



# WILLOW LANE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



*Dates for your diaries*

## **Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,**

As we approach the end of another school year, there is much to reflect on and celebrate. School staff have worked tirelessly to ensure that our children have a rich and experience based curriculum which helps improve their standards.

At this time of year, we like to think about our current Year 6 who will be leaving us shortly. They have been a great cohort of children and have enjoyed the experiences both in the classroom and in the wider school context. When asked what they have enjoyed about our school, drama keeps coming up as a recurring theme and many of them have been involved in Shakespeare and the Talent Show as well as their Leavers' Show. It's great to get feedback from the children as this is something we have been and will continue to develop.

Other highlights include Stone Age Day, Leighton Moss, running Maths groups for Red Class, Strawberries and Cream Café, cooking, Yu-gi-oh Club, Viking story writing, weapons workshops and, of course, their residential trip to London. They have created many positive memories in their time at our school and we wish them all a successful transition to secondary school where we know they will go on to create more.

Good luck for the future Year 6! *Mr MacKinnon*

## **SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

**Monday 3rd September:**

*INSET*

**Tuesday 4th September:**

*Back to School.*

**Friday 19th October:** *INSET*

**Monday 22nd to Friday**

**26th October:** *Half Term*

**Monday 29th October:** *Back to School*

**Friday 21st December:** *End of Term at 1:30pm*

**Monday 7th January:**

*INSET*

**Tuesday 8th January:** *Back to School*

**Monday 18th to Friday**

**22nd February:** *Half Term*

**Monday 25th February:**

*Back to School*

**Friday 5th April:** *End of Term at 1:30pm*

**Monday 22nd April:** *Bank Holiday*

**Tuesday 23rd April:** *Back to School*

**Monday 6th May:** *Bank Holiday*

**Monday 27th to Friday**

**31st May:** *Half Term*

**Monday 3rd June:** *Back to School*

**Friday 19th July:** *End of Term at 1:30pm*

**Monday 22nd July:** *INSET*

**Tuesday 23rd July:** *INSET*



### **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

A reminder that School Uniform can no longer be purchased from School. It is available from the Uniform and Leisurewear shop at 15 Common Garden Street ([www.ualonline.co.uk](http://www.ualonline.co.uk)) and open over the holidays.

School uniform also includes black footwear. This can be shoes or black trainers, with many children choosing the latter due to their active lifestyles. Children can bring in trainers to change into for PE but the shoes worn day in day out need to be black. Our school uniform also includes a yellow polo shirt. Most children choose to wear one with the school logo on. Generic yellow polo shirts are also available from a wide range of shops and are also acceptable. White polo shirts do not meet the expectation.

### **STAFFING UPDATES**

We are always sorry to see members of staff head on to pastures new but wish them good luck with the next stages of their careers. This term we say goodbye and good luck to Claire Clarke (Year 6 Teacher), Anna Shewring (Red Class TA), Amy Pearson (Red Class TA), Gillon Ross (Paternity Leave cover in Green Class) and Jo Gadsen (Gardener). We will also be welcoming new staff and I know you will help to make them feel welcome in our community. New faces will include Duncan Webster (Year 5 Teacher), Gemma Chisnall (Year 4 Teacher), Lou Mosey (Year 5 TA) and Kerry Beck (HLTA in Red Class).



### **PTFA**

Thank you for the effort and commitment of our PTFA who have run a series of great events culminating in a lovely Summer Fair. If you are interested in helping out, please see Mr Higgins.

### **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**

Following our last newsletter, unfortunately this project has had to be put on hold due to delays out of our control. A lot of time and effort has been put into this by the Governors and we share their frustration. It will be reviewed in the new academic year when we will be working with Lancashire County Council to ensure that delays do not happen again. School entries and exits will therefore remain the same for next September.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Thank you and well done to everyone for supporting your children's attendance so well over the year. Our attendance is currently 96.7% - well above the Government's and our target of 96% - and we have again been praised for our systems in attaining this. Being in school every day and on time is the best way for children to learn. It helps them with the sequences of lessons that teachers plan, as well as demonstrating a positive attitude to learning and education.

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[www.willow.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.willow.lancs.sch.uk)*