



WILLOW LANE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

December 2016

Dates for your diaries

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Thank you for all your support over the last term which has seen our school community continue to grow. We now have 194 children in school and visitors always comment on how polite, hardworking and happy they are.

Christmas is a wonderful time at Willow Lane with so much excitement, singing and creativity around every corner. In school the Christmas Fair, Christmas Dinner, Christmas Jumper Day and the wonderful shows have all been enjoyed by children and staff alike.



In the community, the choir have been singing for the public at The Priory as well as carol singing at Sainsburys. We've also had children enter and win the local church's card competition and the winner will have his design on over four thousand cards next year!

Thank you for your continued support and from all at Willow Lane may I wish you, your family, friends and loved ones, a wonderful festive break.

Mr MacKinnon

**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**

**Friday 24th March: Red
Nose Day**

**Friday 31st March:
School closes for Easter
at 1:30pm.**

**Monday 17th April:
Easter Monday**

**Tuesday 18th April: Back
to School.**

**Monday 1st May: May
Bank Holiday.**

**Monday 8th May: SATs
Week for KS2.**



BLACK SHOES—SCHOOL UNIFORM



Please can we remind you all to ensure that children are following the school uniform expectations and wearing black shoes. These can either be black school type shoes or black trainers. Trainers are a great option as they look smart and mean children can run around comfortably at playtime. However, they should be completely black. Boots are not school uniform.

CHRISTMAS SHOWS

Watching the Christmas performances is one of the highlights of my year. Performing together plays an important role in developing confidence, taking pride in front of others and lays the foundation for a lifelong love of drama and singing.

This year, Red, Orange and Yellow Classes have performed 'Sugar Plum' with the younger children performing the nativity mid-show. All the children look amazing with colourful outfits, face paints and smiles across every face. Thank you for helping children practise their words at home.

The older children in Green, Blue, Indigo and Violet Classes treated us to 'Christmas through the Ages'. This medley of popular festive tunes through the decades involved class solos as well as whole Key Stage songs and even a session with the guitarists midway through!

Well done to all the staff for putting on such a fine selection and especially to the directors Mrs Smalley and Mr Miller.

Thank you to all the mums, dads, family members and friends who came and supported their children's performances. It means so much to the children to have you there in the audience.



CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you to the PTFA and school staff for creating an enjoyable Christmas Fair. Meeting Santa, the raffle, the games with prizes and The Secrets' Room are a great way to start off this season in school. With your help, the PTFA have raised over £800 from this event and this will be put towards buying (and training staff in its use) a defibrillator.

PHONE NUMBERS & CONTACT DETAILS

Christmas is often a time for new phones and change of numbers. Please can you ensure that we have the most up to date contact details. That way we can keep you up to date on what is happening at school and get in touch with you should there be an emergency.



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



SAFEGUARDING & CHILD PROTECTION

As well as education, keeping children safe is a core function of schools. Willow Lane, like all schools in Lancashire, has a duty to look after the children in our care and has a responsibility to pass on any concerns to Children's Social Care. We will work with families and other professionals to ensure that the children at our school are safe from harm. If you have any concerns about your child's safety, including online, then please feel free to come and discuss them.

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