



Dear Parent or Carer,

What a busy half term we have had here at Winhills! The children returned to school in September with a very positive frame of mind and settled back in to learning really quickly. Myself, Mr Nelson and Clark have been made to feel very welcome by the whole community, for that we thank you all.

The last 6 weeks have flown by, with lots of exciting learning opportunities. We hope you enjoy reading about some of the different sport events below.

As the clocks will change over half term, remember that it will be getting darker earlier and colder. Make sure children have clothing appropriate for the weather; bright coloured coats, hats, scarfs, and gloves. Please name everything as we do end up with a lot of lost property, some of which is brand new!

Have a great half term break, we look forward to seeing you back on 31st October.

Tuesday 3rd October 2023 –DLPT Sports Event – Rising Stars Yr3 and Yr4.

This month, Winhills was hugely proud to host the first Rising Stars Trust Event of the year: Y4/3 Dodgeball. The event saw teams from the local St Neots hub schools compete against each other in various matches that were very closely contested. The children of Winhills had an amazing time and were magnificent throughout the event, displaying great sportsmanship. Although we narrowly missed out on the final spots, one of our super stars was awarded a special medal for their honesty, friendliness, and respect towards the other competitors. Well done Colin, we're very proud of you!

Wednesday 11th October 2023 –DLPT Sports Event – Rising Stars Yr5 and Yr6.

On Wednesday 11th October, Winhills hosted a DLPT football competition. We had two teams representing Winhills and all of the children were incredible! Both teams came 3rd in the tournament and the final came down to goal difference for both teams! It was really close and there were lots of fantastic goals.

Thursday 12th October 2023- Girls Football match

Winhills hosted a girls football match against Alconbury on Thursday 12th October. This game was incredibly close with Alconbury winning 6-5! The sportsmanship showed in this game was amazing! All of the girls were supportive of each other and the opposing team, they always congratulated each other on goals and great saves.

Tuesday 17th October 2023 –DLPT Tag Rugby Event

On Tuesday 17th October we travelled to Middlefield Primary Academy for a DLPT Tag Rugby Event. The team were amazing, winning all of their group games and reaching the final. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be and we lost to Middlefield in the final. The team were described as spectacular; showing amazing team spirit and working together in an exemplary fashion. A special mention to Benji for receiving a medal for being player of the tournament, we are super proud!

Important Messages and reminders:

Year 6 parents

Just a reminder that the application deadline for the year 6 students moving onto Secondary School is 31st October 2023. For those of you that have not yet completed it please use the following link: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/apply-for-a-school-place>

Parent Survey 2023

Just a reminder to complete the online survey, if you haven't already.

The link is below, it will remain open until the Friday after half term.

<http://perspective.angelsolutions.co.uk/diagnostics/Survey.aspx?link=0974e718-0847-493c-9506-02e738c6db91>

Friends of Winhills Primary Academy P.T.A (Parent Teacher Association)

The PTA (Parent Teacher Association) have been working hard to plan events for this year. Their first event will be a film night for Y1 to Y6 on 2nd November 3.20pm-5.15pm. Tickets are £3 per child. For this they will get to watch Hotel Transylvania 4, with refreshments. A letter with all of the details has gone home separately.

Their fun events and contributions to the school wouldn't be possible without the continued support of volunteers and PTA members. If you wish to sign up to help, find out more about what the PTA do, give feedback or to receive regular reminders on upcoming events, have a look at their new Facebook group: Winhills PTA.

Governors – Community Governor Opportunity

Winhills Primary is looking for a Community Member to join their Local Governing Body (LGB). This would be fantastic opportunity for someone from our community to help support our school, maybe a grandparent or friend.

Our wonderful school is part of the Diamond Learning Partnership Trust (DLPT), a multi academy trust focused on the provision of top-class Primary education.

The aim of The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust is that every child in its schools achieves the highest possible standards through a relentless focus on high quality teaching and learning.

A Community member, as part of the LGB, will help to ensure that all children at the school are receiving a high-quality education and that they are making rapid progress towards achieving their full potential. It is also part of the role to consider whether resources available to the school are appropriate and deployed effectively.

- Each LGB member is appointed for four years.
- The LGB meets once a term.
- You will be encouraged to visit school formally, with the agreement of the head teacher, as part of LGB monitoring activity.

Training and support is provided.

To find out more about the role of the LGB please visit our website [DLPT Scheme of Delegation](#)

Parking

A quick reminder to all to ensure that we park safely and considerately around school. It is so important that we park safely for the safety of our children and families. 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.

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 £2.55, meals for nursery children are £2.41 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.** 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 require at least one day's notice where possible.

Attendance

Attendance is a priority here at Winhills Primary Academy, as it is in every school. If your child's attendance falls below 95% you can expect to receive a letter to alert you to this. There is a direct link between attendance and achievement.

Achievement Awards

Well, done to all the children who have received awards so far this term. I look forward to presenting many more awards this academic year.

Friday 15th September 2023

Weekly Achievement Awards. Isla, Toby, Rhys, Finley, Ethan, Ryan, Ethan and Benji		
	RRR Award- Freya	WAC Award- Evie

Friday 22nd September 2023

Weekly Achievement Awards Kacie, Logan, Maia, Violet, Leo, Tom, Kenna, and Noah		
Art Award – Lois	RRR Award- Freddie	WAC Award- Elizabeth

Fr 29th September 2023

Weekly Achievement Awards Daniel, Bailey, Jack, Oscar, Mayson, Kira, Flo, and Lucy		
Art Award- Anastasia	RRR Award – Isla	WAC Award- Jessica

Friday 6th October 2023

Weekly Achievement Awards Harley, Celina, Kye, Igor, Michael, Sophia, Mason, and Daisy		
Art Award- Eva	RRR Award – Ryan	WAC Award- Jennifer

Friday 13th October 2023

Weekly Achievement Awards Ivan, Henry, Sharnella, Colin, David, Alivia, Ella, and Scarlett		
Art Award- Hollie	RRR Award – Georgia-Lee	WAC Award- Simran

Friday 20th October 2023

Weekly Achievement Awards Ethan, Calie-Jay, Buddy, Cameron, Layla, Amber, Mason, and Noah		
Art Award- Amelia	RRR Award – Emily	WAC Award- Sophie

Term dates Autumn Term 2023

Monday 30th October 2023	Trust Training Day
Tuesday 31st October 2023	Autumn Term Continues
Monday 6th November 2023	Individual School Photographs
Wednesday 20th December 2023	Term Ends
Thursday 4th January 2024	Trust Training Day
Friday 5th January 2024	Training Day
Monday 8th January 2024	Spring Term Starts
Thursday 18th January 2024	Young Voices

Have a great half term break, and a good rest. We look forward to seeing all of the children back at school on 31st October.

Kind Regards



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Winhills Primary Academy