

# 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 18<sup>th</sup> April. I would like to thank you all for your support in ensuring that the children come to school in the correct school uniform every day. I have noticed how smart everyone is looking as I walk around school.

World Book Day was a fantastic success with lots of amazing potato characters. I hope your children enjoyed being creative as much as the staff did.

The book fair was extremely well supported this year. We have raised £282.87 to spend on books within the school.

The PTA raised a fantastic £400 from the Valentines Disco. Thank you to everyone who stayed late to help run the disco, I know the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The money raised by the PTA is used to enhance your child's time at school. Please do get in touch if you are able to help the PTA in any way.

Reception has worked really hard all term to perfect two Zumba routines. They delighted their parents with a fabulous performance including all of the traditional steps seamlessly combined with their own style and enthusiasm.

Key Stage 1 and 2 opened up their ICE Zones to parents so they could show all the fantastic learning that the children get up to outside of the classroom. Thank you to all the Parents that attended, we are hoping to hold more events like this, the positive feedback was amazing.

As part of World Book Week Year 1 and 2 students went to the local library, the children loved exploring and reading the different types of books.

James Campbell, author of the "Boyface" books came to visit. The children were fascinated to find out about being an author. They were very inspired and I can't wait to see the imagination showing through in their creative writing.

Year 6 pupils travelled to the O2 Arena in London to take part in Young Voices. The children had to learn and practice lots of songs and dances before the big day. They were amazing and enjoyed this once in a lifetime event.

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The children have enjoyed the Farm to Fork program with our local Tesco store; they have visited the store and enjoyed the produce walk finding out where their food comes from and the importance of healthy eating.

Our Year 5/6 girl's football team represented the school. The girls played excellent football and thoroughly enjoyed the experience! They worked very hard as a team and always encouraged each other to be the best they can be. Considering these girls are very new to football they have shown determination and sportsmanship throughout all of their matches and were extremely happy when they won.

Some of the Year 4 children had a fantastic day at an orienteering event. They learnt lots of new skills, which can be transferred into their numeracy lessons. They are going to be using their new skills outside in the KS2 Ice Zone next term.

Our Year 5/6 Boys football team represented the school in a tournament. The boys showed great sportsmanship and played fantastic football. The boys have also played a few football matches against local schools. They have always worked hard and have tried their absolute best!

A few of our Year 5 students attended the Change for Life Event. The children were able to train in becoming leaders in the change for life scheme where they learnt about healthy eating, exercise and supporting other children in having a more active lifestyle. They also developed their leadership skills, which they will put into action next term with Mrs. Culver.

Please be aware that whilst the school does review medication in school regularly, it is the parent's responsibility to ensure that any medication required by your child in school is in date. Please ensure that medication is only sent into school via the school office to ensure that all necessary paperwork has been completed. The school is not able to administer antibiotics for your child, however you are welcome to come to school to administer antibiotics as required.

In accordance with national guidance from the Association for P.E. (afPE) and Cambridgeshire County Council no jewellery (including Fitbits) should be worn for P.E. lessons (including swimming) and physical activity. It is not recommended that plasters or tape are put over earrings as there have been cases of children wearing earrings/studs with plasters being hit by a ball or coming off worse in a collision and having nasty injuries as a consequence, and similarly plasters and studs falling away and bare feet being punctured. Please ensure that your child is able to remove their earrings, or remove them before they come to school on P.E. days, as we are unable to remove them for them. If your child is not able to remove the earrings then they will not be able to participate in P.E.

Please try and make doctors and dental appointments in the school holidays or after school if at all possible. If you do have an appointment during the school day, please let the office know in advance and provide a copy of your appointment card. This should hopefully ensure that your child is not changed for P.E. at the back of the school field when you are in a rush to get to your appointment.

Term dates for the school year 2016/17 are provided in the diary dates section at the end of this newsletter. Please do not book any holidays during term time.

Please be aware that if a child vomits or has diarrhoea in school, they will be sent home immediately. Children with these conditions will not be accepted back into school until 24 hours after the last symptom has elapsed.

Please, if at all possible, could you walk to school with your children. If you have to drive, please can you park considerately. We are getting an increasing number of complaints from residents who have had their driveways blocked, or are unable to get past the parked cars. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Friday 10th March 2017**

Achievement Awards	Tomiaya, Kenneth, Josie, Maria, Charlie, Owen, Samuel, Cayden, Shannon, Ines, and Jai.
RRR Award	Alarna
Art Award	Jessica
Truly Trusted	Ruby, Archie and Krista

**Friday 17th March 2017**

Achievement Awards	Harry, Riley, Aimee, Ben, Ryan, Halley Sue, Kina, Mathew, Jake.
RRR Award	Mia
Art Award	Matthew
Truly Trusted	Keanan

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017 Celebration Assembly**

Millionaire reader awards	Frederick, Erin, Ines, Masie, Jack
Most read this term	Joshua, Mujahid, Alfie, Samuel, Sarah, Cayden, Ella, Erin Frederick, Ines, Masie, Jack, Connor
Pen Licence	Calliegh, Maisie, Ruby, Maisie, Jack, Megan, Sunny
Merits over 25	Kaitlyn, Keanen, Elliott, Sophia, Samuel, Archie, Callum, Oliver, Keyan, Tayla, Lily, Cerys, Suki, Connor, Kc, Michaela, Archie, William, Sara, Emily, Alfie, Toby, Kyle, Shaun, Oliver, Alexandra, Lilly-Sue, Aman Preet, Rachel, Sam, Kayleigh, Erin, Blake, Mia, Calliegh, Maisie, Tommie, Masie, Shannon, Mason, Megan
Merits over 50	Teigan, Kusuma, Alarna, Sarah, Frederick, Matthew, Hollie Grace, Chloe, Dylan, Ines, Harmony, Masie, Ellie, Sunny
Merits over 75	Cameron, Kina
Merits over 100	Cayden, Ella, Alicia, Maisie, Jack
Book talk awards	Thomas, Lola, Keria, Poppy, Olivia, Lacey Rose, Ryan, Andrew, Andreea, Jayden, Joshua, Kyle, Hattie, Charlotte, Charlie, Braydon, Evie, Maria, Annie, Maria, Megan, Dennis, Mia, Frankie, Tulah, Jessica, Aleena,

	Shannon, Mollie-May, Olivia, Mia, Keira, Maria, Rhianna, Isla, Megan, Bailie, Elliott, Ethan
Phonics awards phase 1	Lucas, Anthony,
Phonics awards phase 2	Maria, Anthony,
Phonics awards phase 3	Anthony, Ethan, Angel, Caden, Maisie, Mollie-May
Phonics awards phase 4	Joshua, Olivia, Harvey, Lexie, Isabella
Phonics awards phase 5	Joshua, Aimee, Megan, Mia, Bailey, Ben, Lyndon, Harry, Shannon, Mia, Megan, Ethan
Stage 1 Multiplication awards	Santhosh, Kyle, Shannon, Joshua, Jessica, Mollie May Muhammed, Olivia, Harvey, Mia, Keira, Ebra, Lexie, Isla, Megan, Bailie, Elliot, Ben, Ethan, Lily Mai,
Upper phase Multiplication awards	Ryan, Casey, Samuel, Peter, Olivia, Fabian, Keanan, Elliott, Joshua, Halley Sue, Sophia, Samuel, Archie, Callum, Lucy, Oliver, Joshua, Elsie, Owen, Keyan, Mohammed, Sophie, Tayla, Teigan, Scarlet, Kieron, Frederick, Alfie, Westleigh, Mathew, Hollie Grace, Chloe, Lilly Sue, Alex, Amanpreet, Ines, Connie, Layla, Rachel, Shaun, Shanice, Karla

### **Uniform**

We would ask that when you are purchasing new shoes for your child to wear at school that they are black school shoes. No trainers are to be worn other than for P.E. Uniform points will be deducted in KS2 for not wearing the appropriate uniform and not having P.E kit in school. If your child loses 25% of their uniform points then they will not be invited to wear their own clothes on Reward Days. Our uniform is as follows:

#### **Girls**

- Grey pinafore dress or skirt or trousers - Please ensure skirts are knee length.
- Royal blue sweatshirt
- Polo shirt
- Royal blue fleece
- Black shoes with closed heels and toes
- Summer dress for girls is Royal blue and white checked

#### **Boys**

- Grey trousers
- Royal Blue sweatshirt

- Polo shirt
- Grey or black socks
- Royal blue fleece
- Black shoes

P.E. shirts should be a plain white t-shirt. All jewellery must be removed for P.E.

Please ensure that your child brings a coat and a sun hat to school with them. All children should have a water bottle in school every day.

### **Schoolcomms**

We have now signed up to Schoolcomms, which allows us to communicate with parents by email and/or text message. I hope that everyone will remain in the scheme as this will save a lot of money currently being spent on paper and photocopying which can then be spent on the children and resources. Please ensure that your email address and mobile telephone number are kept up to date with the school office.

### **School Dinners**

I am pleased that we have been able to maintain the cost of a meal at school at **£2.25 per child** and £3.20 per adult. 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.

### **Sims Agora**

This is an online payment system, which allows you to pay for school meals, trips and the annual contribution. If you haven't yet had the chance to sign up for SIMS Agora and you would still like to, please contact the school office so that a new password can be generated for you.

### **Holiday Absence**

In line with Statutory Guidance from the Department of Education, Head teachers are only allowed to authorise absence during term time in exceptional circumstances. Family holidays are not classed as exceptional circumstances. The children only attend school for 190 days out of 365 and we do expect parents to take holidays during the 13 weeks of school holidays. Please be aware that as this is an unauthorised absence you could be at risk of the Education Welfare Officer issuing a fixed penalty fine.

### **Visits**

From time to time classes are engaged in local studies to support the curriculum, meaning that they need to leave the school site for a short walk or visit, perhaps to the church, for example. We seek to use the locality in practical ways to support the children's learning and always ensure appropriate and adequate adult supervision. If any visit involves transport or alternative lunch arrangements you will always be informed in advance but for a short local excursion, perhaps dependent on fine weather conditions, you may not be.

### **Diary Dates**

#### **Summer Term 2017**

18<sup>th</sup> April

24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> April

Term Starts

Year 5 Swimming lessons start

1 <sup>st</sup> May	May Day
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	School Photographs
8 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> May	SATS week
11 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 Swimming lessons start
24 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 to Grafham
29 <sup>th</sup> May – 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Half Term
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Training Day
19 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 6 to Hilltop
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last Day of Term

Term dates for 2017/2018 have now been issued to all parents. If you require a further copy please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Tracy Bryden  
Head teacher  
On behalf of Winhills Primary (part of the DLPT)

If you would like to make any comments on the newsletter or anything to do with the school, please use the slip below

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To: Mrs Tracy Bryden, Headteacher, Winhills Primary Academy Off Ducklane , St.Neots, Cambs, PE19 2DX

Child's Name:

Comment: