



WILLOW LANE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

November 2016

Dates for your diaries

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Thank you for completing the parent questionnaires—they are extremely helpful in identifying what we do well and what we need to improve. We had 59 responses this year which is the most yet!

The questionnaires have been sent off to Lancashire to analyse but in the mean time the comments added can be



acted upon. Many of your comments were positive and full of praise for the hard work the staff put in. However, you also had queries and suggestions too. This newsletter will hopefully answer some of those, as well as show you how we act upon your suggestions.

Thank you for your continued support.

Friday 2nd December:
Christmas Fair at 3:30pm.

Thursday 15th December:
Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 16th December:
Christmas Jumper Day.

Monday 19th December:
KS1/EY Play at 1:45pm.

Tuesday 20th December:
KS1/EY Play at 9:30am.

Tuesday 20th December:
KS2 Show at 1:45pm.

Thursday 22nd December:
School closes for Christmas at 1:30pm.

Monday 9th January:
Back to School.

Monday 30th January to Friday 3rd February:
Book Week & Book Character Day.

Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February:
Half-term.

Monday 20th March:
Parents' Evening



IMPORTANT—PERMISSION SLIPS

Following updates in Lancashire's educational visits policy, all children **must have written permission** to go on a trip. We cannot accept verbal permission so sadly if children's slips aren't returned they will not be able to attend school trips. Copies of letters will be available on the website.

PARENTS' EVENING

88% of children had family attend Parents' Evening and it was great to hear your comments about children's work both in books and on display. If you were unable to come to the event, please contact the class teacher to arrange a time.



ROAD SAFETY

There have been two near misses on Willow Lane involving children from our school. Please can you talk to your child and remind them of how to play safely when near roads and how to take care when crossing them. Thank you to the parents who have helped our children and have informed the school about these incidents.

BEHAVIOUR

At Willow Lane we reward children making 'good choices' and work with children who have made 'wrong choices'. School is a place for learning and we want all children to learn how to read, write, paint, sing, play sport, as well as behave.

'Good Choices' are rewarded with Willow Points which lead to class and team rewards such as extra play times. Children also receive raffle tickets for a weekly draw for displaying our school values. In classes children achieve stickers, certificates, special mentions, prizes and work towards group awards. One of the most popular rewards is getting to show work to another teacher—or even the headteacher.

When children make 'wrong choices' they follow a series of warnings, time outs and discussions with the headteacher. Missing out on things when you've done something wrong is used in conjunction with talking through what the 'good choices' would look like. In this way children learn what is expected and behaviour improves for all. Where children repeatedly make wrong choices (or serious incidents such as fighting or bullying), their families are involved and children can be put on report. If behaviour does not improve then children can face exclusion. If you have any concerns about the behaviour at school then please do get in touch so that we can resolve it.



READING CLUB

Do you find reading tricky to fit in to a busy schedule? Well this could be the club for you.

Held in Orange Class, this is an opportunity to read with your children with the help of members of staff. The Reading Club is every Tuesday, straight after school and only lasts 20 minutes. It has a lovely feel to it, so why not give it a go?

HOMEWORK

The homework which has most impact is reading regularly at home and that is why we put such emphasis on it. Creative Homework also allows children to approach their topic learning in their own way and share their excitement of learning with family members.

Many parents wonder what else they could do to help with learning at home. To help with this we are providing all children in Key Stage 2 with a copy of Willow Words (our in school spelling booklets) and Times Tables. The children use these in school and will know what stage they are on—our target is children to know their time tables by the end of Year 4. The best way to learn spellings and times tables is practise, practise, practise!

CONTACT A GOVERNOR

The names of all governors are on the website. You can contact Nick Harrison, our Chair of Governors, on his email chairofgovernors@willow.lancs.sch.uk



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

At Willow Lane we are proud of our links with you—the community. However, we want to do even more. The School is looking at new ways of getting parents in to school and will be holding a coffee morning to listen to your suggestions. Ideas might include....

- Class Assemblies?
- Adult Learning Courses?
- Parent Reading Volunteers?
- Open Evenings to visit the Classrooms?

*You can keep up-to-date with dates, day to day learning and curriculum letters on our website:
www.willow.lancs.sch.uk*