

Winhills Primary Academy

Part of The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust

Established in the Queen's Jubilee Year 2012

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Dear Parents

It has been a very busy start to the summer term.

In Early Years we gave a warm welcome to the new nursery children that have joined us this term. The children have embraced this term's topic of 'Journeys'; Nursery have learnt about the journey of a tadpole to a frog and Reception have enjoyed 'Oi get off my train' by John Burningham. Our new KS1 topic Africa has meant we have an African rainforest! The KS2 Topic Home and away and has an old fashioned red telephone box and the inner workings of Big Ben! The children are thoroughly enjoying these areas and I'm sure you will be hearing about them.

Last week, children in years 5 and 6 represented Winhills at the St Neots Cross Country event at Priory Park. There were over 200 children involved and our children were brilliant! They ran in a relay style around the park and made fantastic progress with each race. We are very proud of all the children who participated.

Year 5 children have started their course of swimming lessons. They are enjoying putting their swimming skills to the test. So far they have focused on front crawl and refining all the different elements of the stroke. Each week the children will be focusing on a different stroke as well as basic water skills.

Year 4 children have thoroughly enjoyed their time at Grafham Water. They all participated in a range of activities including: raft building, canoeing, bush craft, archery, high ropes, mountain biking, climbing wall and orienteering to name a few! The children represented Winhills excellently and impressed the leaders at Grafham Water. It was a fantastic experience for all.

KS1 and KS2 children had a brilliant time with Google Expedition, exploring a range of 2D and 3D images under the sea, in the rainforest and deserts.

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/>

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.

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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. Next meeting is scheduled for the 3rd May 2016.

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.

Summer Term 2017

18 th April	Term Starts
24-26 th April	Year 5 Swimming lessons start.
1 st May	May Day
2 nd May	School Photographs
8 th - 11 th May	SATS week
11 th May	Year 6 swimming lessons start
29 th May- 2 nd June	Half Term
5 th June	Training Day
19 th -21 st July	Year 6 to Hilltop
21 st July	Last Day of Term

Yours sincerely

Mrs Tracy Bryden
Head of School
On behalf of Winhills Primary Academy (part of TDLPT)

We welcome any comments you may have below:

To: Mrs Tracy Bryden , Head of School, Winhills Primary Academy, Off Duck Lane, St Neots,
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Child's name:

Comment: