



# WILLOW LANE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

February 2017

## Dates for your diaries

### Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

This newsletter continues the same theme from last month—listening to and acting upon your feedback.

We have had the outcomes from the Parent Questionnaire and headline figures can be found overleaf. This useful process helps us know what we are doing well and what we could do to improve. Following your suggestions, we've already held an Open Evening which many of you attended. This gave you more of an insight in to what your child and all children have been learning.

We're also starting an Art group for Parents and their children this Friday which we are looing forward to. This has been oversubscribed so we will see how it goes and then think about running either a similar or different group in the near future.

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me and thank you for your continued support.

Mr MacKinnon



**Thursday 2nd March: World Book Day**

**Monday 20th March: Parents' Evening**

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

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

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

**Wednesday 26th to Friday 28th April: Tower Wood.**

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

**Monday 8th to Thursday 11th May: SATs Week.**

**Friday 26th May: INSET Day.**

**Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June: Half-term.**

**Thursday 13th July: Sports Day.**

**Saturday 15th July: Summer Fair.**



### STORY WEEK

What a superb week we had in school and all linked to exciting stories. Everyone learnt a class story which they used in their English lessons as inspiration for their own writing. They also performed their story for the whole school in assembly. Throughout the week, stories and reading were given high status through the Book Fair, 'Favourite Book' photos and 'Extreme Reading' images. Some of our favourites are dotted around this newsletter. Everyone also had an opportunity to listen to a story read by an adult other than their teacher and with children of all ages.

## PARENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES

Thank you to so many of you for completing the anonymous questionnaires. We had 59 responses which is 26% of the school and more than in previous years.

Things you think we do well:

- **98%** of you say your child enjoys school.
- **98%** say your child is always learning new things.
- **96%** say that school provides a range of 'extra' activities outside of lesson time.
- **98%** feel the school is helping your child become mature, responsible and independent.
- **97%** feel that your child is treated fairly.
- **100%** say that school actively encourages children to attend every day.
- **100%** feel that your child is safe and well cared for at school.

Things you feel the school could do to be better:

- **64%** of you said that you would know how to contact a Governor. We have a very supportive team of Governors and the Parent Governors as well as the Chair of Governor's names are below.
- **76%** of you felt that the school supported you with helping your child at home eg with homework. In EY and KS1 the homework emphasis is on reading and creative homework. In KS2 the emphasis continues on these and we have given copies of Willow Words and Times Tables which can be practised at home too. If you need copies of these please ask the teacher.
- **76%** feel you are kept well informed about your child's progress. We aim to do this through termly Parents' Evenings, School Reports and being available to meet as and when requested. Our successful Open Evening was also to support with this.
- **81%** feel that your child knows what he/she has to do to improve. In school this is vitally important so although we have system of marking and purple pen feedback (for the children), we need to make sure everyone knows their next steps.
- **85%** of you are happy with the quality of school meals provided. We buy in catering from LCC Catering and have just been involved in the appointment—from this term—of a new cook. As part of ensuring we get the meals we know our children deserve, we will be holding a SNAG event where parents can give ideas about school meals.



## BIRD BOX BUILDING

There is a community event to build bird boxes for local wildlife coming up this weekend. The free event is on Saturday 5th March at 1pm and will be at The Old Stables at the end of Ford Street. Volunteers will be helping children and families build bird boxes which will be put up around the Furness Street Garden area. We may get some ideas on putting up more homes for wildlife in the school grounds too!



## 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](mailto:chairofgovernors@willow.lancs.sch.uk) We also have four excellent and supportive Parent Governors—Lou Mosey, Ruth Good, Matthew Jones and Hayley McGinley—as well as governors from the community including teachers from secondary schools, a member of Lancaster's SEN Team and a councillor.

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