



July 2021

Dear Parents

We have come to the end of another Summer Term and Year 6 will leave us and begin the next stage of their school life at Senior School. They have contributed a fantastic amount to the school, and we will miss them.

Annie, Kyle, Santhosh, Thomas, Lola, Aimee, Anthony, Jessica, Josie, Lacey-Rose, Keira, Ebrar, Andrew, Rihanna, Andreea, Isla, Tulah, Bailie, Liam, Elliot, Hattie, Charlotte, Charlie, Sebastian, Lyndon, Lily-Mai.

Many of the Year Six children will be spending their last few days of Winhills away on a residential trip with their classmates and teachers to Hilltop in Norfolk. They will have lots of fun plus the opportunity to challenge themselves with adventure activities including high ropes, assault course, zip wire and mountain bikes.

I would like to thank the children, families, and staff for all their hard work over the last term and year. Together, we have ensured that the children continued to receive a fantastic education. It really is amazing that even with all these restrictions what we have managed to do to ensure that the children get lots of opportunities. Below are some of the highlights from Summer Term.

Readathon

The children took part in the Readathon and raised a massive £3466.27 for new books. As well as raising money, the idea was also to ensure that we got the children engaged with reading. I was amazed at how many pages some of the children read. Well done to everyone.

Sports Day

The children all seemed to really love sports day. I was very impressed to how even it was and that everyone had a mix of stickers. The track races at the end always get the children really excited and there were some very close finishes.

Farm in a box

Year 6 took part in an initiative from Warburtons to track where their food comes from. This would usually involve a trip to a local farm, however this was not possible, so we got to Zoom a local farmer who talked us through how bread makes it to our table. The children certainly were amazed at the process it takes and asked lots of thoughtful questions. I think the highlight was getting to eat some bread.

Topaz and Opal school trip Paxton Pits

On the 6th of July 2021, Topaz and Opal class visited Paxton pits. The children all absolutely loved their trip and came back with stories all about their adventures. The pond dipping certainly was a highlight. It was wonderful to see so many happy faces after the trip.

Year 5 school trip to Kew Gardens

On Tuesday 13th July 2021, Year 5 went to London to visit Kew gardens. The children came back very excited about all the wonderful things that they saw over the day. They loved exploring the children's garden and going in all the glasshouses. The children were complimented by a member of the public on how well behaved they were.

Year 1 and 2 school trips to Woburn Safari Park

On Thursday 15th July 2021, Year 1 and 2 visited Woburn. The children were fantastic and loved looking at the range of animals that were there. They got to go on a mini 'safari' on the coach seeing some of the big animals such as the lions before spending the afternoon in the zoo. The children loved it when the monkeys jumped on the roof of the coaches. In the walk around zoo, the meerkats were a highlight. They stood up and looked at us. We all also enjoyed the bird show at the end of the day. The children's behaviour was amazing.

Year 3 and 4 school trip Gulliver's Land

On Thursday 15th July 2021, Year 3 and 4 went to Gulliver's land. It was an experience that they will not forget. They got to go on such a range of rides. Looking at the photos, the children certainly had a wonderful time with lots of smiles. A few got wet on the log ride as well. I think the staff enjoyed themselves as well.

Virgin Money "Make £5.00 Grow" Challenge

Year 5 and 6 took part in this challenge. The idea behind it was to encourage them to come up with ideas on how to make money. There were plenty of great ideas and the children loved the planning, costing and then selling of their products. I even braved having my car cleaned.

We will be in contact with you before the new term starts in September if we are having to follow any government guidelines ahead of the new academic year. The hope is that the children will be able to mix more, and life may become more normal. In the meantime, please have a lovely summer holiday and stay safe.

Should you need to talk to your child's Class Teacher or any other member of staff, please email the school office:

Office@winhills.cambs.sch.uk

Or call the School Office directly on:

01480 211626

Arbor Information

Please make sure that you are signed up on Arbor. This is the schools main use of communication, payment system and online booking system for parents evening. If you have changed your contact details, please can you make sure that these are all up to date on Arbor too. Due to GDPR, we can no longer send data collection sheets home for you to check, this can be done through the Arbor portal, and it is your responsibility to ensure the information is kept up to date. Arbor have recently released the Arbor app, which can be downloaded from the app store. We currently have over 94% of Parents who have successfully signed up. This makes such a massive difference to both the environment and our budget as we do not have to print as many letters.

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/>

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.

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. **Payment can now be made online**, please ask the office staff for more information. You may order lunches daily 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.**

The voucher scheme is in place for those entitled to Free School Meals. This does not include Universal Free School Meals (All Reception and KS1 children). Some parents in KS1 and Reception will still get these though as they are entitled to it.

Some parents may have one child that is getting it and another who is not. This will be because your circumstances may have changed.

If you are unsure and think you may be entitled, please look at the following website:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/help-with-school-learning-costs/free-school-meals.>

Achievement Award Assembly's

We have been running the weekly achievement assembly's each week via Classroom Zoom. Well done to all the children for their continued hard work.

Friday the 11th of June 2021

Hubert, Leo, Blake, Olivia, Jack Megan,
RRR Award- Ethan WAC Award- Carmen

Friday the 18th of June 2021

Poppy, Alivia, Warren, Archie, Kianna, Bethany, Megan,
Cameron, Anthony, Keira
RRR Award- Emilia WAC Award- Ben

Friday the 25th of June 2021

Bea, Mateo, Rosie, Corey, Hayden Noah, Abigail
Rihanna, Josie
RRR Award- Noah WAC Award- Kathy

Friday the 2nd of July 2021

Evelyn, Logan, Sophie, Aiden, Reegan, McKenzie
Roxie, Ella, Alice, Jayden, Jacob, Ebrar, Santhosh
RRR Award- Ralf WAC Award- Kira

Monday 19th of July 2021

Robert, Shannon, Freya, Aurelia, Toby, Abigail, Violet, Ethan, Kira,
Reagan, Ruby, Elliott, Oliver, Evie, Amelie, Alex, Advith, Connor, Alex, Enijia,
Lucy, Emily, Emilia, Caden, Olivia, Maria, Maisie-Jane, Kyle, Lola, Lacey-Rose,
Tulah, Liam, Lily-Mai,

Reading Millionaires

Thomas, Santhosh, Andreea, Tulah, Sebastian, Isla, Kira
Megan, Ethan, Mia, Noah, Jessica, Thomas,

Autumn Term 2021

Wednesday 1 st September 2021	Training Day
Thursday 2 nd September 2021	Term Starts
Monday 25 th -Friday 29 th October 2021	October Half Term
Monday 1 st November 2021	Training Day
Tuesday 2 nd November 2021	Autumn Term Continues
Friday 17 th December 2021	Term Ends
Monday 20 th December 2021 - Monday 3 rd January 2022	Christmas Holidays

Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4 th January 2022	Training Day
Wednesday 5 th January 2022	Term Starts
Monday 14 th February-Friday 18 th February 2022	Half Term
Monday 21 st February 2022	Training Day
Tuesday 22 nd February 2022	Spring Term continues
Thursday 31 st March 2022	Term ends
Friday 1 st April 2022	Training Day
Monday 4 th April 2022- Monday 18 th April 2022	Easter holidays

Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 19 th April 2022	Term Starts
Monday 2 nd May 2022	May Day
Monday 30 th May 2022- Friday 3 rd June 2022	May Half Term
Monday 6 th June 2022	Additional holiday due to Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee
Tuesday 7 th June 2022	Summer Term continues
Friday 22 nd July 2022	Term Ends

I would like to thank you all for your continued support this year and enjoy the summer break with your child.

Finally, I would like to dedicate a poem to the Year 6 parents.

Dear Year, 6 Parents,

I give you back your child, the same child you confidently entrusted to my care last
September.

I give them back inches taller, months wiser, more responsible, and more mature than they
were then.

Although they would have attained their growth in spite of us, it has been our pleasure and
privilege to watch their personality unfold day by day and marvel at this splendid miracle of
development.

I give them back reluctantly, for having spent nine months together in the narrow confines of
a crowded school, we have grown close, have become a part of each other, and we shall
always retain a little of each other.

Ten years from now if we meet on the street, your child and I, a light will shine to our eyes, a
smile to our lips, and we shall feel the bond of understanding once more, this bond we feel
today.

We have lived, loved, laughed, played, studied, learned, and enriched our lives together this
year.

We wish it could go on indefinitely but give them back we must.

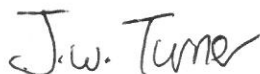
Take care of them, for they are precious.

Remember that we shall always be interested in your child and their destiny,
wherever they go, whatever they do, whoever they become.

Their joys and sorrows we will be happy to share.

We shall always be their friends.

Yours sincerely



Mr. John Turner
Head of School
On behalf of Winhills Primary Academy (part of TDLPT)

We welcome any comments you may have below:

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