

# Winhills Primary Academy

Part of The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust

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Dear Parents

The weather really seems to have improved over the last few weeks and the children have definitely enjoyed this upturn taking part in a range of events. Year 4, 5 and 6 took part in our Trust Sports event with the Year 6 children winning their event meaning that they retire 'undefeated' champions. Reception and Key Stage 1 have really enjoyed the weather and taken their learning outside. I always enjoy the children telling me what amazing learning they have been up to.

## **Sports Challenge Day:**

On the last day of half term, Winhills were very lucky to have Hunts School Partnership visit the school and organise a Sport Challenge day. The children were able to take part in a mixture of activities and kept trying to beat their personal best scores! It was very competitive!

## **Winhills Sponsorship challenge**

Whilst the Sport Challenge Day was happening, the school council also organised a sponsored walk and run. Each class went outside to the field and completed as many laps of the school field as possible in 30 minutes. It was lovely seeing all of the children outside enjoying themselves. We look forward to seeing how much money has been raised and how that may be spent.

## **MFL Story Telling Festival**

Year 3 went to the MFL Storytelling festival on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at the Priory Centre. Year 3 worked very hard to learn the French poem for this festival. The children took part in a range of activities that helped them to learn the poem even more and then they performed their poem to the rest of the schools. The children were very well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed the event, especially the picnic at Riverside Park!

## **Maths Challenge**

Winhills took part in the County Maths Challenge which was hosted here at school. There were five other local teams. Our team worked together brilliantly solving some very tricky problems together (a lot of which had us adults very unsure about). The children were all fantastic and we certainly have some future mathematicians.

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### **Year 3 and Year 4 St.Neots Museum Trip**

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May Year 3 and 4 were lucky enough to visit the local museum earlier this half term. Their visit was linked to their new ICE Zone topic, Home and Away. The children learnt all about the history of our town and were even lucky enough to have a town tour.

### **Netball Tournament**

The year 6 netball team attended the county netball tournament on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April. They won their group by winning the first 3 games and came fourth overall out of 16 teams. We are extremely proud of how hard they worked and their super team effort. They were all fantastic!

### **Cross country**

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, the children represented Winhills at the St Neots Cross Country event at Priory Park. They were absolutely fantastic. The girls' and boys' teams ran brilliantly and showed great team work and sportsmanship by cheering each other on. All of the children had smiles on their faces and kept running even when their legs were tired!

### **Film Night**

The PTA hosted another Film Night. Key Stage 1 and 2 thoroughly enjoyed watching 'Wreck it Ralph' whilst Reception watched 'Hotel Transylvania.' The children behaved beautifully. A massive thank you to all of the PTA for helping organise and support at this event. There are currently suggestion boxes around school on how we spend our PTA money so please do let us know your ideas.

### **Football Fixtures**

Year 3 and 4 girls took part in a football tournament at St Neots football Club. The girls were all amazing and represented Winhills with enthusiasm and energy. The girls won, drew and lost various fixtures. Their improvement over the tournament was fantastic. Well done Year 3 and 4.

Winhills also took part in the 'Up for the Cup' football tournament which the children loved! This gives children who don't normally play for teams the opportunity to compete. It was lovely seeing the children having so much fun! They all had a fantastic time and played their hearts out.

### **"Sports Day" at the ABAX Stadium**

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, some children also had the opportunity to visit the ABAX stadium at Peterborough United. During this visit, the children took part in a range of activities which included: healthy eating, physical exercise and they also had their own private tour of the stadium.

### **Safety Zone event**

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May year five attended St Neots Fire Station where they attended the 'Safety Zone.' They took part in lots of activities led by professionals about staying safe in the local area and beyond. Some of the workshops were based around Fire Safety, Water Safety and many more. I am sure that the children will be keen to share this experience with you.



### **Chicken pox**

If your child has chicken pox, slapped cheek or any other illness that could potentially impact on other children, adults or expectant mothers, then please let the school office know 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/>

### **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.

### **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 3 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 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 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

#### **Achievement Awards**

Kayden Moate	Maria Rujoiu	Noah Southwood
Sophie Parker	Thomas McShane	Josie Griffiths
Alice Taylor - Attoe	Eliza Walsh	Annie Allan
Ryan Sharpe	Caden Cleeton	Sam Cheswick
Cayden Greet	Kc Maltby	

**WAC** – Alfie Taylor

**RRR** – Maria Lamb

**ART** – Hayden Gentle

### **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

#### **Achievement Awards**

Maizy Sammon	Zayra Zottino	Abigail Wilson
Aurora Taylor	Logan Wilson	Kianna Dobson
Elijah Hargrave	Frankie Merritt	Andrew Laing
Hattie Sargeant	Mujahid Saddique	Sophie Sefton
Alarna Oxborough		

**WAC** – Connor Loveridge

**RRR** – Charlotte Sharpe

**ART** – Rosie Ashby

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019

### Achievement Awards

Shay Robinson	Liam Pullen	Keyan Round
Maria Wisniewska	Andreea Manolache	
Liam Pullen		

**WAC** – Alfie Taylor

**RRR** – Elsie Ray

**ART** – Ben Parker

**Truly Trusted awards**– Ellie Ayhan, Yasmyne Bryan, Alfie Cooper, Ryan Eldridge, Cameron Fraser, Archie Scotcher, Ryan Willison

### Future Dates

### Summer Term 2019

4th June 2019	Reception Summer Trip to Paxton Pits
10 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Year 3 Summer Trip to Buckingham Palace
25 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Year 5 Summer Trip to the National Space Center
17 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Class Photographs
2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2019	Vision screening Reception Children
10 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	KS1 Summer trip to Woburn Safari Park
11 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	KS1 Music Festival
15 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	KS2 Performance
16 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Celebration Assembly Reception
16 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	KS2 Performance
17 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Celebration Assembly KS1
18 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Celebration Assembly KS2
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. Residential trip to Hilltop.
24 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Term Ends

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:**

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

Child's name:

Comment: