

Winhills Primary Academy

Part of The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust
Established in the Queen's Jubilee Year 2012

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24th October 2014

Dear Parents

It has been a busy October and we have now completed our first half term. It was lovely to see so many parents this week at parents evening. This was a great opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and discuss their progress this half term. We value your feedback about how your child has settled into their new class and will be informing you of the key areas you have mentioned in your questionnaire next half term.

Tim Coulson, Regional School Commissioner, Department for Education

I have attached a letter from Tim Coulson the school received recently. In his letter he congratulates the school in the increased number of children achieving level 4 in reading, writing and mathematics. The school is delighted to be acknowledged by the Department of Education in these improvements.

Bronze Kite Mark Award

We are really pleased to announce that Winhills has been awarded the Sainsbury's School Games bronze kite mark. The kitemark rewards schools for their commitment to, and development of PE, school sports clubs and competitions. The kitemark award recognises the hard work of staff who ensure that all children have access to a wide breadth of sports opportunities within the school.

Well done to all the children who have been working so hard in PE lessons. An extra special thanks goes to all the children who have attended after school sports clubs, and to those who have represented the school at sporting competitions and festivals. Last week children in year 6 represented the school in a football tournament held at Brampton Primary School. Well done to all the players, we came joint 5th in the tournament.

Little Gems Before and After School Club

Please can I remind you that all bookings and cancellations should be made via the school office or Mrs Howell. 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.

Attendance

Attendance for this half term is 96.64% which is a huge improvement on this time last year which was 94%. We are currently above the National Average of 95.25%. Well done everyone let's keep it up!

Harvest Festival

Thank you to all the food donations we received from you. Head boy and Head girl accompanied Mrs Hawking to the St Neots Food Bank last week to deliver the food. The staff were very grateful and wished this to be passed onto all the children and parents at Winhills.

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Play leaders

Year 6 children were trained by Mrs Culver at the beginning of term to become Play Leaders at lunchtimes. The children from reception classes up to year 5 are able to join games the year 6 children have organised each lunchtime. The playleaders stay with the children and show them how to be involved in the games. So far the children are really enjoying these sessions and the Play Leaders are now involved with the children in the lower phase playground each lunchtime.

Bike Shed

We have had a few occasions recently of children arriving into school late after registration has closed and wanting to secure bikes in the bike shed. For security this is locked first thing and remains so until the children leave as you can imagine it is very disruptive to lessons if staff have to leave them to unlock this facility at other times, therefore if your child is arriving or leaving school other than at their normal time they will not be able to access the bike shed.

Children going home

If your arrangements for collecting your child has changed please inform the class teacher or school office. Every year we update our records to ensure we have the correct details for collection at the end of the day. If arrangements change, staff will not release any child at the end of the day unless they have received a message from the parent. Children's safety is our priority, we will make a phone call to you at the end of the day if we need to check any different arrangements. Please advise the office before 2.30pm if you have made arrangements for other people to collect your children. This will allow the office staff time to distribute messages to the classrooms.

Entrance drop box

Envelopes and forms can now be left 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.

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.

Monday 22nd September 2014

Achievement Awards

Kyle Alvarez	Blake Tunnah	Alfie Backhouse
Connor-Rocco Maltby	Callum Wray	Patrick Hughes
Jack Oddy	Emily Matzk	

WAC - Hollie-Grace Clinton-Berry

Monday 29th September 2014

Achievement Awards

Poppy Duff	Tulah Nixon	Samuel Cheswick
Cerys Dunnett	Chloe Cox	Tommie Fordham
Luke Picking	Alfie Clinton-Berry	

WAC - Jayden Best

RRR - Libby Nash

ART - Chloe Vogel

Monday 6th October 2014

Achievement Awards

Alicia Hodgson	Scarlet Watson	Halley-Sue Hodgson-Dipper
Braidy Norman	Ines Lopez Company	Ruby Brown
Occean-Faye Stoner		

WAC - Kaitlyn Conlon

ART - Chloe Willison

Monday 13th October 2014
Achievement Awards

Lucas Robinson	Teigan Storey	Connor Morphew
Charlie Fowler	Rowan Huckle	

WAC - Keyan Round

RRR - Oliver Shaw

ART - Leah Huckle

Year 6 Roles

Head Boy	Denny Vout
Head Girl	Kira Webster
Deputy Head Boy	Joshua Southwood
Deputy Head Girl	Jazzleigh Taylor
Red House Captain	Alfie Clinton-Berry
Red Vice Captain	Callum Wray
Blue House Captain	Ronnie Chamberlain
Blue Vice Captain	Tora-Jayne Coleman
Green House Captain	Chloe Allen
Green Vice Captain	Tino Chamunokara
Yellow House Captain	Occean-Faye Stoner
Yellow Vice Captain	Samir Patel
School Council Lead	Kieran Best

Truly Trusted

Denny Vout	Kira Webster	Joshua Southwood	Occean-Faye Stoner
Alfie Clinton-Berry	Callum Wray	Ronnie Chamberlain	Jazzleigh Taylor
Chloe Allen	Tino Chamunokara	Tora-Jayne Coleman	Samir Patel
Alana Sizer	Mollie Morphew	Rowan Huckle	Trevor Tembo

Monday 20th October 2014
Achievement Awards

Samuel Lopez	Charlie Sizer	Lyndon Tunnah
Sophie Caunt	Archie Scotcher	

WAC - Hattie Sargeant

RRR - Scarlet Watson

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 meeting starts at 6.00pm and lasts for about 1 hour. Everyone is welcome to attend and support our hardworking committee.

The next meetings are scheduled for:

Tuesday 11th November 2014,

Tuesday 20th January 2015,

Tuesday 3rd March 2015,

Tuesday 21st April 2015

Tuesday 9th June 2015

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.**

New in stock – PE/Swim bags printed with logo £4.00

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 for children in Year 3, 4 5 & 6 is £2.15 and for children in Nursery the cost is £1.90 per child from September. Adult meals are charged at £3.00 per adult. Payment can now be made online. Your child should have come home with a letter regarding online payments, however, if this has not been received or you need help with setting this up please contact the office. 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.

Future Dates

24th Oct 2014 Friends of Winhills Halloween Film Night, shows at 3.30 & 5.30pm
12th Nov 2014 IEP Parents evening 3.30-6.00pm
9th Dec 2014 Yr1 & 2 Performance 10.30am & FSU Performance 2.00pm
10th Dec 2014 FSU Performance 10.30am & Yr1 & 2 Performance 2.00pm
15th Dec 2014 KS2 Performance 1.30pm
16th Dec 2014 KS2 Performance 6.00pm
18th Dec 2014 KS2 Performance 6.00pm
18th Dec 2014 Reward Day
26th Jan 2015 Young Voices, Yr 6 at O2
15th -17th Apr 2015 Grafham Water residential, Yr 4 children
20th -22nd July 2015 Hilltop residential, Yr6 children

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2014

27 th – 31 st October	Half Term
3 rd November	Staff Training Day
19 th December	Term ends

Spring Term 2015

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

Summer Term 2015

13 th April	Term Starts
4 th May	May Day Holiday
25 th – 29 th May	Half Term
1 st June	Staff Training
22 nd 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:



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for Education

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Mrs Susannah Connell
Executive Headteacher
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Dear Mrs. Connell

19 September 2014

I was delighted to see the early and provisional Key Stage 2 results for your school and the improvements that you have achieved since last year.

Congratulations to you and your colleagues on this achievement. We know that such progress is based on hard work and an unrelenting determination that all children will have the opportunity to succeed.

I have now been in post as the Regional Schools Commissioner for the East of England and North East London for a couple of months and have been very pleased to see the striking improvements there have been across this region, the most improved region in the country. The proportion of 11 year olds achieving level 4 or better in reading, writing and mathematics increased this year from 2013 by 3 percentage points but in primary academies by 7 percentage points and in academies open for more than two years by 9 percentage points.

If you need to contact our office, the best way to do so is via
RSC.EASTNELONDON@education.gsi.gov.uk.

Best wishes to all at the school for the coming year.

Tim Coulson

Tim Coulson
Regional Schools Commissioner, East of England and North East
London