

Winhills Primary Academy

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

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27th November 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

This month has been extremely busy; the children have been working very hard learning many new things. The teachers are really noticing the improvements in the children's development and it has been wonderful to see the fabulous learning that is taking place. Rehearsals for our performances are now in full swing and the children are looking forward to performing at the end of term.

On Tuesday we will be holding an assembly to wish the lights on. We are looking forward to seeing the children's decorations on the tree.

It was wonderful to see so many parents attend the open mornings we held this month for children starting school in September 2016. Please can I remind parents if your child was born between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012, they are due to transfer to primary school in September 2016. You must have applied for a school place by 15 January 2016. If you need any support with your child's school application please talk to Mrs Wiseman and Miss Holloway.

Reverend Debbie recently gave an assembly earlier this month and explained to the children that sometimes we have to be brave when things get challenging. She also stayed to talk to the year 1 and 2 children about Harvest and how she celebrates it.

As Key Stage Leaders, Mrs Wright and Miss Smith held evening meetings for the parents of children currently in Year 2 and Year 6. This was an opportunity for parents to learn more about the end of year statutory assessment arrangements for these children and to look at samples of the national tests that the children will take in May. For parents who were unable to attend the meetings, the information will soon be available in letter form and on the school website.

Children in Need

Thank you to all the children who brought in something fun to wear on their heads. The key stage 1 and 2 children enjoyed their 20 minute 'ramble' and looked great. Our big Pudsey bear was filled with your kind donations, which are still being counted and will boost our current total of just over £120.

Monthly Sports Update

The year 5 children were very excited to take part in the Diamond Learning Partnership Trust's sports tournament. They played a range of sports including football, tag rugby, netball and dodgeball. All of the children played excellently and they were extremely proud to take first place.

Winhill's football team visited Crosshall this month to take part in a football tournament. Mrs Culver was extremely proud of their fantastic sportsmanship and determination. The children all played fantastically in every match. Well done Winhills!

The netball team walked up to Roundhouse Primary Academy to compete against their netball team afterschool. Mrs Bailey and Mrs Carter were impressed by the fantastic skills and sportsmanship that the children showed. They competed to an extremely high level showcasing all of their amazing skills. They were delighted to win the tournament.

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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/>

Parking

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.

Little Gems Before and After School 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 1hour. Everyone is welcome to attend and support our hardworking committee. The next meetings are scheduled for, Tuesday 8th December & Tuesday 12th January.

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.

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 13th November 2015

Achievement Awards

Ivo Freitas	Maria Farrugia	Chaniece Bayliss
Jayden Best	Sara Strakova	Toby Brown
Chloe Vogel	Harry Hedges	

WAC - Bailey Maltby

RRR - Megan Fowles-McDonald

ART -

Friday 20th November 2015

Achievement Awards

Elijah Thompkins-Hargrave	Anthony Clarkson	Ebra Kavanci
Cerys Dunnett	Sam Prentice	Rosie McAughey
Alicia Childs		

WAC - Joshua Ralph

RRR -

ART - Thomas Ayres

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Achievement Awards

Noah Southwood	Lexi Davison-Wing	Lyndon Tunnah
Sarah Wray	Dylan Elwart	Bobby Stoner
Toby Simpson		

WAC -

RRR - Megan Simmen

ART - Alfie Backhouse

Term dates 2015-2016

Autumn Term 2015

18th December

Term Ends

Spring Term 2016

4th January

Staff Training Day

5th January

Term Starts

15th February to 19th February

Half Term

24th March

Term Ends

Summer Term 2016

11th April

Term Starts

2nd May

May Day

30th May to 3rd June

Half Term

20th July

Term Ends for Pupils

21st July

Staff Training Day

Future Dates

Autumn Term 2015

7th December

Little Gems/Nursery's First Christmas 10.30am

7th December

Reception's Nativity Story 2.00pm

8th December

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9th December

Yr1 & Yr2 performance 10.30am

10th December

Yr1 & Yr2 performance 2.00pm

14th December

KS2 performance 1.30pm

15th December

KS2 performance 6.00pm

16th December

KS2 performance 6.00pm

17th December

Reward day

Spring Term 2016

10th February
 16th March
 17th March
 23rd March

Parents evening 3.30-6.00pm
 Parents evening 3.30-6.00pm
 Parents evening 3.30-7.00pm
 Rewards day

Summer Term 2016

3rd May
 9th-13th May
 16th-18th May
 15th June
 5th & 6th July
 11th July
 12th July
 13th July
 14th July
 18th-20th July

School photographer – class photos
 SATs week
 Grafham Water Visit for Yr 4
 SEND Parents evening 3.30-6.00pm
 Yr6 Transition days
 KS2 performance 1.30pm & 6.00pm
 KS2 performance 6.00pm
 Yr 6 Garden party
 Reward day
 Hilltop Yr6

Term dates 2016-2017**Autumn Term 2016**

Thursday 1st September
 Friday 2nd September
 Monday 5th September
 Friday 21st October
 Monday 24th – Friday 28th October
 Monday 31st October
 Tuesday 20th December

Training Day
 Training Day
 Term Starts
 Training Day
 Half Term
 Training Day
 Term Ends

Spring Term 2017

Wednesday 4th January
 Monday 13th – Friday 17th February
 Friday 31st March

Term Starts
 Half Term
 Term Ends

Summer Term 2017

Tuesday 18th April
 Monday 1st May
 Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June
 Monday 5th June
 Friday 21st July

Term Starts
 May Day
 Half Term
 Training Day
 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: