

27<sup>th</sup> March 2015

Dear Parents

We have reached the end of the spring term on a very positive note. The children thoroughly enjoyed their treat yesterday for Reward day. They fully deserved this for working so hard this term and completing all their homework.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Read, Write, Inc workshop recently and the ICE Zone workshop. Parents found the sessions very informative, it was wonderful to see parents eager to take part in the activities and the children were very proud to show their learning journals. We will run these sessions again for parents to attend next term.

We raised £218.84 for Comic Relief, thank you for all your donations. The children enjoyed wearing their funny hats to school.

March has been a busy and exciting month for sports competitions at Winhills. We have participated in many different sports competitions this year including football, tag rugby, gymnastics, netball and different festivals.

### **Gymnastics**

Six year 4 children were chosen to compete at an entry level gymnastics competition on 3<sup>rd</sup> March. The year 4 class showed fantastic strengths in gymnastics which really shone through at the competition. The children were asked to perform a floor and a body management routine followed by a running vault. The children had a fantastic time at Huntingdon Gymnasium and were pleased to come fourth in our first ever gymnastics event. Well done to all the children that participated.

### **Football**

There are so many competitions for football throughout the year. This competition was hosted at Alconbury Primary School on 18<sup>th</sup> March and the year 5/6 A team were invited to participate. Even though it was absolutely freezing, the children played excellently throughout the tournament. Overall, Winhills came fourth in the competition. A fantastic effort from all that took part..

### **Tag Rugby**

After successfully winning the St Neots competition back in November, Winhills was selected to represent Huntingdonshire in the county Tag Rugby tournament on 19<sup>th</sup> March. The whole team played fantastically. Without losing a game, Winhills came second due to points difference. This competition was the first county competition for many years that we had been selected to play in, we are incredibly proud of our Tag Rugby team.

**World Book Day** was enjoyed by everyone on Thursday 5th March, all the children received a brand new book and throughout the day took part in DEAR (Drop Everything and Read, another enjoyable aspect of the day looking at the puppets which many of the children had made – well done to the competition winners. Some children were also lucky enough to buy a book from the Book Fair in the hall, more than £350 was spent which means that we have a healthy commission to spend on new books for school.

**Assemblies** have included Father Paul, Actios, Tiny Giants (road safety). Mr Suali also came in to show the children Indian drumming and dance. The children who participated in the assembly clearly have enjoyed this opportunity. We were also very fortunate to have a visit from a theatre company who performed The Jungle Book. The children thoroughly enjoyed the performance and pictures can be found on the school website, in the gallery section.

### **Attendance**

We take attendance very seriously across the Diamond Learning Partnership Trust and we work closely with the Local Authority when attendance is an issue and does not improve with our efforts. Unfortunately one of our families has recently been found guilty of not sending their child to school and received a fine from the magistrates court, it is not often that the Local Authority get involved but we are required to report families who are not ensuring their children attend school regularly and on time.

On a more positive note our attendance for this term so far is 95.4% which is just over the national average. We have had a couple of bouts of illness which has brought our overall percentage down but with the good weather coming I hope to see it creeping back up again. Thank you to all of our parents who are making sure their children are in school on time and ready to learn everyday.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015 Achievement Awards**

Rihanna Tembo	Charlie Sizer	Cayden Greet
Kayleigh Raffaelli	Archie Palmer	Harry Hedges

**WAC** - Alfie Clinton-Berry

**RRR** - Lucy Parker

**ART** - Sophie Sefton

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015**  
**Achievement Awards**

Isla Mc Shane	Olivia Frankiewicz	Joshua Ralph
William Simpson	Amanpreet Kaur	Mason Judge
David Burden	Thomas Williams	

**WAD** - Harry Hedges

**RRR** - Alicia Hodgson

**ART** - Sezin Su Surensay

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015**  
**Achievement Awards**

Kyle Raffaelli	Callum Oxborough	Siddharth Seenivasan
Ella Hayward	Alfie Baker	Megan Simmen
Toby Simpson	Mollie Morphew	

**WAD** - Chloe Vogel

**RRR** - Dylan Elwart

**ART** - Maria Farrugis

**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 5 days.

**Friends of Winhills School Association**

Friends of Winhills School Association meet regularly; each meetings starts at 6.00pm and lasts for about 1 hour. Everyone is welcome to attend and support our hardworking committee. The next meetings are scheduled for:  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015 & Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2015

**School Uniform**

Children need to have their PE kit and a pair of wellies in school at all times. 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.**

**New in stock – PE/Swim bags printed with logo £4.00**

## **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 for children in Year 3, 4 5 & 6 is £2.15 and for children in Nursery the cost is £1.90 per child from September. Adult meals are charged at £3.00 per adult. Payment can now be made online. **Your child should have come home with a letter regarding online payments, however, if this has not been received or you need help with setting this up please contact the office.** You may order lunches on a daily basis 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 require at least one day's notice where possible.

## **Future Dates**

26 <sup>th</sup> March 2015	Reward Day
15 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2015	Grafham Water residential, Yr 4 children
4 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day – No school
11 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> May 2015	SATs
1 <sup>st</sup> June	Staff Training – No pupils in school
8 <sup>th</sup> July 2015	KS2 Performance 1.30pm & 6.00pm
9 <sup>th</sup> July 2015	KS2 Performance 6.00pm
15 <sup>th</sup> July 2015	Garden Party Yr 6
17 <sup>th</sup> July 2015	Reward Day
20 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2015	Hilltop residential, Yr6 children

## **Term Dates 2014-2015**

### **Spring Term 2015**

27<sup>th</sup> March

Term Ends

### **Summer Term 2015**

13<sup>th</sup> April

Term Starts

4<sup>th</sup> May

May Day Holiday

25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May

Half Term

1<sup>st</sup> June

Staff Training

22<sup>nd</sup> July

Term Ends

## Term dates 2015-2016

### Autumn term 2015

2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Staff Training Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Term Starts
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Staff Training Day
26 <sup>th</sup> October to 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Staff Training Day
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Term Ends

### Spring term 2016

4 <sup>th</sup> January	Staff Training Day
5 <sup>th</sup> January	Term Starts
15 <sup>th</sup> February to 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Term Ends

### Summer term 2016

11 <sup>th</sup> April	Term Starts
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	May Day
30 <sup>th</sup> May to 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Half Term
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Term Ends for Pupils
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Staff Training Day

Yours sincerely



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Head of School  
On behalf of Winhills Primary Academy (part of TDLPT)

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### We welcome any comments you may have below:

To: Mrs Diane Mitchell, Head of School, Winhills Primary Academy, Off Duck Lane, St Neots, PE19 2DX

Child's name:

Comment: