

Winhills Primary Academy

Part of The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust

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Dear Parents

I would like to wish everyone a very happy Easter break and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 23rd April 2019. It has been a very busy term with lots packed in alongside the children's learning. It is always a pleasure to give out certificates at the end of term rewarding the children for all of their hard work. Below are some of the highlights from this term.

World Book Day

World Book Day was a fantastic success with lots of amazing costumes and accessories. I hope your children enjoyed it as much as the staff did.

We had a visit from St. Neots Library who launched their 'Read it Again!' competition where the children got to read and share some new first-time picture books. Winhills certainly had a favourite book which was 'Not Lost' by John Bond. It will be interesting to see how the rest of Cambridgeshire vote.

Book Fair

The Book fair was extremely well supported this year, thank you. We have raised **£486.79p** to spend on books within the school.

Online Safety Workshop

Thank you to all the parents that attended the NSPCC Online safety workshop held here at Winhills on Wednesday the 13th March. It was a very insightful session where there was a lot of guidance given about keeping your children safe online and ensuring that internet use is open for all to see. This session followed one that the children had earlier this term, so please do talk to your children about staying safe online.

Disco

The Winhills School PTA Disco was a great success. Thank you to everyone who stayed late to help run the disco. I know the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The money raised is always used to enhance your child's time at school.

Year 4 Residential Trip to Grafham Water

Earlier this half term, Year 4 had their residential to Grafham Water. The children had a wonderful time and really developed their team building skills. They took part in a range of activities such as rock climbing, orienteering, sailing and biking. They all gave every activity a go and pushed themselves, even if they felt nervous. We are very proud of them.

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Year 3 and Year 4 visit to the Fitzwilliam Museum Cambridge

A couple of weeks ago, Year 3 and 4 visited the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge as part of their learning all about Ancient Egypt. They had a wonderful learning experience with the members of staff at the museum. They were able to look at all of the exhibits on show and even had the chance to create their own papyrus art.

Year 1 and 2 Bosch Workshop

On Wednesday 13th March, pupils from Winhills Primary Academy in St Neots were visited by members of Bosch Rexroth for a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) morning. Jim Marlin and Dave Webb spent time with children from Years 1 and 2, where they looked at how the children can use forces to move objects. The focus of their session was using air as a force to push objects (linking to pneumatics) and the children were able to fire air propelled rockets at targets. Children in Key Stage 2 will be getting the opportunity to work with Bosch over the next term.

Quicksticks Hockey Tournament

Some of the Year 6 Students attended a Quicksticks Hockey Tournament and Festival on the 1st March 2019 at One Lesire in St.Ives. The children played multiple games against other schools and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The children focused on passing the ball to each other and stopping the ball correctly with their sticks.

Football

4th March- Godmanchester Primary School

The Year 5 and 6 team made the journey for the next round of the cup to Godmanchester. They came up against a very well organised and determined team. Winhills team spirit was fantastic and there were also some great individual performances. Unfortunately it was a game too far but we were very proud of all the hard work that they put in.

11th March- Westfield Primary Academy

The girls played in the semi-final against Westfield Primary Academy. Throughout the football match, the girls improved their skills of passing and tackling and showed fantastic sportsmanship. It was very unlucky that the girls lost the match but they remained in high spirits all the way through the game and afterwards.

14th March- Bushmead Primary School

The boy's football team played in a couple of tournaments at Bushmead Primary School against multiple schools. The boys played great games of football and showed off their skills. We were happy to see the boys encouraging each other and working well as a team on the football field.

Red Nose Day

Thank you for all the kind donations. We raised over £300.00 for such a great cause. The children looked great in their red accessories.

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.

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.

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 8th February 2019

Achievement Awards

Isaac Seal	Ethan Harvey	James Daniels
Riley Pitchley	Emily Parker	Mia Greenwood
Caleb Nixon	Alfie Cooper	Sebastian Stray
Elsie Ray		

WAC - Lucy Parker

RRR - Lexie Fenna

ART -Cameron Fraser

Friday 15th February

Achievement Awards

Junior Edwards	Alexandra Manolache	Lacii Fowle-r Guyver
Macey Connelly	Isaac Southwood	Harvey Henning
Jacob North	Lilly-Mai Young- Crozier	Samuel Lopez

WAC - Lexi Ursell

RRR - Kiera Cheswick

ART -Aimee Bruce

Well done to all the Yr. 6 Students who received there truly trusted badges their names are below:

Josie Gentle, Ella Hayward, Kc Maltby, Connor Maltby and Micheala Rosendale.

Friday 8th March

Achievement Awards

Warren Spencer-Smyrk	Rosie Luck	Kaitlyn Conlon
Chase Olivacce	Mason Sargent	Ryan Eldridge
Ethan Harding	Bailey Oakman	Cerys Dunnett

RRR - Michael Rosendale

ART -Evie Holland

Friday 15th March

Achievement Awards

Leo Fenna	Kitty Allan	Ryan Ashby
Jamie Clinton-Berry	Isabella Walsh	Teddy Duff
Kia Saunders	Maisie Jane Oddy	

WAC - Mia Hodgson

RRR Daisy Wolstencroft

ART - Jack Tokens

Friday 22nd March

Achievement Awards

Mateo Gray	Cerys Crisp	Anthony Clarkson
Alexandra Manolache	Emilia Sadza	Sophia Hodgson
Josie Waldron	Ben Parker	Ella Hayward

RRR Aurora Taylor

2 nd April 2019	Reception Celebration Assembly 9.05am
3 rd April 2019	KS1 Celebration Assembly 9.05am
4 th April 2019	KS2 Celebration Assembly 9.05am
5 th April 2019	Reward Day
8 th April -19 th April 2019	Half Term
22 nd April 2019	Summer Term Starts
6 TH May 2019	May Day
13 th May-17 th May	SATS Week
17 th June 2019	Class Photographs
2 nd July 2019	Vision Screening Reception Children
15 th July 2019	KS2 Performance
16 th July 2019	Celebration Assembly Reception
16 th July 2019	KS2 Performance
17 th July 2019	Celebration Assembly KS1
18 TH July 2019	Celebration Assembly KS2
18 TH July 2019	Yr. 6 Garden Party
19 th July 2019	Reward Day
22 nd -24 th July 2019	Yr. 6 Residential trip to Hilltop
24 th July 2019	Term Ends

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:

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