

28th November 2014

Dear Parents

This month has been very 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.

Thank you for all your donations for Children in Need, we raised £168.96. All the children and staff enjoyed wearing their odd socks and slippers for the day.

This month Heart radio visited the school and all the children from Reception to Year 6 sang how many sleeps it will be until Christmas. We will be on the radio Friday 5th December, just after 7:30am. You can listen to Heart on:

- 102.7 FM in Peterborough and the surrounding area
- 103 FM in Cambridge and the surrounding area
- 97.4 FM in Newmarket and Haverhill
- Digital radio (DAB) across all of Cambridgeshire
- Online at www.heart.co.uk/cambridgeshire and via the Heart app on smartphones and tablets

Attendance

Our attendance for the last 10 weeks is 96.21% which in comparison to the same time last year is a vast improvement (it was 93.87%). We need to maintain this improvement until the end of the term to ensure our attendance continues to be above the national average.

Rugby Tournament

The year 5/6 tag rugby team were fantastic on Wednesday at the HSSP festival. They won their first two matches convincingly. The final match was against a team which had also won their first two matches, so we knew it was going to be close. After 8 minutes each way, it was a 4-4 draw. The officials then decided that an extra 5 minutes were to be played to hopefully grant an overall winner. With a minute to go, Winhills scored the only try of extra time, resulting in Winhills winning the tournament and being entered into the county festival in March. All the children gave 100% in all matches, were supportive to one another and thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon. They were beaming at the end when they received the trophy. A big well done to all those who took part.

Football Tournament

Years 5 and 6 have been super busy representing our school in a football match which was hosted by Winhills against St Anne's. Both teams played brilliantly, the final score was 9-6 to Winhills. A fantastic result, well done everyone. It is amazing to have so many children participating in school clubs and engaging themselves in PE lessons.

Christmas Boxes

Thank you so much for all of your kind donations towards our Operation Christmas child shoe boxes. Also thank you to those of you who sent in Shoe boxes. Mrs Hawking took along 33 shoe boxes to the drop off point, which is a record number since she has been organising the appeal. So once again a huge thank you.

Little Gems Before and After School Club

Please can I remind you that all bookings and cancellations should be made via the school office or Mrs Howell. 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.

Bingo night

The PTA are organising a Chocolate bingo night on Friday 5th December, we look forward to seeing you there to win some yummy prizes.

Children going home

If your arrangements for collecting your child have changed please inform the class teacher or school office. Every year we update our records to ensure we have the correct details for collection at the end of the day. If arrangements change, staff will not release any child at the end of the day unless they have received a message from the parent. Children's safety is our priority; we will make a phone call to you at the end of the day if we need to check any different arrangements. Please advise the office before 2.30pm if you have made arrangements for other people to collect your children. This will allow the office staff time to distribute messages to the classrooms.

Entrance drop box

Envelopes and forms can now be left 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.

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.

Achievement Awards

Monday 10th November 2014

Bailey Maltby	Harley Gutteridge	Joshua Haynes
Jessica Hawking	Toby Brown	Dennis Smith
Camron Storey	Patrick Hughes	Rebecca Clarkson

WAC - Samir Patel **RRR** - Elliott Harrison-Patmore **ART** -Olivia Frankiewicz

Monday 17th November 2014

Maria Farrugia	Ellie Allen	Alfie Shaw
Lorraine Tembo	Alana Sizer	Chloe Vogel

WAC - Lily Bailey **RRR** - KC Maltby **ART** - Elsie Ray

Monday 24th November 2014

Charlotte Sharpe	Lola Brown	Freddie Bundy
Katie Gallacher	Dominick Browne	Robbie Aird

RRR - Erin Foley

Truly Trusted

Sophie Cotogno	Kieran Best	Rebecca Clarkson	Thomas Williams
David Burden			

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 meeting starts at 6.00pm and lasts for about 1 hour. Everyone is welcome to attend and support our hardworking committee.

The next meetings are scheduled for:

Tuesday 20th January 2015, Tuesday 3rd March 2015, Tuesday 21st April 2015 & Tuesday 9th June 2015

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.**

New in stock – PE/Swim bags printed with logo £4.00

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 is £2.15 and for children in Nursery the cost is £1.90 per child from September. Adult meals are charged at £3.00 per adult.

Payment can now be made online. Your child should have come home with a letter regarding online payments, however, if this has not been received or you need help with setting this up please contact the office. 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.

Future Dates

1 st December 2014	Yr6 SATs Information Evening at 6.00pm
5 th December 2014	Friends of Winhills Festive Bingo Night 5.30pm for Eyes down at 6.00pm
9 th December 2014	Yr1 & 2 Performance 10.30am & FSU Performance 2.00pm
10 th December 2014	FSU Performance 10.30am & Yr1 & 2 Performance 2.00pm
10 th December 2014	Children's Christmas Lunch, pre booked prior to 28 th November
15 th December 2014	KS2 Performance 1.30pm
16 th December 2014	KS2 Performance 6.00pm
18 th December 2014	KS2 Performance 6.00pm
18 th December 2014	Reward Day
19 th December 2014	Yr3-6 Church visit
26 th January 2015	Young Voices, Yr 6 at O2
15 th -17 th Apr 2015	Grafham Water residential, Yr 4 children
20 th -22 nd July 2015	Hilltop residential, Yr6 children

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2014

19 th December	Term ends
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Spring Term 2015

5 th and 6 th January	Staff Training Days
7 th January	Term Starts
16 th – 20 th February	Half Term
27 th March	Term ends

Summer Term 2015

13 th April	Term Starts
4 th May	May Day Holiday
25 th – 29 th May	Half Term
1 st June	Staff Training
22 nd 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: