



October 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a wonderful start to the year. The children have all settled back into school with smiles on their faces. The weather certainly has started to feel more autumnal. Over the half term, the clocks change and the evenings will get darker a lot quicker, so please remind all your children to wear bright clothes if they are playing out with friends.

The children have had lots of extra activities that they have taken part in over the start of term. Below are some of the highlights.

I would like to say a massive thank you for all the kind donations of food for our harvest festival on the 4th October 2022. All donations have been given to the St. Neots Foodbank. We managed to donate over 75kg of food. This will be a massive help to lots of families over the winter.

DLPT Sports Event –Football:

A team of children from Year 5 and 6 attended a football competition at St Neots Town FC on Thursday 29th September. It was an event for a mixture of children and it was great to see them all playing together and supporting each other so well. They all played fantastic games of football.

Year 6 Trip to St. Neots Museum:

Year 6 were lucky enough to visit St. Neots Museum on Tuesday 4th October. This linked in well with the topic that the children are doing on local history. The children started by having a walk around the town looking at the history. Once they had done this, they headed back to the museum where they studied all the exhibits. The museum commented on how well behaved and inquisitive the children were. Well done Year 6.

DLPT Sports Events

The Autumn term saw the return of the much anticipated 2022-23 KS2 DLP Trust Events. Trust Events give each year group in KS2 the chance to compete in different sports against other age groups from the St Neots Hub schools. After last year's Event coinciding with Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games, this term's events were highly competitive and played in great spirit. They played football, netball, and dodgeball.

The KS2 year groups were a credit to the school and showed fantastic determination and excellent team work. All the results were very close and the Year 6's narrowly missed first place by securing a fantastic second place. The Year 3 children went one better and lifted the trophy and were crowned Year 3 DLPT Autumn winners in their first ever event! Seeing the children enjoying themselves so much while taking part in outdoor activities was the biggest accomplishment of the games and everyone is already looking forward to the Summer Games!

Dodgeball at Winhills:

Over this half term, Winhills hosted two dodgeball tournaments. One was for Year 3 and 4 and the second for Year 5 and 6. The children played against other Trust schools and were a credit to Winhills with their teamwork and sportsmanship. They all played with a big smile on their faces and the Year 5 and 6 team lifted the trophy.

Caxton Farm Trip Year 4:

Year 4 visited Caxton Farm on Thursday 13th October. They learnt lots of information about the farm and completed a range of activities. They were able to pick and try some vegetables from the garden, they counted worms in the patches of soil, they learnt about a combine harvester and they used hand mills to turn grains of wheat into flour. Not only did they complete these fantastic activities but they also buried some cotton pants. Towards the end of Spring term, some children will return to the farm and dig the pants back up. They will then be able to see how good the soil is based on what remains from the cotton pants.

PTA (Parent Teacher Association) Film Night:

The PTA held a film night on Thursday 13th October 2022. The children had a fantastic evening with them engrossed in the film. The PTA all provided them with popcorn, a pack of sweets and a drink. It was lovely to see all the children having such a fantastic evening and we look forward to future events. A big thank you to the members of the PTA who organised the event. If anyone would like to volunteer to help the PTA, please email or speak to the school office and they will be able to give you details.

Tag Rugby Event:

On Tuesday 18th October, 10 children from Year 5 and 6 competed in a Tag Rugby competition at St. Neots Rugby Club. They all played fantastically and came second out of the entire competition. They won all their matches but unfortunately lost 5-4 in the final.

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.

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 £2.75. **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.** As you know, any parent, grandparent, aunt, or uncle can book to have 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 September 2022

Achievement Awards

Freddie	Shannon	Joel			
Arianna	Daisy	Cerys			
Romilly	Tristan				
<u>WAC</u> -	Emilly-Jane	<u>RRR</u> -	Reegon	<u>Art</u>	Lucy

Friday 23rd September 2022

Achievement Awards

Primrose	Layla	Xavier			
Frankie	Sophie				
Anastasia	Junior				
<u>WAC</u> -	Tristan	<u>RRR</u> -	Sam	<u>Art</u>-	Kyle

Friday 30th September 2022

Achievement Awards

Jasmine	Aurora				
Toby	Kianna				
George	Flavio				
Teddy					
<u>RRR</u> -	Bailey	<u>WAC</u>-	Ethan	<u>Art</u>-	Jamie

Friday 7th October 2022

Achievement Awards

Kacie	Ella	
Emily	Reagan	
Georgia-Lee	Leo	
Cameron		

RRR – Wesley WAC- Elliott Art- Adela

Friday 14th October 2022

Achievement Awards

Charlie	Lucas	
Sharnella	Macey	
Igor	Lexi	
Finley	Poppy	

RRR – Kathy WAC- Alice Art- Poppy

Friday 21st October 2022

Achievement Awards

Katy	Anna-Lea	
Jack	Eliza	
Cohen	McKenzie	
Evalyn		

RRR – Lilianna WAC- Tomaiya Art- Archie

Term dates 202-2023

Autumn Term 2022

Monday 24 th –Friday 28 th October 2022	Half Term
Monday 31 st October 2022	Training Day
Tuesday 1 st November 2022	Autumn Term Continues
Wednesday 21 st December 2022r	Term Ends
Thursday 19 th December	Training Day
Friday 20 th December	Training Day

Yours sincerely

J.W. Turner

Mr. John Turner

Head of School

On behalf of Winhills Primary Academy (part of TDLPT)