

# Winhills Primary Academy

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23<sup>rd</sup> May 2014

Dear Parents

This half term has flown by and it has been a very busy four weeks.

Year 6 have recently completed their SATS in reading, spelling, punctuation, grammar and mathematics. The children coped extremely well with all the tests and can now focus on their writing which will be assessed after half term. It was wonderful to see so many children coming to school early to join us for breakfast. All staff involved with administering the tests were impressed with the way the children used the time to work through the questions and to check their work thoroughly. Now that year 6 are coming up to their final half term at Winhills they will be visiting their secondary schools. We will also be organising different events with our partner schools.

We have been concentrating on improving the children's attendance this year as historically the school has always been below the national average of 95.2%. The average attendance for Winhills in the Spring term was 94.93% so we still have a little way to go but with your support we can make those improvements. It is so important for the children to be here everyday so they are not missing out on valuable learning time.

Thank you for continuing to support us with avoiding taking holidays in term time, we had none taken in the Spring term which is fantastic.

The tea party celebrates those children with 100% for the Spring term. This had to be done in two stages as we had 48 children who had achieved 100% attendance, an increase of 12 children from the Autumn term. I hope that we will have even more children for the end of the Summer term.

This week we had two visitors from Tesco's who talked to the children in years 1, 2 and 3. The children were amazed with the amount of food they brought to our school and how they gut fish in order to cook. The children were able to taste many different fruits and vegetables during this talk. Don't be surprised if they ask you to buy some other fruits next time you go shopping!

During next half term several trips have been organised for different classes. Letters will be sent to you in advance so that you are aware of the costs.

As we have seen from the last few days the weather is very changeable. It is important that your child comes to school with their sunhat and raincoat so that they

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are prepared for these changes. In very hot weather, children without sunhats will not be allowed to go outside.

Next half term I would like to invite parents into school to show how our Intensive Curriculum Experience (ICE) zones run. This will give you an opportunity to see the children busy learning in these areas. I will be sending a separate letter out about this after half term.

### **Achievement Award**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2014**

#### **Achievement Awards**

Alfie Shaw  
Cameron Shaw  
Sophie Caunt  
Robert Burden

Kc-Tia Maltby  
Tommie Fordham  
Tyler Parker

**WAC** - Eleanor Latimer-Spoelstra

**RRR** - Kaitlyn Conlon

**ART** - Alana Sizer

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

#### **Achievement Awards**

Scarlet Watson  
Cerys Dunnett  
Connor Morphew  
Chelsea-Ann Raffaelli

Ella Hayward  
Sam Prentice  
Charlie Connor  
Connor Brown

**WAC** - Rachel Johnson

**RRR** - Jayden Best

**ART** - Leah Huckle

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

#### **Achievement Awards**

Tayla Storey  
Lily Cruttenden  
Riley Smith  
Alfie Clinton-Berry

Yasmyne Bryan  
Dylan Elwart  
Joseph Hawkins  
Bradley-Scott Patmore

**WAC** - Denny Vout

**RRR** - Frederick Ayres

**ART** - Jaydon Rhodes

### **Friends of Winhills School Association**

The next meeting of Friends of Winhills School Association will be at Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 6.00pm. All welcome to attend and support our hardworking committee.

### **School Photos**

Date for your diaries

- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October individual and family groups

### **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.**

### **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 is £2.10 per child and £3.00 per adult. Payment can now be made online, your child should have come home with a letter regarding online payments if this has not been received or you need help with setting up please contact the office. Thank you. 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 days 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 days notice where possible.

**Future Dates**

Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Meeting 6.00-7.00pm
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr 6 Visit to Royal Opera House 6.50am-7.00pm
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr 1,2,&3 Trip to Hunstanton
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	PTA Meeting 6.00-7.00pm
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Reception Yr Trip to Mead Open Farm
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Performance 1.30-3.00pm & 6.00-7.00pm
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Performance 6.00-7.00pm
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Yr 6 Garden Party 6.30-8.00pm
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> to Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Yr 6 Hill Top Residential Trip

**Term Dates****Summer Term 2014**

26 <sup>th</sup> May – 30 <sup>th</sup>	May Half Term
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Term Ends

**Autumn Term 2014**

3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Staff Training Day
4 <sup>th</sup> September	Term Starts
27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Half Term
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Staff Training Day
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Term ends

**Spring Term 2015**

5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Staff Training Days
7 <sup>th</sup> January	Term Starts
16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Term ends

**Summer Term 2015**

13 <sup>th</sup> April	Term Starts
4 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Holiday
25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
1 <sup>st</sup> June	Staff Training
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Term Ends

I hope everyone has a lovely break and look forward to seeing you on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Diane Mitchell  
Head of School  
On behalf of Winhills Primary Academy (part of TDLPT)

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**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: