



July 2023

Dear Parents

The last few days of the school year have arrived. It seems like the academic year has flown by. As always, the children have been fantastic. We have been so proud of their behaviour, engagement, and attitudes towards learning over the last academic year.

I would like to personally thank everyone for all their hard work and support that they have given the school over the last few years. It has meant so much and really has ensured the school has moved from strength to strength.

We also have a big farewell to say to our Year 6 children who will leave us and begin the next stage of their school life at Secondary School. They were a fantastic bunch and have been a great asset to the school and encompass what we love about Winhills. They are friendly, kindhearted, and work so well as a team. They have contributed a fantastic amount to the school, and we will miss them.

Kitty, Eva, James, Corey, Wesley, Carmen, Cerys, James, Tomaiya, Leo, Oly, Lexi, Hayden, Noah, Evie, Xavier, McKenzie, Flavio, Gracie, Emily, Riley, Jack, Roxie, Erin, Emily-Jane, Shaya, Alice, Lexi, Jaidyn, Alex Abigail, Bethany

It has been a lovely end to the term for our Year 6 children with their last Sports Day, a farewell 'Garden Party' and finally many of the Year Six children have spent their last few days at Winhills away on a residential trip with their classmates and teachers at 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. Good luck Year 6, we will miss you.

Usher Cup

The Usher Cup is an award that has been given out at Winhills for numerous years. It is given to a Year 6 child for their all-round contribution to school life, their fantastic work ethic and much more. This year, we were proud to award the Usher Cup to Alice. She has been an amazing member of our school who thoroughly deserves this award. Well done, Alice.

This has been an extremely busy month and the children have remained focused on their learning and finishing off their topics. I know you will be pleased to read about what has happened this month. Please ensure you read the sections referring to school uniform, school dinner payments so that you can be ready for the start of term in September.

Staff farewells:

I would like to say goodbye and good luck to a few other members of the school staff. Adam Gross, Andy Truswell, Mel Course, Jen Street and Rachel Muff are all leaving and moving on to other things. They have all contributed massively to the school and we wish them all the luck in the future. The children have loved having them in the school and they will all be missed.

Quad Kids Athletic Competition:

On 6th June, some children in Year 5 and 6 went to a Quad Kids Athletic competition at St Ives. The children took part in a range of events from running races to throwing competitions. The children had a great afternoon and competed fantastically.

Reception Paxton Pits

On Thursday 8th June, the reception children got to go to Paxton Pits where they got hands on with nature. A favourite was the pond dipping. The children's behaviour was fantastic and was commented on by the leaders from Paxton Pits.

Cricket Tournament:

On Tuesday 13th June, a Year 5 and 6 mixed team took part in a cricket tournament at Eaton Socon. The children played amazingly, and they came 3rd only losing by a few runs.

Gulliver's Land Summer Trip

On Thursday 15th June, Year 4 and 5 went to Gulliver's World. The children loved every minute of it. They split into different groups according to how brave they were and went and found rides that matched this bravery. Some of the adults came back looking rather 'peeky' having been forced to go on certain rides numerous times. The children were brilliant throughout the day.

Fire Safety Trip to St. Neots Fire Station

On Friday 23rd June, the Year 6 children visited St Neots Fire Station. There were lots of external agencies there such as the police, fire and RSPCA and they shared with the children how to be safe. The children loved acting out ringing the fire service and then making sure they got themselves safely out of the room.

NFL National Finals

On Wednesday 28th June, having won the regional competition, our NFL team then got to take part in the National competition. The children got to go to Tottenham Hotspur's ground where they competed with teams from across the country. They got to meet stars from America that had come over especially for the event. The children (and staff) had an amazing day. A real once in a lifetime opportunity.

Girl's football

On Tuesday 4th July, some Year 5 and 6 girls got to take part in a football festival at St Neots football club. They played lots of games against other schools with the main priority being on having fun. The girls all came back with smiles on their faces and lots of stories of what they had got up to.

Bosch

On the week of the 3rd of July, Year 6 have had the opportunity to go across to Bosch to complete some STEM activities. The children had a wonderful time investigating lots of things around hydraulics. Bosch then came into school to complete a Lego project with our Year 2 and 3 children. The children made lots of Lego structures powered by mechanisms. The children all loved the opportunity to build.

Sports Day

We managed to beat the weather and host our Sports Day on Wednesday 5th July. Year 3 to 6 took part in the morning and Reception to Year 2 took part in the afternoon. It was lovely to see all the taking competing against other whilst cheering on the other races.

PTA (Parent Teacher Association) Summer Games night

On Thursday 6th July, the PTA organised a Summer Games night. The children that attended had a wonderful time. A highlight of everyone was having the opportunity to soak the teacher. I got absolutely soaked but the children had a great time which was the main aim. Mrs Harradine was in school for this event, and it was a great opportunity to show her what a fantastic community Winhills is. When we both stood back and watched, the children were all engaged, having fun, and enjoying themselves. The older children were helping the younger children on certain events and there were big smiles on all faces. A massive thank you for all the support that the PTA has given over the last year. It has allowed the children to have lots of fun activities organised for them whilst also earning money for the school.

Sponsored Sports Extravaganza- School Council

The children took part in a sponsored sports extravaganza on Friday 7th July. It was run by the school council and was a great success raising much needed funds for the school. The total so far is over £2000. The school council wanted to raise money to paint the playground and get equipment for the school playground. Watch this space in September and October.

Paradise Park

On Friday 14th July, Year 1, 2 and 3 went to Paradise Park. They really enjoyed getting to see all the animals and finding out lots of facts about them. Although a damp day, the children all came back very excited, tired and with lots of stories to share.

Arbor Information

Please make sure that you are signed up on Arbor. This is the school's 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 has recently released the Arbor app, which can be downloaded from the app store.

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.

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.

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. 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 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 £2.35, meals for nursery children are £2.10 and adult meals are £2.41. **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.** As you know, any parent, grandparent, aunt, or uncle can book a dinner with a child in the school any day of the week, but we do need 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 16TH June 2023

Achievement Awards

Aaron	Mayson	Eva
Ramsey	Anna	Riley
Cameron	Ethan	Lexie
Aurelia	Noah	

WAC – Aimee

RRR - Freddie

Art Reegon

Friday 23rd June 2023

Achievement Awards

Alexander	Emma	Christopher
Alana	Alex	Lucy
Saffron	Logan	Alex
Alice		

WAC – Ariana

RRR - Elliott

Art Kaja

Friday 30th June 2023

Achievement Awards

Bailey	Kaja	Isaac
Ryan	Mitzie	Amelia
Saffron	lyla-Rose	Ellie
Poppy	Kira	Adela
Bethany		

RRR – Benji

WAC- Jack

Art- Shannon

Friday 7th July 2023

Achievement Awards

Leilah-Rey	Elizabeth	Noah
Logan	Thomas	Abigail
Jack	Adania	
Sophie	Isla	

RRR – Toby

WAC- Jade

Art- Aurora

Term dates 2023-2024

Autumn Term 2023

Friday 1st September 2023

Training Day

Monday 4th September 2023

Autumn Term Starts

Monday 23rd- Friday 27th October 2023

October Half Term

Monday 30th October 2023

Training Day

Tuesday 31st October 2023

Autumn Term Continues

Wednesday 20th December 2023

Term Ends op.

Yours sincerely

Mr. John Turner

Head of School

On behalf of Winhills Primary Academy (part of TDLPT)