



Dear Parents and Carers

We hope that the children have all enjoyed being back at school. It has been lovely to see everyone back with smiles on their faces. I have been so impressed with how they have all been so focussed since returning. Below are some of the highlights since returning to school.

Year 5 and 6 have welcomed in our Cricket coach who has been working with both classes from the start of term and then Year 6 at the end of the term. The children have worked on the fundamentals of cricket and added a new element each week so that they are now playing a full game together. We certainly have some very talented cricketers in school.

Hunts SSP have been working with our Year 3 and 4 children a Friday morning. They have also been learning about the fundamentals of cricket in a fun and interactive way.

Hunts SSP have also introduced activity bags with our Year 5 and 6 children to get them back and active. They have a series of activities that are designed to help with basic skills such as co-ordination. The children work in pairs to motivate each other to improve on their best scores.

This year each class has been given their own raised bed to plant with vegetables or flowers and look after over the course of the summer. The children have all enjoyed getting outside digging and planting. We wait to see what comes up over the coming days and weeks.

Year 5 and 6 have been swimming this term. They are all being taught the basics of swimming and towards the end of the sessions the children will be taught the basics of life saving. The children have all been beautifully behaved and I have been so impressed with how enthusiastic they have been.

Parking:

We have recently had the local council consulting with the school and local residents about parking before and after school. As we hear more, we will keep you all informed. In the meantime, please can we ensure that we are all parking safely and considerately.

Year 6 Transition to Secondary:

Ernulf Academy are holding an Assembly for students here at Winhills on the 10th of June 2021. This will include an introduction to the Head of Year 7 Mrs Hewitt.

Students going to Longsands have already had a virtual introduction to Longsands.

We have really close links with Secondary Schools across Cambridgeshire so if your child is not going to one of the above schools, there will be bespoke transition for your child.

On Tuesday 29th June and Wednesday 30th June, the Year 6 children will be able to visit Ernulf and Longsands in person (Naturally, these events are dependent on government advice). This will give the children the opportunity to get a feel for what a day in Secondary School will feel like. Please talk to your child after this and if they have any questions, the below event will hopefully give you a chance to ask these questions.

Wednesday 30th June 5-7pm – New Year 7 information for new pupils and their parents.

Please can we remind all parents that a face mask must be worn when dropping your child into school and collecting your child from school.

Please can we also ask that you follow the one-way system in and around the school playground when dropping off and collecting your child.

Please can we also request that only one Parent or Guardian comes into the school grounds to drop off or collect.

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 23rd of April 2021

Jude, Saoirse, Leo, Mason, James, Olivia, Elliot, Ebrar

RRR Award- Aimee and WAC Award- Emily

Friday the 30th of April 2021

Hollie, Riley, Joel, Isaac, Josie, Ben Annie, Santhosh

RRR Award – Mollie-May and WAC Award- Warren

Friday the 14th of May 2021

Cohen, Seth, Kitty, Muna, Ronnie, Shay, Mia, Isla

RRR Award- Noah and WAC Award – Hubert

Friday the 21st of May 2021

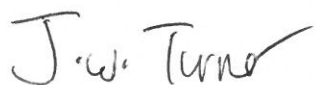
Robert, Maizy, Kory, Blake, Mason, Elliott, Mia, Frankie, Kyle

RRR Award – Evie and WAC Award - Andreea

Term Dates 2021

Monday 31st – 4th June 2021	Half Term
Monday 7th June 2021	Term starts
Thursday 15 th July 2021	Year 6 Garden Party
Monday 19 th July 2021	Reward Day
Tuesday 20 th July 2021	Yr.6 Residential Hilltop
Thursday 22 nd July 2021	Term Ends

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J.W. Turner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping flourish at the end.

Mr. John Turner

Head of School

On behalf of Winhills Primary Academy (part of TDLPT)