

Winhills Primary Academy

Part of The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust

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Dear Parents/Carers

This month has been extremely busy; the children have been working very hard learning many new things. The teachers are really noticing the improvements in the children's development and it has been wonderful to see the fabulous learning that is taking place. Rehearsals for our performances are now in full swing and the children are looking forward to performing at the end of term.

On Monday 3rd December we will be holding an assembly to wish the lights on. We are looking forward to seeing the children's decorations on the tree, parents should have received a special Newsletter outlining all the events taking place on the lead up to Christmas.

Remembrance Sunday- Poppy Installation

Each class at Winhills has been learning about the impact and legacy of the First World War on lives in Britain. Inspired by the poppy installation at the Tower of London, the school created its own field of poppies. Each child made and placed a poppy to commemorate and respect the fallen.

Poppy Appeal

Winhills raised £231.09 for the Poppy appeal, thank you. Without your help, the Poppy appeal would be unable to continue their vital welfare and benevolent work.

Book fair

We would like to say a huge 'Thank You!' to everyone who supported our Book Fair in October. A total of £740 was spent by you on books for our children to read at home to help them develop a love of reading and to boost their reading skills. It was great to see so many children enthusiastically reading their new purchases while their parents talked to the teachers on consultation evenings. As a school, we also earn commission on your purchases so we will soon be able to spend an additional £300 on new books for the children to read at school. Again, thank you!

Spelling Bee

At the beginning of November, a team of four children from Year 3 and 4 took part in the first ever DLPT Spelling Bee at Great Staughton Primary School. They had to spell some really challenging words as well as demonstrating their dictionary skills. The children had a great time and were commended by the organisers for their excellent team work. We are very proud of such super spellers.

Year 3 and 4 DLPT Sports Event

The year 3 and 4 children were very excited to take part in the Diamond Learning Partnership Trust's sports tournament. They played a range of sports including football, tag rugby, netball and dodgeball. All of the children played excellently and despite the rain and the wind had great fun.

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Football

On Thursday 8th November 2018, Winhills took part in a Football Tournament held at Crosshall Junior School. The boys were extremely enthusiastic and displayed amazing teamwork! This definitely paid off as they won all of their games and are through to the next round.

On Monday 26th November, year 5 and year 6 girls took part in a football match held at Buckden Village School. The girls were fantastic! They played extremely well and also won their game! It was very close but the girls showed tremendous courage which also means they are through to the next round.

Rapid Fire Cricket

On Tuesday 13th November 2018, some Year 2 students represented the school and competed in a Cricket tournament held at Hinchbrook School. All of the children were very excited! We were extremely impressed with their fantastic behavior and sportsmanship. They played excellent cricket and came second in the tournament!

Key Stage 1 DT day and ICE Zone Open Afternoon

On Wednesday 14th November, Key Stage 1 had an exciting design and technology day. The children had a wonderful time making catapults, gargoyles and fruit kebabs. They used saws to cut wood and joined materials carefully to construct their catapults. We then had fun using the catapults in the classroom.

On Thursday 15th November, we welcomed lots of parents and carers into our ICE zone. The children shared the work that they have been completing about castles from this term and helped the adults to complete their own learning tasks.

Children in Need

Thank you to all the children who brought in something fun to wear on their heads. Our big Pudsey bear was filled with your kind donations, which are still being counted and will boost our current total of just over £300.00

Royal Opera House

On Tuesday 27th November, Children from Year 6 travelled to the Royal Opera House in London to watch a school matinee performance of Carmen. After learning about the story at school, the children watched a version of Georges Bizet's famous opera about a Carmen, a girl who falls in love with a soldier only to fall out of love with him when she meets a famous Matador. The children were lucky enough to be sat on the front row of the theatre, meaning they had a fantastic view of both the stage and the orchestra. The children were fantastically behaved and were a real credit to the school.

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 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.

Friends of Winhills School Association

Film Night raised £148.00

Pigs raised £155.00

Winhills Bake off raised £169.80

Upcoming events include Christmas Fair on Thursday 13th December with a special visit from Father Christmas.

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 9th November 2018

Achievement Awards

Lexie Fenna	Dylan Moores-Carrington	Poppy Duff
Joel Harding	Maria Wisniewska	Hayden Cooper
Jaidyn Walker	Jessica Porter	

- **Headboy**- Aaron Albone
- **Deputy Head Boy**- Cayden Greet
- **Head Girl**- Alicia Hodgson
- **Deputy Head Girl**- Cerys Dunnett
- **Mars Captain**-Kusuma Anchi
- **Mars Vice-Captain** - Cameron Fraser
- **Pluto Captain**- Jayden Best
- **Pluto Vice-Captain**- Kina Patel
- **Saturn Captain**-Ella Hayward
- **Saturn Vice-Captain** - William Simpson
- **Jupiter Captain**- Teddy Duff
- **Jupiter Vice-Captain** - Alarna Oxborough

Friday 16th November 2018

Achievement Awards

Elliott Ellis	Megan Nankiville	Joshua Ralph
Eva Anderson	Harry Williamson	Alfie Taylor
Munana Chamunokara	Rihanna Tembo	

WAC - Kitty Allan

RRR - Sophie Sefton

ART -Mia Greenwood

Well done to all the Yr. 6 Students who received there truly trusted badges their names are below:

Aaron Albone, Kusuma Anchi, Jayden Best, Teddy Duff, Cayden Greet, Alicia Hodgson, Suki Judge, Alarna Oxborough, Kina Patel, William Simpson, Mijana Snapkauskaite, Alfie Taylor, Sarah Wray, Shannon Wray.

Friday 23rd November 2018

Achievement Awards

Summer Elwart	Olivia Hanley	Elliott Harrison-Patmore
Demi Leigh Ford	Lucas Ellis	Kina Patel
Aiden Evison	Isla McShane	

WAC - Sarah Wray

RRR - Shannon Caunt

ART -Kianna Dobson

Friday 30th November 2018

Achievement Awards

Tomoya Davies	Braydon Toseland	Halley-Sue Hodgson Dipper
Khloe James	Lexie Luff	Connor Maltby
McKenzie Bingham	Kiera Johnson	

RRR - Elliot Rayner

ART -Amelie Horsman

3 rd December	Wish the Christmas Lights on
7 th December	KS2 Performance 9.30am
10 th December	KS1 performance 10.00am
10 th December	KS2 performance 2.00pm
10 th December	KS2 Performance 6.00pm
11 th December	KS1 Performance 10.00am
11 th December	Reception performance 2pm
12 th December	Christmas School Dinner
12 th December	Reception Performance 10am
12 th December	KS1 Performance 2pm
13 th December	Achievement assembly Reception 10am
13 th December	PTA Christmas Fair
14 th December	Achievement assembly KS1 9.00 am
17 th December	Achievement assembly KS2 9.00 am
18 th December	Reward day.
19 th December	Term ends
20 th December- 2 nd January	Christmas Holidays
3 rd January	Staff training day
4 th January	Staff training day
7 th January	Term Starts

Yours sincerely

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

We welcome any comments you may have below:

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