



WILLOW LANE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



Dates for your diaries

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

It's been great to welcome back all the children after the Summer holidays as well as meet new children—both in Red Class and throughout the school. Everyone has settled back in smoothly and as I walk through the school it's exciting to see children learning through a myriad of activities including forest schools, problem solving, drama, hands on science, local trips and concentrated story writing.



Every year, we have four main targets (see below) and these are monitored by our governors. Information about the governors, as well as a contact email, can be found on our website which currently has over 1000 visits a month!

One of our targets links to their behaviour and attitude towards learning. Unfortunately, a small minority of children have been making wrong choices in how they speak to adults—in particular welfare at lunchtime. At Willow Lane, we expect all children to treat all adults with the same respect and politeness and breaches of this rule will not be tolerated. Parents will be informed should this occur and I know you will support us in ensuring such choices improve.

Here's to another successful year,

Mr MacKinnon

Thursday 28th September:
PTFA Film Night.

Thursday 12th October:
Open Day for Reception 2018.

Wednesday 18th October:
School Photographs.

Thursday 19th October: **KS1 Halloween Disco.**

Friday 20th October: **KS2 Halloween Disco.**

Thursday 26th October:
INSET

Friday 27th October: **INSET**

Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November: **Half Term.**

Monday 6th November: **Back to School.**

Tuesday 7th November:
Shakespeare in Schools festival at Grand Theatre.

Friday 1st December:
Christmas Fair 3:30pm

Friday 15th December:
Christmas Jumper Day.

Thursday 21st December:
School closes at 1:30pm.

Monday 8th January: **INSET**

Tuesday 9th January: **Back to School.**

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Our four targets for the year are:

1. Leaders and governors have a deep, accurate understanding of the school's effectiveness.
2. Teachers are determined that pupils achieve well and have consistently high expectations of all pupils' attitudes to learning.
3. Children are confident, self-assured learners. Their excellent attitudes to learning have strong positive impact on their progress.
4. Progress in English and Mathematics is in line with other children nationally.

OUTCOMES 2017

Below are the headline figures for the statutory assessments our children take. We are really proud of how children all across the school have done with these newer challenging assessments.

Early Years:

School GLD	National GLD
73%	66%

Year 1 Phonics:

School	National
93%	81%

Key Stage 1 Outcomes:

	Reading	Writing	Maths	Science	R, W & M
National 2017	76%	68%	75%	83%	64%
School	73%	65%	73%	81%	65%

Key Stage 2 Outcomes:

	Reading	Writing (TA)	SPAG	Maths	R, W & M
National 2017	71%	76%	77%	75%	61%
School	68%	77%	73%	73%	55%

PE KIT in KS2

From September, all children in Key Stage 2 will be expected to have their own PE kit for every PE lesson. We currently have spares however using these does not help develop children's independence. It is also not cost effective for the school to keep replacing and washing communal kit. PE Kit is part of the uniform expectation at our school, is available to buy from the school and needs to be worn for children to participate in PE.

SCHOOL MONEY

"So much easier!"
"I can just pay everything at once when I get paid!"
"I can see exactly what needs to be paid and when!"
"It's great. Wish we'd had this years ago!"

...are just some of the very positive feedback comments from parents using our online payments system SchoolMoney. It's a user-friendly and convenient way to pay for dinners, milk, trips, uniform and WOOSH Club. You can make WOOSH bookings, for before and after school, up to midnight the day before!

If you haven't tried it yet because you're not confident with online systems, just pop along to the School Office and Alison or Suzanna will soon have you up and running.



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