

# Winhills Primary Academy

Part of The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust

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Dear Parents

Year 6 will leave us and begin the next stage of their school life at Senior School. They have contributed a fantastic amount to the school and we will miss them.

Emily Agius  
Frederick Ayres  
Alfie Baker  
Layla-Grace Coleman  
Mihai Boz  
Toby Brown  
Westleigh Bruce Patmore  
Freddie Bundy  
Kyle Christie  
Matthew Clarkson

Hollie- Grace Clinton- Berry  
Chloe Cox  
Dylan Elwart  
Leah Huckle  
Alexandra Jeffery- Villarta  
Lilly-Sue Johnson  
Alex Kaitano  
Ines Lopez- Company  
Harmony Murkett  
Connie Nutter

Rachel Pelbrough  
Sam Prentice  
Mia Providence White  
Kayleigh Raffaelli  
Erin Riley  
Skye Robinson  
Shanice Sinfield  
Blake Tunnah  
Karla Webb

Staff hosted a '**Garden Party**' for the Year Six children

As has been tradition over the past few years, a Garden Party was held in honour of our departing Year 6 leavers. The Year 6 children and staff from Winhills attended the party on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July, and it was fantastic to see the children dressed up for the occasion. They all enjoyed having photographs, a buffet, dancing and singing their leavers song. It was a pleasure to host the Garden Party and we will miss the children greatly next year.

Many of the Year Six children will be spending their last few days at Winhills away on a residential course with their classmates and teachers at Hilltop in Norfolk. They will have lots of fun plus the opportunity to challenge themselves with adventure activities including high ropes, assault course, zip wire and mountain bikes.

This has been an extremely busy month and the children have remained focused in their learning and finishing off their topics. I know you will be pleased to read about what has happened this month. Please ensure you read the sections referring to school uniform, school dinner payments so that you can be ready for the start of term in September.

## Pirates of the Curry Bean

Our KS2 production this year was The Pirates of the Curry Bean, a lighthearted and humorous show about a band of pirates searching for missing treasure. The children from Year 6 took on the main acting and speaking roles, with Years 3, 4 and 5 supporting with singing and dancing throughout the show. The children performed three shows on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July, and it was fantastic to see so many people attending and supporting the children. The shows were superb and we were so impressed with the acting, singing and dancing, and a particular thanks to the members of the KS2 team for all their help with the props, costumes, set design and time spent learning lines, songs and dances with the children.

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### **Sports Day**

Reception and Nursery were superstars in their first sports day, they demonstrated excellent support for all their friends as they took part in a variety of races. There were some speedy runners and some careful balancing as the children all thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

It was a delight to see so many adults turn up to watch Sports Day.

The Key Stage One children had a fabulous afternoon running lots of different races. It was great to see each child covered in so many wonderful stickers. The Key Stage Two children challenged themselves in their events. All of the children were fantastic and had a great Sports Day making all of the adults proud. It was lovely to hear so many parents comment on how much they enjoyed the events.

### **Reception school trip Paxton Pits**

Reception went to Paxton Pits on their school trip last week. The children took part in bug hunting, bird watching and pond dipping, exploring and finding out about all the animals that live on and around the nature reserve. They absolutely loved using the fantastic resources that the Environmental Education Centre provided them with and they learnt a lot about the animals and their habitats. They were impeccably behaved and we were extremely proud of all of them.

### **Year 1 and 2 school trip to Hunstanton Beach**

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July, KS1 travelled to Old Hunstanton. They had a wonderful time playing in the sand, building sandcastles and paddling in the sea. Some even buried each other (and some staff!). Their behaviour was fantastic throughout the day and they also enjoyed their ice lolly at the end of the day.

### **Year 3 school trip to Kew Gardens**

To link with their Science work on plants and their Geography learning about the Amazonian Rainforest, Year 3 visited Kew Gardens for the day. Despite the very high temperatures, they all had a brilliant time and were stunned by incredible plants and trees. Particular highlights were the slightly scary 'Treetop Walkway', the hot and humid tropical house where they saw bananas and coffee growing, the stunning 'Hive' which had flashing lights to mirror the communications of bees in a real hive and also the amazing cacti in the Princess of Wales glasshouse. The children even saw tropical fish and a real iguana but Miss Smith's favourite was the Lily House with its beautiful flowers and enormous lily pads.

### **Year 3 trip to Poetry Festival**

Year 3 were fantastic at the St Neots Poetry Festival in the Priory Centre at the beginning of July. They behaved beautifully and performed their poems brilliantly. They remembered all the actions for 'The Blind men and the Elephant' and were complimented on their use of props and sound effects in the 'Ning, Nang, Nong'.

### **Year 5 School Trip National Space Centre Leicester**

On Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> of June, Year 5 children went to the National Space Centre in Leicester. They had a fantastic day exploring the range of exhibitions, learning about the universe and our solar system. They visited the Sir Patrick Moor Planetarium where they watched a film about being an astronaut; the effects were amazing! All the children enjoyed the interactive activities, especially the huge Thor rocket.

### **MFL Story Telling**

Some Year 5 students spent the day at Ernulf Academy learning The Hungry Caterpillar in French. They thoroughly enjoyed their experience.

### **Year 6 visited Bosch**

Year 6 had the opportunity to visit the Bosch Rexroth offices on Cromwell Road to take part in a Science and Maths morning looking at the role of an engineer, and how the skills they learn can be transferred into jobs later in life. The children looked at hydraulics and completed a number of scientific challenges. We hope this has inspired them to continue to work hard in science and maths at secondary school, and thank Bosch for volunteering their time to support the school.

### **Music Festival**

Year 2 had a lovely morning visiting the Priory centre this month where they joined other schools in St, Neots at the annual music festival. They sang brilliantly.

### **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 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. 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 for children in Year 3, 4 5 & 6 from September is £2.25; adult meals will be £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.

## **Term 2018-2019**

### **Autumn Term**

4 <sup>TH</sup> September 2018	Training Day
5 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	Term Starts
5 <sup>th</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	Creative week
7 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	Yr6 swimming sessions start
14 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	Yr1 & Yr2 History off the page "Castles day"
28 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	Individual school photos
10 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	SEND Parents Evening
16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Parents Evening
22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2018- 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Half Term
29 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Training Day

I would like to thank you all for your continued support this year and enjoy the summer break with your child.

Finally, I would like to dedicate a poem to the Year 6 parents.

Dear Year 6 Parents,

I give you back your child, the same child you confidently entrusted to my care last September. I give them back inches taller, months wiser, more responsible, and more mature than they were then. Although they would have attained their growth in spite of us, it has been our pleasure and privilege to watch their personality unfold day by day and marvel at this splendid miracle of development.

I give them back reluctantly, for having spent nine months together in the narrow confines of a crowded school, we have grown close, have become a part of each other, and we shall always retain a little of each other.

Ten years from now if we meet on the street, your child and I, a light will shine to our eyes, a smile to our lips, and we shall feel the bond of understanding once more, this bond we feel today.

We have lived, loved, laughed, played, studied, learned, and enriched our lives together this year.

We wish it could go on indefinitely, but give them back we must.

Take care of them, for they are precious.

Remember that we shall always be interested in your child and their destiny, wherever they go, whatever they do, whoever they become.

Their joys and sorrows we'll be happy to share.

We shall always be their friends.

Yours sincerely

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:**

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