

# Winhills Primary Academy

Part of The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust

Established in the Queen's Jubilee Year 2012

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Head of School: Mr John Turner BSc PGCE

Dear Parents/Carers

As I write this we are already coming to the end of our first half term. I cannot believe how quickly the time has passed. At the moment, we are into that real autumn feel as the evenings get darker. With this in mind, please remind your children to dress brightly if out and about so that they can be seen. We will have an assembly on this road safety theme early next term as the clocks change.

As you are aware, Winhills had an Ofsted Inspection on Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October, I would like to express my thanks for your support and congratulate the children for their behavior during the inspection, we should receive the full report in a few weeks.

I would like to say a massive thank you for all the kind donations of food for our harvest festival. It was a fantastic effort. All these donations will be taken to the local food bank to be used over the coming months.

We have had a busy few weeks since the last newsletter. See below for some of the highlights. Do remember to check out our two weekly newsletters sent out by staff detailing what the children have been up to in the curriculum.

## **Year 5 and 6 Girls Football**

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018 the Winhills Football team competed in the Hunts school Sports Partnership at St. Neots Football club. The children played excellently and really impressed Mrs Culver with their superb sportsmanship. Mrs Culver was very impressed and stated "the team approached every game with the same conviction, great team spirit". A super effort from everyone! Well done.

## **Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby**

I was lucky enough to take the children over to Huntingdon for the Tag Rugby. It is always a pleasure to spend the afternoon outside of school with the children. Although a bit damp and chilly, the children had a great time competing against lots of other schools. There was some fantastic rugby played and there are some budding future stars. As always, the children's behaviour was exemplary and the team spirit they showed was amazing. Well done all.

## **Bikeability**

Last week we had instructors in to work with some year 5 and 6 children. They spent the first morning on our playground with the children making sure they were ready to go out on the road. They then spend the next sessions out on the road with the children teaching them how to stay safe on the road. This is a fantastic opportunity and is open to all year 5 and 6 children every year and is completely free. Look out for the letter towards the end of the academic year.

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### **Year 6 English Challenge**

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018 some of our year 6 students attended the Year 6 English challenge which was hosted at Roundhouse School. The children took part in a selection of reading, writing and grammar challenges. Winhills were commended in the basic skills round and demonstrated excellent team spirit well done to all those who took part.

### **Year 5 and 6 DLPT Sports Event**

Winhills welcomed schools from across the Trust to the Year 5 and 6 Sports event this week. They competed in Netball, Football and Dodgeball. All schools played each other. The Year 6 children came joint second and the Year 5 children came second. The children all played in a competitive manner but were also fantastic sports. Well done to the Year 5 and 6 children. The Year 3 and 4 events will be held next half term. A big thank you to Mr Franco and the PE leads from across the trust for organising it and continuing to give our children fantastic sporting opportunities.

### **Year 6 pupils transferring to Secondary School in September 2019**

If your child is currently in year 6 the deadline to apply for a Year 7 Secondary School place is **31st October 2018**. Applications received after this date will be considered late and you will not receive an offer letter until 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

### **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.

### Friends of Winhills School Association

Thank you to all who came along to the Friends Winhills PTA AGM meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018. The following people were appointed by vote:

Chair-Mrs Parker  
Vice Chair-Mrs Sharpe  
Treasurer- Mrs Laing  
Secretary-Miss Brooks

A Halloween Film Night has already been planned by the PTA and on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> October each class was given a "Piggy Bank" any loose change sent in with the children would be great. The highest earning class will win a prize. All money raised will be for the PTA and the school.

The next meeting will be announced shortly. We would encourage as many people to come as possible to help raise funds for the school.

### 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.**

**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 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.

### 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 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018

##### Achievement Awards

Noah Greet	Thomas Meadows	Tomi Owonibi
Jessica King	Cameron Seal	Lyndon Tunnah
Alfie Backhouse	Archie Scotcher	

**WAC** - Noah Southwood

**RRR** - Anthony Clarkson

**ART** - Eliza Walsh

#### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018

##### Achievement Awards

Jack Portway	Rosie Ashby	Keanen Hanley
Advith Kallpalley	Mollie-May Ellis	Yasmyne Bryan

**RRR** - Mijana Snapkauskaitė

**ART** - Sophia Moores-Carrington

#### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018

##### Achievement Awards

Jayden Olivacce	Jack Cornwell	Theo Hayward
Lola Brown	Mia Hodgson	Sebastian Stray
Erin Sefton	Scarlet Watson	Aaron Albone

**WAC** - Summer Elwart

### Term dates 2018-2019

#### Autumn Term 2018

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Half Term

Staff Training Day

Children Return

Deadline for Yr6 applications for Secondary  
School Sept 2018

10<sup>th</sup> December

KS1 performance 10.00am

10<sup>th</sup> December

KS2 performance 1.30pm

10<sup>th</sup> December

KS2 Performance 6.00pm

11<sup>th</sup> December

KS1 Performance 10.00am

11<sup>th</sup> December

Reception performance 2pm

December

Second KS2 performance TBC

12<sup>th</sup> December

Reception Performance 10am

12<sup>th</sup> December

KS1 Performance 2pm

13<sup>th</sup> December

Achievement assembly Reception 10am

14<sup>th</sup> December

Achievement assembly KS1 9.00 am

17<sup>th</sup> December

Achievement assembly KS2 9.00 am

18<sup>th</sup> December

Reward day.

19<sup>th</sup> December

Term ends

20<sup>th</sup> December- 2<sup>nd</sup> January

Half Term

3<sup>rd</sup> January

Staff training day

4<sup>th</sup> January

Staff training day

7<sup>th</sup> January

Term Starts

Yours sincerely

J. W. Turner

Mr. John Turner  
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: Mr. John Turner, Head of School, Winhills Primary Academy, Off Duck Lane, St Neots, PE19 2DX

Child's name:

Comment:

