

# Winhills Primary Academy

Part of The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust

Established in the Queen's Jubilee Year 2012

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Dear Parents

We have come to the end of another Summer Term and Year 6 will leave us and begin the next stage of their school life at Senior School. They have contributed a fantastic amount to the school and we will miss them.

Aaron Albone  
Kusuma Anchi  
Ellie Ayhan  
Jayden Best  
Yasmyne Bryan  
Alfie Cooper  
Teddy Duff  
Cerys Dunnett  
Ryan Eldridge  
Cameron Fraser

Josie Gentle  
Cayden Greet  
Ella Hayward  
Alicia Hodgson  
Suki Judge  
Connor Maltby  
Kc Maltby  
Alarna Oxborough  
Kina Patel  
Michaela Rosendale

Archie Scotcher  
William Simpson  
Mijana Snapkauskaite  
Alfie Taylor  
Ryan Willison  
Sarah Wray  
Shannon Wray

It has been a pleasure to have known the Year 6 children over the last two years and we wish them the best of luck as they move to their new schools. As a celebration of their time with us, staff hosted a 'Garden Party' for the Year Six children. The children all had great fun coming into school all dressed in their smart clothes and it was a fitting way to celebrate their time with us.

Many of the Year Six children will be spending their last few days of Winhills away on a residential trip with their classmates and teachers to Hilltop in Norfolk. They will have lots of fun plus the opportunity to challenge themselves with adventure activities including high ropes, assault course, zip wire and mountain bikes.

The school also welcomed some little chicks to school. Year 5 children have been learning about life cycles so we decided to incubate eggs. After 21 days, 8 of the eggs hatched and 8 furry little chicks joined us. They have spent time in each area of the school over the week so that all of the children got to see them.

## **Summer performance of "The X Factory"**

The KS2 end of year performance was The X-Factory. For those who missed it, the show followed a school, St Dithers', which was on the brink of closure after being deemed 'average' by Ofset. As a result, they brought in a range of talented teachers and pupils, including Simon Trowell and his X-Factor judges. Eventually, the old pupils and teachers decided to fight back as Simon's evil plot came to light, which resulted in a very funny and entertaining show, with some wonderful songs and dances led by Years 3, 4 and 5. Well done to all the Year 6 children for learning their lines and performing so well on the night. They were a credit to the school and I am sure you were as proud and impressed as we were.

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### **Sports Day**

Sports Day was a huge success with all of the children enjoying themselves. It was lovely to see the smiles on all of their faces. I was so impressed with how the children behaved and what good sports they all were.

Thank you to the PTA for running the refreshment stall.

### **Summer Fair**

The Summer Fair was a huge success with over £800 being raised. There was a huge number of stalls with some great raffle prizes. A massive thank you to all the businesses that donated some prizes.

The money will be used to build a fitting memorial for Alix Burrill which we hope to reveal in the Autumn Term. Any extra money will be donated to Holly Ward at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital who worked closely with Alix and the family.

### **Reception school trip Paxton Pits**

Reception visited Paxton Pits earlier this term. They had an amazing time where they got to try lots of different outdoor activities such as Pond Dipping. The children all came back to school so excited to tell everyone about their trip. Paxton Pits staff commented on how well behaved all of the children were. Well done Reception.

### **Year 1 and 2 school trip to Woburn Safari Park**

On Wednesday 10th July, Key Stage 1 visited Woburn Safari Park. Our topic this term has been all about Africa and the children have learnt a lot about different African animals and their habitats. At Woburn they were able to see a wide range of animals that they have been learning about. We went around the road safari where we saw elephants, giraffes, lions, tigers, bears and much more. In the foot safari part of the park, they had a talk from one of the rangers about the meerkats where they learnt lots of amazing facts about these little animals. The children had a wonderful day and their behaviour was excellent throughout. They came back to school with lots of new facts and information that they had learnt.

### **Year 3 school trip Buckingham Palace**

Year 3 were extremely lucky to visit Buckingham Palace! They had their own tour around the Royal Mews and the Queens Gallery. During the tour of the Queen's Gallery, they learned all about Leonardo Da Vinci and took part in a creative writing workshop which they will use to help them with their poems in English. They were fascinated to learn about the Queen's horses and that there is a carriage specifically used to carry the crown and nothing else. They asked insightful questions and finished the day off by walking round to view the huge palace in its entirety.

### **Year 5 School Trip National Space Centre Leicester**

At the end of June, Year 5 had a fantastic visit to the National Space Centre in Leicester. They were able to learn about astronauts and their space suits, even finding out about how they live in space by stepping inside a replica of part of the International Space Station. They also climbed the iconic rocket tower to discover all about the Russian-American space race and Apollo 11 which landed on the moon fifty years ago this month. Finally, they travelled to the edge of the universe and the beginning of time by experiencing a thrilling planetarium show. Everyone had a brilliant time and learnt so much which built on their science topic from earlier in the year!

### **Bosch 5/6**

Years 5 and 6 visited one of our local businesses, Rexroth, in June for a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) morning. During the sessions, the children were introduced to hydraulics and pneumatics, through a number of practical activities. This included using air to power mini cars, rockets and helicopters, using an air powered lift and using hand pumps to inflate tyres to lift heavy loads. They also got to use the Bosch hydraulic training units, where oil was used as a hydraulic substance. It was a fantastic morning where the children were able to continue their learning linked to the science topic of forces, whilst understanding a number of future opportunities in the local area.

### **Bosch 3/4**

Year 3 and 4 at Winhills were very lucky and had BOSCH Rexroth last week. The classes took part in a range of engineering activities which included looking into hydraulics. They worked well in teams and even had competitions in launching rockets across the playground using force.

This project across the school has not only been fantastic in improving the children's love of STEM but also has been a great community link which has shown the children a range of different jobs on offer in the local area. It is a partnership that will continue into the next academic year.

### **Cricket fixtures**

Winhills have taken part in many cricket competitions this term. Year 6 girls and boys competed in the tournament at Eaton Socon Cricket Club and played extremely well. They showed great sportsmanship and learnt many new skills such as overarm bowling. They had a fantastic time and displayed enthusiasm for the sport.

Year 4 also took part in a cricket tournament. After going to Mr Duff's cricket club after school, they were very well prepared! They had an amazing time and came second in the tournament after being beaten by Middlefield in the final. Well done all of you!

### **Year 2 Music Festival**

The children in Year 2 worked very hard in preparation for the annual St Neots Music festival. The children, along with 7 other schools from across the town, came together to sing and perform music based on the topic 'Water'. Each school had created their own sea life creature in order to collaborate together to perform as one. The children thoroughly enjoyed their festival and were a credit to the school. Well done Year 2.

### **Arsenal After School club**

On 16th July, 17 children from KS2 travelled to London as part of their after-school club, the Arsenal Double Club. For the past term, the children have been attending the club, where they spend one week playing football and the next week learning German. They have worked through their German workbooks, learning everything from basic words and phrases to specific football vocabulary - all in German! During the day, the children got a full tour of the Arsenal stadium, including looking in the changing rooms, directors' box and press rooms, whilst completing a German quiz. They looked at the different opportunities languages can offer in the future and spoke about how important speaking another language is to Arsenal as a club. It was a wonderful opportunity and we hope to be able to offer it to the children again next year.

### **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.

### **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 for children in Year 3, 4 5 & 6 from September is £2.25; adult meals will be £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 14<sup>TH</sup> June 2019**

#### **Achievement Awards**

Lilliana Dean	Olivia Pullen	Josie Griffiths
Luke Claridge	Mia Greenwood	Owen Riley
Reagan Brinkman	Jacob North	Alicia Hodgson
Ruby Brown	Charlotte Sharpe	Cameron Fraser
Sophia Moores-Carrington	Bailliey Maltby	

**RRR** – Megan Nankivell

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019**

**Achievement Awards**

Seth Blackall	Megan Fowles-McDonald	Suki Judge
Kira Sian Johnson	Mia Hodgson	
Oly farndell	Josie Gentle	
Preston Toseland	Elliott Rayner	
Hayden Gentle	Kayden Dobson	

**WAC** Bethany Woolston      **RRR** – Violet Bundy

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

**Achievement Awards**

Noah Goodey	Tulah Nixon	
Ella Robinson	Lacey-Rose Hardy	
Emily-Jane Sharpe	Cian Walton-Smith	
Joshua Claridge	Sarah Wray	
Molle-May Ellis		

**WAC** Sam Cheswick      **RRR** – Frankie Merritt      **Art** – Ellie Ayhan

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

**Achievement Awards**

Riley Merritt	Lucy Corcoran	Josie Gentle
Sophie Fraser	Rosie Ashby	
Oliver Ford	Maria Lamb	
Evie Holland	Kyle Alvarez	
Kenny Farrugia	Archie McQuaide	

**WAC** Bailie Oakman      **RRR** – Sophia Pacitti      **Art** – Charlie Cornwell

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

**Achievement Awards**

Aimee Backhouse	Archie Flemming	Santhosh Anchi
Kory Dobson	Evie Holland	Thomas Ayres
Christopher Campey	Mason Bryan	Lucy Parker
Tristan Tongue	Kaylin Johnson	Ellie Ayahn
Amelie Horsman	Lexie Luff	Michaela Rosendale

I would like to thank you all for your continued support this year and enjoy the summer break with your child.

Finally, I would like to dedicate a poem to the Year 6 parents.

Dear Year 6 Parents,

I give you back your child, the same child you confidently entrusted to my care last September.

I give them back inches taller, months wiser, more responsible, and more mature than they were then.

Although they would have attained their growth in spite of us, it has been our pleasure and privilege to watch their personality unfold day by day and marvel at this splendid miracle of development.

I give them back reluctantly, for having spent nine months together in the narrow confines of a crowded school, we have grown close, have become a part of each other, and we shall always retain a little of each other.

Ten years from now if we meet on the street, your child and I, a light will shine to our eyes, a smile to our lips, and we shall feel the bond of understanding once more, this bond we feel today.

We have lived, loved, laughed, played, studied, learned, and enriched our lives together this year.

We wish it could go on indefinitely, but give them back we must.

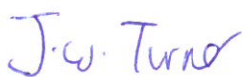
Take care of them, for they are precious.

Remember that we shall always be interested in your child and their destiny, wherever they go, whatever they do, whoever they become.

Their joys and sorrows we'll be happy to share.

We shall always be their friends.

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:**

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## **Term 2019-2020**

### **Autumn Term**

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Training Day
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Term Starts
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Autumn Term continues
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Term Ends
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Training Day
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Training Day

### **Spring Term**

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Term Starts
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February-Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Half Term
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Spring Term Continues
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Term Ends
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Training Day
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Training Day

### **Summer Term**

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Term Starts
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> -May- Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Summer Term continues
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Term Ends