



WILLOW LANE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

June 2018

Dates for your diaries

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

As we approach the end of term there are dates you will want to have in your diary—assemblies, leavers' party, Summer Fair and Sports Day to name a few. Children's reports will also be sent home (on Friday 13th July) and, as with previous years there will be an opportunity for a drop in Parents' Evening. Unlike over previous terms, we do not expect all parents to attend but on Monday 16th July, teachers and the headteacher will be available after school to discuss anything which the report has raised.

The end of year is a good time for reflection about the year and we are pleased with all the learning that has taken place (seen through our regularly praised displays), the developments we have made to the school playground and the changes we have introduced to the curriculum. Ofsted identified areas we need to develop and these form the backbone of our new School Improvement Plan. The actions already taken are having an impact and they will continue to be our focus over the next year—in particular the outcomes and progress of children across Key Stage 2.

Thank you for your continued support, *Mr MacKinnon*

Monday 25th June: New Reception children visit.
Thursday 28th June to Friday 29th June: Year 6 London Trip
Thursday 5th July: Sports Day—KS2 am, KS1 pm
Friday 6th July: Meet New Class and Teacher.
Thursday 12th July: Photographer in to update School Blog.
Friday 13th July: Orange Class Assembly—2:30pm.
Friday 13th July: School Reports sent home.
Saturday 14th July: Summer Fair
Monday 16th July: Drop-in Parents' Evening—3:30 to 5:00pm.
Tuesday 17th July: Year 6 Show.
Wednesday 18th July: Year 6 Leavers' Party
Friday 20th July: Leavers' Assembly—9:30am.
Friday 20th July: End of Term—1:30pm.
Tuesday 4th September: Back to School.

PACKED LUNCHES

In response to a growing number of concerns from parents, we have decided that all children having a packed lunch will bring home any leftovers and packaging. This is due to some children throwing away food and parents being unsure how much their child has eaten. With the new approach, you will be able to see this and discuss any concerns with them. We obviously want all children to eat the food you prepare and don't want money and food wasted.

PTFA

Thank you to the PTFA for kindly buying the school backdrops and lighting to go with our new stage. This will help make our productions even more professional! The PTFA has put in a lot of effort over the year and it is great that their fundraising can go towards items all children will benefit from.



ATTENDANCE

Following some tragic national cases, we have reviewed our policy with regard to what we do on the first day of absence.

Rather than send a text home, we will make a phone call and continue to make phone calls through the list of numbers given to school. This way we will get an immediate answer as to why a child is off and, if an accident should have happened, family will be alerted and able to arrange help. Please can you ensure that we have up to date phone numbers for yourself and at least one other contact.



BEHAVIOUR at LUNCHTIMES

There have been a number of rough play incidents at lunch times and sadly an occasion of children kicking and hitting each other. Kicking, punching and aggression of any kind will not be tolerated at school. It is against our behaviour policy, can lead to serious hurt, sets a bad example to younger children and does not resolve issues. In a school assembly we have reminded children of the rules and expectations. Children are aware that any form of violent behaviour will lead to them not being welcome outside over lunchtimes and we thank you for your support with this.



PARENT GOVERNOR

The Governing Body has space for 1 more Parent Governor. If you are interested in helping the school in this way and want to find out more about the role then please come and talk to Mr MacKinnon.

FRONT OF HOUSE

Over the Summer the school will be starting an exciting building project which will lead to an upgraded reception at the front of the school, safer access to the school distinct from the carpark and improved outside space. Thank you to the children, parents, governors and staff who have contributed to the design of the area which we are very excited about.

The project is likely to last about three months and part of the car park will be used as a work compound. Due to deliveries, there may be some increase in traffic but we have arranged these to be away from drop-off and pick-up times. The double doors on the hall will also temporarily become our 'front door' and we will share details about this at the start of the new term.

MATHS NO PROBLEM

Some of you will be aware of an upcoming change in how we teach Mathematics at Willow Lane School. Some classes have been piloting a scheme called 'Maths No Problem' - a Singapore based approach to Maths Mastery. This approach helps children tackle problem solving more confidently (much of it collaboratively) as well as have a better understanding of how different areas of Maths fit together. All the children who have been exposed to the scheme have really enjoyed it and we look forward to rolling it out across school in September.

DINNER ARREARS

In future, we will send a text regarding arrears of any monies due for Dinner Money, WOOSH Club, Music Lessons etc. If the arrears are not cleared we will pursue payment by telephoning contacts in the order given for emergency contacts.

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