



Dear Parents/Carers,

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 we will be wishing the Christmas lights on ready for the festive period. Please remember to make a decoration with your child to bring in on Wednesday to help decorate our trees.

As the nights draw in and it gets darker earlier, please remind the children to wear bright clothes if they are out in the early evening.

Please continue reading below for some of the highlights of our November so far.

### **Poppy Appeal:**

As always, we remember on the 11th of November at Winhills. During the week, we held assemblies to highlight the importance of the 11th of November and then held a silence across the school. Thanks to all your support.

### **Children in Need:**

It was wonderful to see the children with all the yellow and Dotty accessories on for 'Children in Need'. We managed to raise an amazing £413.85p on the day, some of the children also took part in a Joe Wicks Work Out. The children really loved getting up and active. They learnt some amazing facts at the same time.

### **Hunts Schools Sports Partnership Panathlon:**

On October 16th, eight children from KS2 were taken to the Panathlon festival at St Ives Leisure Centre. With a focus on inclusive sport, the children competed in eight events, including cricket, football, and basketball, plus some Paralympic sports such as Boccia. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day, and we were delighted to see them finishing third out of eight schools, earning themselves bronze medals. Well done to all the children. They were superstars.

### **Football Matches**

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021, some of the children from Year 5 and below were chosen to take part in a football match against Roundhouse. Although we took an early lead, we eventually lost 5-1. The children played brilliantly with a real positive attitude and the smiles on the faces of the children were fantastic to see.

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021, Year 5 and 6 girls played Priory in a cup game. The girls all played with a smile on their faces and were absolutely amazing. They lost 9-1 but considering most of them had never played a competitive game before, we were extremely proud of every one of them. They all came off the pitch asking when the next game is. Watch this space as we try to arrange their next game.

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021, Year 5 and 6 boys played Hartford. It was a very close and hard-fought game. The boys played amazing and won 4-3. This means that the boys will have another game in the coming weeks. Well done on a fantastic result.

### **Minecraft**

On the 15th of October, the children in Years 4, 5 and 6 were visited by a company called Block Builders. Working in collaboration with the Highways Agency, the children learnt all about the building of the new A428 road and used Minecraft to replicate the construction with a focus on looking after the habitats of animals in the local area. The children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to use Minecraft at school.

### **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 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 PCSC 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 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 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 need to always 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. 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 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.**

### **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 22nd October 2021**

#### **Achievement Awards.**

Toby	Romilly	Saoirse
Blake	Scarlett	Oliver
Angel		

**WAC Award** – Alexandra

**RRR Award** - Leo

**Friday 5th November 2021**

#### **Achievement Awards**

Alice	Olivia	Sophie
Joel	Ralf	Reagan
Megan		

**Art Award** - Daisy

**WAC Award** – Alex

**RRR Award** - Livvy

**Friday 12th November 2021**

#### **Achievement Awards**

Tristan	Mitzi	Lillianna
Shaya	Tomaiya	Westly
Harry		

**Art Award** - Eva

**WAC Award** – Jack

**RRR Award** – Angel

### **School Council**

<b>Opal and Topaz</b>	Saffron and Kye
<b>Sunstone Class</b>	Cohen and Livvy
<b>Emerald Class</b>	Jack and Bobbi
<b>Amber Class</b>	Seth and Maizy
<b>Moonstone Class</b>	Eva and Leo
<b>Amethyst Class</b>	Ryan and Alice
<b>Sapphire Class</b>	Jaidyn and Emily
<b>Quartz Class</b>	Cameron and Mollie-Mae
<b>Chair</b>	Kiera

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

<b>Head Boy</b>	Noah
<b>Deputy Head Boy</b>	Shay
<b>Head Girl</b>	Maria
<b>Deputy Head Girl</b>	Mia
<b>Mars Captain</b>	Zach
<b>Mars Vice Captain</b>	Shannon
<b>Jupiter Captain</b>	Jayden
<b>Jupiter Vice Captain</b>	Frankie
<b>Saturn Captain</b>	Megan
<b>Saturn Vice Captain</b>	Angel
<b>Pluto Captain</b>	Megan
<b>Pluto Vice Captain</b>	Bella

**Art Award-** Anne-Lea**WAC Award-** Lucas**RRR Award- Megan****Term dates 2021-2022**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> JanuaryWednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> MarchThursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> AprilTuesday 19<sup>th</sup> AprilMonday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Christmas Holiday

Training Day

Term Starts

Year 6 Young Voice Trip

Half Term

Training Day

Spring Term Continues

SEND Parents Evening

Parents Evening

Term Ends

Training Day

Easter Holidays

Term Starts

May Day Bank Holiday

Half Term

Summer Term Continues

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J.W. Turner'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and a stylized 'W'.

Mr. John Turner

Head of School

On behalf of Winhills Primary Academy (part of TDLPT)