



WILLOW LANE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

October 2017

Dates for your diaries

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

There is lots going on in school over the next half term—not just for the children but also for yourselves—so please look at the dates and the following articles so you don't miss anything. Willow Lane has a supportive community and by working together we know your children will get the most out of their education.



We are proud of the experiences your children have at our school; be it the creative curriculum (the photos link to Year 5's topic 'Food Glorious Food'), performing drama for the public (in Class Assemblies or our Shakespeare performance at The Grand) or raising money for national and local charities. These experiences, captured on children's Willow Passport, not only engage children but spark interests and trigger aspirations too.

We appreciate your feedback on what we are doing and what we can do to improve things. Thank you for completing the questionnaires. You can also help give ideas for the after school clubs too.



We look forward to seeing you in school lots over the next half term and thank you for your continued support,

Mr MacKinnon

PARENTS' & OPEN EVENING

Last year, over 90% of Parents attended Parents' Evening and this is a really important opportunity for you to hear how your child is doing. This term's Parents' Evening is on Monday 13th November and information will be out promptly after half term.

Another enjoyable way of getting an insight into your child and other children's learning is to come to our Open Evening. On Monday 6th November (first Monday back) you and your child are invited to visit their class and have a look throughout the school at all the learning.

Thursday 26th October:
INSET

Friday 27th October: INSET

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

Monday 6th November: Back
to School.

Monday 6th November: Open
Evening.

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

Monday 13th November:
Parents' Evening.

Friday 17th November:
**'Spotacular'—Children In
Need.**

Friday 17th November: Cat
Smith MP visit.

Friday 1st December: Red
Class Assembly

Wednesday 6th December:
Christmas Fair 3:30pm

Friday 15th December:
**Christmas Jumper &
Christmas Dinner Day.**

Monday 18th December: KS1
and Reception Christmas
Show at 2:00pm.

Tuesday 19th December:
**KS1 and Reception
Christmas Show at 9:30 am.**

Tuesday 19th December:
**KS2 Christmas Show at
2:00pm.**

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

Monday 8th January: INSET

Tuesday 9th January: Back
to School.

SPOTACULAR

Friday 17th November will be a spotty day at school as we raise funds for 'Children in Need'. This year, the children have asked to wear something spotty to mark the occasion. This could include clothing, face paints or whatever creative ideas you can think of. Children joining in the 'Spotacular' will need to bring in £1 for this national charity.

PARENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you for the 61 (31%) responses we have had to our Parental Questionnaire. This is the most yet and the insights gained each year are really helpful. We have sent the anonymous forms off to Lancashire who will analyse the data and give us the outcomes later in the year. Should you have any concern or queries about how things are managed in school, please do not hesitate to approach your teacher or Mr MacKinnon.

POPPY APPEAL

The Royal British Legion and their Poppy Appeal is a charity we raise funds for annually. Every year we mark and teach children about the event in assembly as well as sessions in class suitable for the age range. The poppies, bracelets and other available products are now in school. These can be purchased from the office.



BIRTHDAY CAKES

Celebrating your birthday with your class mates is a lovely tradition. Please can we remind parents that whilst we welcome (nut free) cakes, bags of sweets are not suitable. We will continue to give cake out at the end of the day so that parents collecting their children can decide if they can have the cake straight away or save it for later.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Our School Council—children democratically elected by their classmates— are asking children for suggestions on different after school clubs. Please talk to your child about what they would like to do and then encourage them to tell the Council. Having children involved in decision making is empowering for them especially when it is something they can see the immediate benefit from.



GATE TIMINGS

Please can we remind all children and families that the school gates open at 8:40am, when staff are on the playground. This is to ensure that the site and children are safe. There have been some children outside school much earlier and this is not safe, even more so in the current dark and damp weather. Should your child need to be in school earlier, details about WOOSH can be found online or at the office.



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