



31st March 2022

Dear parents,

World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March

This year was the 25th anniversary of World Book Day. As always, we asked the children to come with a prop or outfit linked to their favourite book. The ideas that the children came up with were absolutely fantastic. It certainly brightens the school seeing all the different ideas. The staff all dressed up as characters from 'Charlie and the Chocolate factory.' There were umpa lumpas everywhere.

Yr. 6 visit to Cambridge College on Thursday 10th March

The children in Year 6 were invited to attend a science morning arranged by the Lindemann Trust. Hosted at Magdelene College, the children listened to several different presentations from scientists and professors on subjects such as brain waves, using a laser microscope and DNA. The children were thoroughly engaged throughout, and particularly enjoyed being able to see one of their teachers being electrocuted. Following this, the children were given a tour of the old Magdelene College site, and even got to look inside the chapel and dining rooms. This was followed by a tour of Cambridge and a stop of at the American Cemetery in Madingley to see the memorials to those who lost their lives in the Second World War.

Yr. 5 and Yr. 6 Football Match – Alconbury Primary on Tuesday 3rd February

After winning our previous games in the Dickenson cup, the football teams progressed through to the quarter finals, which was held away from home in Alconbury. The match was extremely competitive, and the boys really gave their all, showing true sportsman ship and determination. Although they lost the match, they represented the school with pride. Well done to Ben, Caleb, Zach, Alex, Cameron, Josh, Jayden, Noah, Harry, and Jaidyn

Genr8 Assembly – on Tuesday 15th March

The whole school from Reception to Year 6 came together in the hall for the first time in many months to take part in an engaging and interactive assembly by the GenR8 team. There were stories, actions, role play, songs, and a prayer at the end, all on the themes of kindness, friendship, and forgiveness. The smiles on the children's faces were a delight to behold and they learnt some important messages too.

Yr. 4, Yr. 5, and Yr. 6 Trip to Duxford War Museum on Wednesday 16th March

In Years 4, 5 and 6, the children have enjoyed their studies this term on The Battle of Britain, which included a visit to the Imperial War Museum at Duxford. The visit gave the children a chance to come face to face with several vehicles and artefacts from the Second World War, and they were able to speak with survivors of the war. The different hangars gave the children the opportunity to see the planes used by the British, German, and American forces, and look inside a 1940s Operations Room. The day really brought the topic to life, and it was great to see the children talking enthusiastically about all the things they have learnt this term.

Red Nose Day - We raised £320.00

Comic Relief was held on Friday 18th March and a competition was held by the School Council to design the best superhero mask - this year's theme. It was fantastic to see so many children getting involved, with many wearing their wonderful creations on the day. After a difficult round of judging, the School Council selected the winners, but the most important aspect was the raising of £320 for Comic Relief, which included the sales of Red Noses. Well done and thank you to everyone who took part.

Yr. 4, 5 and 6 History off the Page - on Monday 21st March and Tuesday 22nd March

To finish their topic on the Second World War, the children enjoyed a themed History off the Page Day. Dressed as evacuees, the children were transported back to the outbreak of war in 1939 and were evacuated to a new school and village. During the day, they attended a 1940's school room (complete with writing in ink), created ID cards and ration books, before spending the afternoon shopping for supplies and trying different foods (including SPAM sandwiches). It was a wonderful day, and it really brought the topic to life.

World Epilepsy Day – on Friday 25th March 2022

This year, we decided to raise awareness of World Epilepsy Day, known as Purple Day (held on 26th March annually). Epilepsy is a condition that affects 600,000 people in the UK, including members of our Winhills family. After an assembly on what epilepsy is, the children and staff wore something purple to school on Friday 25th to help raise money for the charity Daisy Garland Trust and raised £112.00. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Rising Stars with Mr Franco- on Monday 28th March 2022

On Monday 28th March, Winhills hosted the first Rising Stars event in two years. The event is aimed at Year 5 and 6 children who have not had the chance to participate in competitive sports events. The children from Winhills, Round House, Great Staughton and Kimbolton participated in the event, with football matches being held between the schools. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day, and it was fantastic to see the joy upon their faces during the matches.

Reward Day

As a reward for their hard work across the term and completing their homework, the children across the school celebrated their Reward Day on Thursday 31st March. The children in KS1-2 enjoyed a trip to the cinema, with some of the children watching Encanto, and the rest watching Sing 2. In EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage), the children enjoyed a wonderful day that included Easter egg hunts, face painting, a mini cinema with popcorn and drink, and even biscuit decorating. We want to thank the children for their hard work and hope they have a well-earned rest over the Easter holiday.



Each child at Winhills was kindly donated an Easter Egg.

We would like to thank

Homefix St. Neots and Giggs and Co

for their kind donation and want to wish everyone a happy Easter.

Attendance:

Please can you ensure that if your **child is not in school**, you ring the school office to let them know. If we do not hear anything, or you then do not answer a call from the office, you may expect a member of Winhills staff to visit your house to carry out a welfare check. This is something that has been tightened nationally with latest news stories around child welfare.

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/>

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 considerately outside of the school, ensuring you do not block anyone's driveway or emergency access point. We are working alongside the local PCSO who will be regularly patrolling the local area. This is an initiative across the whole of St. Neots.

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-hour 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 3 days and this may result in a penalty notice fine of £60.00 per parent per child, if paid within 21 days.

School Uniform

Children always need to have their PE kit and a pair of wellies in school.

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. Children 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 Trust's 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 daily but according to the 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.**

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 28th January 2022

Achievement Awards.

Teiloras	Leo	
Emma	Corey	
Sophie	Ruby	

WAC Award – Emily

RRR Award - Setayesh

Friday 4th February 2022

Achievement Awards

Hollie	Advith	Maria
Sophie	Emily	
Mateo	Jack	

Art Award -Mason

WAC Award – Ella

RRR Award - Eva

Friday 11th March 2022

Achievement Awards

Freya	Flaviio	Caleb
Ewan	Tom	
Violet	Lexie	

Art Award - Tristani

WAC Award – Jacob

RRR Award – Cameron

Friday 4th March 2022

Achievement Awards

Sama	Carmen	Owen
Layla	Daisy	
Isaac	Ryan	

Art Award - Elliott**WAC Award** – Teddy**RRR Award** – Kaja**Friday 18th March 2022****Achievement Awards**

Jude	Jessica	Joshua
Emily	Scarlet	
Aimee	Lucas	

Art Award - Alia**WAC Award** – George**RRR Award** – Harry**Friday 25th March 2022****Achievement Awards**

Bobbi	Riley	Keira
Caiden	Ava-Mae	
Alivia	Alex	

Art Award - Elliott**WAC Award** – Roxie**RRR Award** – Noah**Term dates 2021-2022**Thursday 31st March 2022

Term Ends

Friday 1st April 2022

Training Day

Monday 4th April - Monday 18th April 2022

Easter Holidays

Tuesday 19th April 2022

Term Starts

Monday 25th April 2022

Yr. 6 Young Voices Trip

Monday 2nd May 2022

May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 9th May- Friday 13th May 2022

SATs Week Yr. 6

Tuesday 10th May 2022

Yr.5 Royal Opera House "Swan Lake"

Term dates 2021-2022

Monday 16th May- Thursday 19th May 2022

Yr.5 and Yr6 Bike ability Course

Monday 30th May 2022- Friday 3rd June 2022

Half Term

Monday 6th June 2022

Summer Term Continues

Yours sincerely

Mr. John Turner

Head of School

On behalf of Winhills Primary Academy (part of TDLPT)