

Winhills Primary Academy

Part of The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust

Established in the Queen's Jubilee Year 2012

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29th April 2016

Dear Parents

It has been a very busy start to the summer term. Our new topics have meant we have 2 beaches and a rainforest in school! The children are thoroughly enjoying these areas and I'm sure you will be hearing about the seaside, going on journeys and South America.

Last night Winhills hosted the Cambridgeshire year 5 mathematics challenge where nine schools were quizzed on various mathematics topics. Our team representing the school was commended for their team work in round 2, which to date was the highest scoring heat in the competitions history. We were very proud of the children throughout this event.

Today Year 3 went to the St. Neots Poetry Festival this morning at the Prior Centre. The children performed Room on the Broom and The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson as well as their own Class poem The Slothalo. The children were very excited and performed their poem brilliantly to the other schools in St Neots. Well done Year 3!

Some children from years 1 and 2 were selected to play cricket at the Eaton Socon Cricket Club on Thursday 28th April. The children thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and represented Winhills excellently.

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 have started their 5 week course of swimming lessons. The children are enjoying putting the 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.

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/>

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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.

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. 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

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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 April 2016

Achievement Awards

Frankie Merritt	Alfie Backhouse	Chloe Wilison
Shannon Caunt	Samuel Cheswick	
Joshua Pleszko	Chloe Webster	
Annie Allan	Jake Parker	

WAC – Teddy Duff

RRR – Ben Vogel

ART – Callum Clinton Berry

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Trey Moser	Luke Picking	
Joseph Culling	Kurt Connelly	
Daud Durrani		
Emily Allan		
Jack Lewis		

WAC – Teigan Storey

RRR – Sam Prentice

ART – Ethan Dorsett

Term dates 2015-2016

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

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: