring Term 2016

10 th February	Parents evening 3.30-6.00pm
16 th March	Parents evening 3.30-6.00pm
17 th March	Parents evening 3.30-7.00pm
23 rd March	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

Term dates 2016-2017

Autumn Term 2016

Thursday 1 st September	Training Day
Friday 2 nd September	Training Day
Monday 5 th September	Term Starts
Friday 21 st October	Training Day
Monday 24 th - Friday 28 th October	Half Term
Monday 31 st October	Training Day
Tuesday 20 th December	Term Ends

Spring Term 2017

Wednesday 4 th January	Term Starts
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th February	Half Term
Friday 31 st March	Term Ends

Summer Term 2017

Tuesday 18 th April	Term Starts
Monday 1 st May	May Day
Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June	Half Term
Monday 5 th June	Training Day
Friday 21 st July	Term Ends

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: