

# Winhills Primary Academy

Part of The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust

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Dear Parents

As I write this, I cannot believe that it is nearly Christmas. This term has really flown by. We have certainly had a very busy term. It has been lovely over the last week to see so many children receiving awards for great achievements in their phonics, mathematics and reading regularly at home.

I hope that you enjoyed the Christmas performances from all the children involved. The children worked really hard on all of these and looked and sounded fantastic. Thank you for all of the support that you gave to the children.

## Christmas decoration winners

Nursery	Layla Bolton
Reception	Junior Edwards Shantaya Hargrave- Griffith
Amber Class	Kai Saunders
Emerald Class	Maria Rujoiu
Sunstone Class	Daisy Wolstoncroft
Moonstone Class	Megan Nankivell (overall winner)
Sapphire Class	Maria Wisniewska
Amethyst Class	Jessica Corley
Turquoise Class	Joshua Ralph
Quartz Class	William Simpson

## Royal Opera House- Hansel and Gretel

The Year 5 children were lucky enough to go to the Royal Opera house to watch Hansel and Gretel. When they arrived at Covent Garden, they got to see the wonderful Christmas decorations and were able to watch some street performers. The children really enjoyed their opera experience and I'm sure it's one they will never forget.

**Reward Day** was a great success on Tuesday. The children (and the staff!) had great fun. Key Stage 2 walked to the cinema to see Sherlock Gnomes. The Reception, Year 1 and 2 teachers enjoyed a wonderful show by, 'Matthew Garrett' the magician.

This morning Key Stage 2 visited St Mary's church joining the children from Middlefield and Round House. The children sang Christmas Carols and listened to readings which was a lovely end to a busy term.

## Winhills PTA

I would like to thank the Winhills PTA for all their hard work this term. We have had a very successful film night and a great Christmas Fair. As well as the children having lots of fun, we have also raised money for the school. We will update you with the amount next term. We look forward to next term.

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### 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/dairy/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 considerably 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 5 days.

### 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 £2.25 and for children in Nursery the cost is £2.00 per child from September. Adult meals are charged at £3.25 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**

30 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Young Voices, Yr. 6 at O2
6 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	SEND Parents Evening
4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Grafham Water Residential
8 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Year 3 Fitzwilliam Museum (Letters to be sent out after Christmas)
12 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Parents Evening
13 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Parents Evening
15 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Year 4 Fitzwilliam Museum (Letters to be sent out after Christmas)
5 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	Reward Day
19 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	SEND Parents Evening
15 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	KS2 Performance 1.30pm & 6pm
16 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	KS2 Performance 6pm
18 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Yr. 6 Garden Party
19 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Reward Day
22 <sup>nd</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Yr6 Hilltop Residential

### **Term dates 2018-2019**

#### **Spring term 2019**

3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Staff Training Day
4 <sup>th</sup> January	Staff Training Day
7 <sup>th</sup> January	Term Starts
18 <sup>th</sup> February-22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Half Term
5 <sup>th</sup> April	Term Ends

#### **Summer term 2016**

23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Term Starts
6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day
27 <sup>th</sup> May-31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half Term
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Training Day
24 <sup>th</sup> July	Term Ends

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, I hope you enjoy the festive holiday and look forward to seeing you all in 2019.

Yours sincerely

*J. W. Turner*

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

