



# WILLOW LANE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



March 2019

## Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

It's been another busy term at our school and with the milder weather it's great to see children learning outside both in our school grounds and further afield. Children have been orienteering in the school grounds, riding bikes, preparing the allotment beds for new crops, designing homes and habitats for 'bog babies' and looking for signs of Spring in the grounds and local area.

As we approach the end of another term, it is a good idea to reflect on what your children have enjoyed about school. They have all been on some amazing trips, had some amazing experiences and learnt so much. Their reading in particular has really progressed and it is great to see so many children achieving their class reading rewards because of the committed effort they, with your support, have put in.

If you have any questions on how to best support your children in the Summer Term, please speak to the class teacher or the relevant member of staff.

Thank you for your continued support, *Mr Mel MacKinnon*



## LANCASHIRE BREAK TIME.

Lancashire Break Time is a county-wide service providing short breaks for parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs and/or a disability. The child or young person attends a fun group activity whilst their parent or carer has a short break from their caring role. Lancashire County Council is proposing to cease delivery of Lancashire Break Time from 1st September 2019, as part of a council's cost saving measures. The views of families, practitioners and children are being sought and the details of the questionnaires can be found at:

<http://www3.lancashire.gov.uk/corporate/consultation/responses/response.asp?ID=362>

## Dates for your diaries

**Monday 1st April to  
Wednesday 3rd April: Tower  
Wood.**

**Thursday 4th April: Easter  
Egg Hunt 3:30pm.**

**Friday 5th April: School  
closes at 1:30pm.  
(No WOOSH After School  
Club)**

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

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

**Monday 13th to Thursday  
16th May: KS2 SATS.**

**Wednesday 22nd May: Class  
Photos.**

**Wednesday 22nd May:  
Willow Lane has got Talent!**

**Thursday 23rd May:  
Geography Day—details to  
be shared soon.**

**Monday 27th May to Friday  
31st May: 1/2 Term.**

**Tuesday 6th June: D-Day 75  
singing event in school.**

**Thursday 20th June: Year 6  
Show.**

**Wednesday 26th to Friday  
28th June: London Trip for  
Year 6.**

**Thursday 4th July: Sports  
Day.**

**Friday 5th July: Indigo  
Class Assembly at 2:30pm.**

**Friday 12th July: Yellow  
Class Assembly at 2:30pm.**

**Saturday 13th July: Summer  
Fair.**

**Friday 19th July: School  
closes at 1:30pm.  
(No WOOSH After School  
Club)**

## SCHOOL BLOG

Every month our school blog receives over 1000 visits. It is a great way to see what your children are learning about and information as well as photos are shared. It can also be a fun way of showing children what they might go on to experience during their time at our school. If you haven't been on recently then why not log on and check out the blog which is easily reached from the website home page:

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

## SUMMER UNIFORM

As we approach the warmer months, more children are choosing to opt for a Summer wardrobe. Children are welcome to wear shorts rather than trousers but these need to be tailored, uniform style shorts. Some children are choosing gingham dresses and these need to be either yellow or blue checked. These are generally available at larger local supermarkets.



## CLASS PHOTOS

This year, following an increasing amount of parental feedback, we will be having class photos. They will be taken by a professional photographer — Tiny Pixels— and available to buy in a range of formats. The photographer is booked in for the morning of Wednesday 22nd May. Further information will be shared closer to the day but if you have any concerns then please get in touch.

## EARLY HELP

As a school with an excellent pastoral team, we recognise that there are challenging times in both children and parents' lives. Our Learning Mentor is able to access support for a range of challenges including food banks, bereavement, terminal illness, children's mental health and family support. Such specialist support is provided by external practitioners but if you would like any advice please come and see Mrs Banks.

## PARENT GOVERNOR

Thank you to Lou Mosey who has been an enthusiastic and supportive Parent Governor for the last four years. She is now stepping down and we therefore have a vacancy for a new governor. If you or anyone you know is interested then please encourage them to come and discuss the role with Mr MacKinnon. You may want to gain an insight by talking to Lou or one of the other three Parent Governors too. The role does demand time—two meetings a term—but is vital in helping ensure the school continues to improve and everyone has different skills and experiences which can help.

## BEACH CLEAN

Working with children from other local schools, four of our School Councillors took part in a local Beach Clean. This event was linked to our involvement in Pupil Parliament and aims to teach children about wider issues and what they can do to tackle them. The children gained a lot of insight and this builds on our eco-brick work in school raising awareness about single use plastic.

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