



WILLOW LANE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

May 2018

Dates for your diaries

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Summer has arrived in full strength at Willow Lane and the children are enjoying being on the field at playtimes, Forest Schools without waterproofs and spending time in the allotments and Wildlife Areas. It feels a world away from the chilly water of Lake Windermere which Years 4 and 5 braved on their trip to Tower Wood!

May has been one of the busiest months within the classrooms. Year 2 and Year 6 have taken their national assessments (SATs) whilst other classes have built up to their end of year internal assessments. The children have taken part in the SATs with a positive attitude and I want to thank all the staff involved for making them run smoothly and calmly. The results of these tests and our own internal assessments will be shared with you later in the year via your child's end of year report.

At this time of year, we are aware that some children may be moving away over the Summer holidays. If you are in this position, please let us know so that we can make the transition as smooth as possible.

Thank you for your continued support, *Mr MacKinnon*

Wednesday 23rd May:

London Trip Parents' Meeting—3:30pm

Thursday 24th May: Talent Show—5:30 to 7:30pm.

Monday 28th May to

Friday 1st June Half Term

Monday 4th June: Back to School.

Tuesday 5th June:

Induction Evening for 2018/19 Reception Class—6 to 7pm.

Thursday 28th June to

Friday 29th June: Year 6 London Trip

Thursday 5th July: Sports Day

Friday 13th July: Orange Class Assembly—2:30pm.

Saturday 14th July:

Summer Fair

Tuesday 17th July: Year 6 Show—1:30pm

Wednesday 18th July: Year 6 Leavers' Party—4pm

Friday 20th July: End of Term—1:30pm.

WARM & SUNNY WEATHER

Summer is well and truly upon us and, fingers crossed, there is more warm weather ahead. Please can we remind you to send children in with appropriate clothing—it's been great to see so many hats recently! Please ensure your child has sun cream on them before school. They can bring in sun cream to reapply but children will need to do this themselves so may need to practise at home. Staff are not allowed to apply sun cream.

RUN A MILE

With the warm, dry weather, all classes are completing their Mile A Day exercise. Please can you ensure your child wears/brings suitable shoes to take part in this enjoyable and important group activity.



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.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

From after 1/2 term, uniform will no longer be available to purchase from school. It will now be available from The Uniform and Leisurewear Company (Common Garden Street) This will ensure that there is a wider range of stock available and will allow parents to purchase it at times which suit them more—such as over the Summer holidays—as well as use options such as Click and Collect and Home Delivery. Further details are in a separate letter. We will continue to offer our popular second hand rail in school.



VALUES EDUCATION

Next term's value is 'Happiness'. We will be looking at this with children from a number of angles including:

- Helping others to feel happy.
- Happiness from within.
- Happy Times within our school community.

Each term, we discuss values in assemblies and class and praise children modelling any of our school values.

GPDR

You will all have received correspondence from various organisations and companies you use regarding imminent changes to the Data Protection laws. How school handles the data it holds will also be subject to these new laws and we shall be sharing our new policy and privacy notices via the website. Furthermore, staff have undertaken training and new systems have been put in place regarding data security and encryption in school.

Organisations need a legal reason to hold and share data and as you can imagine, schools do hold data including admissions information, assessments, contact details etc. To perform our role, this data needs to be gathered, held securely and passed on to other organisations. There are a number of legal basis for doing this including Public Task (delivering education), Vital Task (ensuring children are safe) and Legal Obligation (complying with DfE requirements).

If you have any questions about the GDPR, please look at the information online and get in touch with your query.

SPORTS DAY

Sports Day is on Thursday 5th July this year—put it in your diaries. Key Stage 1 and Early Years will be in the afternoon and Key Stage 2 will be in the morning. All the children will be participating whilst wearing their House team colours and there will also be opportunities for younger siblings, parents and staff to compete. It's not too late to start training!

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