

28th February 2014

Dear Parents

I hope you all enjoyed the half term break. The children have returned after their break enthusiastically and are ready to carry on learning.

I was very impressed with the amount of awards children received during our assemblies before half term. It is wonderful to see that the children are working so hard to gain these awards and we are very proud of their achievements.

Parents evening will be held on 11th and 12th March, make sure you attend. Your child is now half way through the year and it is important you meet their class teacher to discuss their progress and how you can support them.

During Parents evening we will be holding an art exhibition in the small hall showing the children's work. If you wish to purchase any of the artwork displayed you will be able to by making a small donation.

In January we had a visit from Lisa Haynes from the NSPCC. She was very impressed with the children contributions and behaviour during the assemblies. As you know we carried out a sponsored spell in years 1 to 6 and sponsored shape colour in foundation stage. We raised an amazing £1,156! Thank you for supporting this very worthwhile charity.

The children in years 4 and 5 have started to make soup. Not only are the staff very impressed with the tasty soups we have been sampling for our lunch, the children are thoroughly enjoying researching recipes and calculating the amount of ingredients required for up to 15 to 20 staff.

Our attendance for last half term was 95.25%. We need to ensure we maintain and increase this figure for our school to be above the national average which is 94.8%. This increase is due to no holidays being taken in term time since Christmas and children understanding how important it is being in school every day.

Just before half term two of the schools governor visited Winhills for the day. During the visit the governors talked to some children about behaviour and safety, met the school council, had lunch with the children and met the whole school during an assembly. From their discussions with children throughout their visit they said,

'The children have clear expectations of what is expected of them with regards to behaviour and learning. The emphasis of the behaviour system is overall very positive with re-inforcement of good behaviour with rewards. Pupil achievements are celebrated, most notably with the individualised bricks on display in the hall. From meeting with the school council it is clear that the pupils have rights as well as responsibilities.'

Starz+

We have successfully launched our new learning platform; Starz+ with the children. The learning platform is designed for KS2 children to access it independently and for FS and KS1 children to access it with an adult. Children have received their passwords to access their personal page and class page on Starz+. Along with logging on at school and using the learning platform, children are able to access it at home. Staff will be updating their class page regularly as well as creating projects for the children to use to support or further their learning. Mrs Hawking has spoken to the children in an assembly and established with the children 'Starz+ rules to be smart'. If you would like to learn more about how your child will be using Starz+ in school or how it can be used at home then please speak to Mrs Hawking. We will be running more parents workshops on Thursday 20th March at 9:15am and 2:30pm. Information about these workshops will be sent out soon. Please come along after you have dropped your children off at school or before you pick them up at the end of the day.

End of Spring Term Assemblies 13th & 14th February 2014

Multiplication Awards

Stage 1 Bronze

Alfie Baker	Joshuah Sharpe	Annaleise Smith
Chloe Cox		
Ryan Hunter		
Rachel Pelbrough		

Stage 1 Silver

Ellie Allen	Elliott Smith	Riley Smith
Hollie-Grace Clinton-Berry	Cameron Storey	Jade Laing
Leah Huckle	Jack Prentice	
Kayleigh Raffaelli	Joshuah Sharpe	

Stage 1 Gold

Ruby Langdale	Dominick Browne	Tobey Criddle-Dore
Emily Matzk	Ben Musgrove	Braidy Norman
Jack Prentice	Joshuah Sharpe	Marc Warwick
Alex Sheridan		

Stage 2 Bronze

Callum Clinton-Berry	Maisie Fisher	Samuel Hawking
Ruby Langdale	Ben Musgrove	Joshuah Sharpe

Stage 2 Silver

Ruby Brown	Ellie-Rose Scotcher	Samuel Hawking
Joseph Hawkins	Lorraine Tembo	David Burden
Rebecca Clarkson	Rowan Huckle	Caitlin Keating
Mollie Morphew	Chelsea-Anne Raffaelli	

Stage 2 Gold

Owen Davies	Jack Lewis	Connor Morphew
Lilley Bailey	Tanisha Patel	Sophie Cotogno
Tyler Parker		Thomas Williamson

Stage 3 Bronze

Connor Morphew	Gurkirt Singh	Eamon Grantham
Alfie Clinton-Berry	Selin Surensen	

Stage 3 Silver

Trevor Tembo		
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Stage 3 Gold

Kieran Best	Ronnie Chamberlain	Jakob Sharpe
Denny Vout	Finlee Wallis	Kira Webster

Reading Word Wall Bronze

Dylan Elwart	Alfie Backhouse	Elsie Ray
Ashley Picking	Archie-Rhys Schotcher	Cameron Shaw

Reading Word Wall Silver

Aaron Albane	Lily Cruttenden	Teddy Duff
Cayden Greet	Ellis Nicholson	William Simpson
Ryan Wilson	Shannon Wray	

Reading Word Wall Gold

Alicia Hodgson	Suki Judge	
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Spelling Word Wall Bronze

Eleanor Latimer-Spoels	Alfie Backhouse	Eleanor Latimer-Spoels
Cian Walton-Smith	Aaron Albane	Jayden Best
Lily Cruttenden	Teddy Duff	Cerys Dunnett
Cayden Greet	Ella Hayward	Ellis Nicholson
Kina Patel	William Simpson	Mijana Snapkauskaitė
Alfie Taylor	Ryan Wilson	Shannon Wray

Numeracy Counting to 5

Josie Griffiths	Keira Hohnson	Tulah Nixon
Jessica Porter	Liam Pullen	Elliot Rayner
Gianna Rhodes	Lucas Robinson	Hattie Sargeant
Lyndon Tunnah	Riley Parker	Tayla Storey
Teigan Storey	Jack Smith	Elliott Harrison-Patmore
Sam Cheswick	Klaudia Omilian	

Numeracy Counting to 10

Josie Griffiths	Jessica Porter	Liam Pullen
Elliot Rayner	Hattie Sargeant	Riley Parker
Arina Podoprigora	Mujahid Saddique	Teigan Storey
Scarlet Watson	Jack Smith	Sam Cheswick

Numeracy Counting to 20

Charlie Sizer	Kaitlyn Conlon	Keanen Hanley
Halley-Sue Hodgson-Dipper	Keyan Round	Sam Cheswick

Phonics Phase 1 Bronze

Aiden Crawford	Alicia Ford	Andrew Laing
Jack Smith	Elliott Harrison-Patmore	Klaudia Omilian
Sam Cheswick		

Phonics Phase 1 Silver

Ethan Dorsett	Sebastian Stray	Callum Oxborough
Riley Parker	Keyan Round	Mujahid Saddique
Alfie Shaw	Tayla Storey	Teigan Storey
Jack Smith	Elliott Harrison-Patmore	Sam Cheswick

Phonics Phase 1 Gold

Ethan Dorsett	Sebastian Stray	Milla Clarke
Harley Gutteridge	Halley-Sue Hodgson-Dipper	Callum Oxborough
Lucy Parker	Riley Parker	Arina Podoprigora
Owen Riley	Keyan Round	Mujahid Saddique
Sophie Sefton	Alfie Shaw	Tayla Storey
Teigan Storey	Sezin Su Surensay	Jack Smith
Elliott Harrison-Patmore	Sam Cheswick	

Phonics Phase 2 Bronze

Ethan Dorsett	Sebastian Stray	Peter Collins
Archie McQuaide	Lucy Parker	Arina Podoprigora
Owen Riley	Keyan Round	Sophie Sefton
Alfie Shaw	Teigan Storey	Sezin Su Surensay
Kieron Young	Elliott Harrison-Patmore	Sam Cheswick
Justin Rhodes	Cameron Shaw	

Phonics Phase 2 Silver

Archie McQuaide	Oliver Peach	Sam Cheswick
Justin Rhodes	Archie-Rhys Scotcher	Cameron Shaw
Mijana Snapkauskaite		

Phonics Phase 2 Gold

Alfie Backhouse	Kaitlyn Conlon	Keanen Hanley
Sophia Hodgson	Eleanor Latimer-Spoelstra	Samuel Lopez
Joshua Ralph	Elsie Ray	Cian Walton-Smith
Cameron Fraser	Justin Rhodes	Archie-Rhys Scotcher
Cameron Shaw	Mijana Snapkauskaite	Korinthian Thiele

Phonics Phase 3 Bronze

Ryan Eldridge	Cameron Fraser	Connor-Rocco Maltby
Kc-Tia Maltby	Ryan Moser	Ashley Picking
Cameron Shaw	Mijana Snapkauskaite	Korinthian Thiele
Chloe Webster		

Phonics Phase 3 Silver

Connie Nutter	Jayden Best	Teddy Duff
Ryan Eldridge	Cameron Fraser	Jessica Hawking
Connor-Rocco Maltby	Kc-Tia Maltby	Ryan Moser
Ellis Nicholson	Ashley Picking	William Simpson
Mijana Snapkauskaite	Alfie Taylor	Korinthian Thiele
Chloe Webster	Ryan Willison	

Phonics Phase 3 Gold

Aaron Albone	Jayden Best	Lily Cruttenden
Teddy Duff	Cerys Dunnett	Ryan Eldridge
Cayden Greet	Jessica Hawking	Ella Hayward
Suki Judge	Ellis Nicholson	Ashley Picking

William Simpson	Alfie Taylor	Ryan Willison
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Phonics Phase 4 Silver

Freddie Bundy	Matthew Clarkson	Dylan Elwart
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Phonics Phase 4 Gold

Toby Brown	Sarah Wray	Shannon Wray
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Phonics Phase 5 Bronze

Frederick Ayres	Westleigh Bruce-Patmore	Harley Richardson
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Phonics Phase 5 Silver

Sam Prentice		
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Phonics Phase 5 Gold

Alexandra Jeffery Villarta	Lilly-Sue Johnson	
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Phonics Phase 6 Bronze

Kyle Christie	Erin Foley	Alex Kaitano
Amanpreet Kaur	Ines Lopez Company	Harmony Murkett
Erin Riley	Blake Tunnah	Thomas Williamson

Maths Whizz Awards

<u>Year 3</u> Bronze – Ruby Langdale Silver – Archie Ray Gold – Mason Judge	<u>Year 4</u> Bronze – Marc Warwick Silver – Harry Hedges Gold – Lorraine Tembo
<u>Year 5</u> Bronze – Ocean-Faye Stoner Silver – Chelsea-Ann Raffaelli Gold – Trevor Tembo	<u>Year 6</u> Bronze – Elise Thiele Silver – Hannah Wilkinson Gold – Charlotte White & Rebekka Herd
<u>Overall Winners</u> Bronze – Harry Hedges Silver – Trevor Tembo Gold – Lorraine Tembo	

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.**

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 is £2.10 per child and £3.00 per adult. Payment can now be made online, your child should have come home with a letter regarding online payments if this has not been received or you need help with setting up please contact the office. Thank you. 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 days 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 days notice where possible.

Term Dates

Spring Term 2014

4th April

Term Ends

Summer Term 2014

22 April

Staff Training Day

23rd April

Term starts

5th May

May Day

26th May – 30th

May Half Term

23rd July

Term Ends

Autumn Term 2014

3rd September

Staff Training Day

4th September

Term Starts

27th – 31st October

Half Term

3rd November

Staff Training Day

19th December

Term ends

Spring Term 2015

5th and 6th January

Staff Training Days

7th January

Term Starts

16th – 20th February

Half Term

27th March

Term ends

Summer Term 2015

13th April

Term Starts

4th May

May Day Holiday

25th – 29th May

Half Term

1st June

Staff Training

22nd July

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: