

Winhills Primary Academy

Part of The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust
Established in the Queen's Jubilee Year 2012

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24th March 2016

Dear Parents

March has been an extremely busy month and the children enjoyed the events that have taken place recently as well as learning in their classrooms and the ICE Zones.

Thursday 3rd March was World Book Day and we certainly celebrated in style! Throughout the day the children were encouraged to 'Drop Everything and Read' which they did with great enthusiasm. Children were spotted reading in the playground, sitting in corridors and even in the middle of PE lessons! It's a pleasure to see how much our children love books. The children took part in a reading quiz assembly competing in their house groups. We finished off the day by the children getting ready for bed and enjoying listening to a story in their pyjamas!

This week Year 3 and 4 were involved in a Viking day. During the day the children experienced making Viking helmets, designing long boats, churning cream to make butter and playing Viking chess. The children looked amazing in their costumes, thank you for preparing your child for this day.

It was good to see some parents at the recent e safety talk this month. Teresa Hughes who is a specialist in online safety and child protection spoke to the children throughout the day. They learnt how to stay safe using the internet. These messages will be followed up with the children in class discussions.

Year 6 met two magistrates recently who explained about how the court system works. The children were fascinated by this country's legal system, free speech and values.

Chicken pox

If your child has chicken pox, slapped cheek or any other illness that could potentially harm an unborn child please alert the school office so that we can inform parents of these illnesses.

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/>

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

We are once again collecting the Active Kids vouchers available from Sainsbury's stores and online between Wednesday 27th January and Tuesday 3rd May. We used the vouchers collected last year to purchase some Footballs for use during PE lesson.

Parking

The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust is a company registered in England and Wales.

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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.

Winhills Wraparound 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

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. next meeting is scheduled for the 18th April 2016

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.

Football

On the 11th February Winhills played Houghton Primary at home. The children were superstars and thoroughly enjoyed the match. Both teams played excellently with a final score of 1-5 to Houghton.

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 4th March 2016

Achievement Awards

Rosie Ashby	Maise Fisher	
Joshua-James Barr Brown	Ellie Rose Scotcher	
Ben Vogel	Tanisha Patel	
Alarna Oxborough		

WAC - Charlie Sizer **RRR** - Braidy Norman **ART** -

Friday 11th March 2016

Achievement Awards

Jacob North	Dominick Brown	
Samuel Lopez	Chloe Vogel	
Kyle Alvarez	Caleb Nixon	
Lily Cruttenden		
Callum Clinton Berry		

WAC - **RRR** - - Chole Vogel **ART** - - Caleb Nixon

Term dates 2015-2016

Spring Term 2016

24th March

Term Ends

Summer Term 2016

11th April

Term Starts

2nd May

May Day

30th May to 3rd June

Half Term

20th July

Term Ends for Pupils

21st July

Staff Training Day

Future Dates

Spring Term 2016

16th March

17th March

23rd March

Parents evening 3.30-6.00pm

Parents evening 3.30-7.00pm

Rewards day

Summer Term 2016

3rd May

9th-13th May

16th-18th May

15th June

5th & 6th July

11th July

12th July

13th July

14th July

18th-20th July

School photographer – class photos

SATs week

Grafham Water Visit for Yr 4

SEND Parents evening 3.30-6.00pm

Yr6 Transition days

KS2 performance 1.30pm & 6.00pm

KS2 performance 6.00pm

Yr 6 Garden party

Reward day

Hilltop Yr6

Term dates 2016-2017

Autumn Term 2016

Thursday 1st September

Friday 2nd September

Monday 5th September

Friday 21st October

Monday 24th - Friday 28th October

Monday 31st October

Tuesday 20th December

Training Day

Training Day

Term Starts

Training Day

Half Term

Training Day

Term Ends

Spring Term 2017

Wednesday 4th January

Monday 13th – Friday 17th February

Friday 31st March

Term Starts

Half Term

Term Ends

Summer Term 2017

Tuesday 18th April

Monday 1st May

Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June

Monday 5th June

Friday 21st July

Term Starts

May Day

Half Term

Training Day

Term Ends

Yours sincerely



Mrs Diane Mitchell

Head of School

On behalf of Winhills Primary Academy (part of TDLPT)

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: