



WILLOW LANE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



June 2019

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

It's hard to believe that there is under a month to go until the end of term! And it's a busy few weeks with end of year reports, class assemblies, Summer Fair and a number of class trips. Please make sure that you keep an eye on the dates and check your child's book bag regularly so that you know what your child is involved in and when.

The end of the year is a time for celebration as children look back on what they have done, learnt and enjoyed over the year. Please take time to enjoy your child's school report with them when it comes out and should you have any questions about it then please come along to our 'Reports Evening' drop in sessions on the 16th July.

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

Dates for your diaries

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

Wednesday 3rd July: Importance of Words parent event at 2pm.

Thursday 4th July: Sports Day. KS2 (am) KS1 & EY (pm).

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

Tuesday 9th July: Strawberries and Tea Event.

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

Saturday 13th July: Summer Fair.

Monday 16th July: Report Evening Drop In.

Friday 19th July: Leavers' Assembly at 9:20 am.

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



DRAMA

We believe in the positive power of children performing—both on stage and in class. Not only does it help understand stories and events, it also helps children's confidence to grow and gives children a chance to shine in front of their peers, mums and dads. As well as drama being used within the curriculum (in particular in English and History) there are events in the school calendar which allow children to perform in public.

At Christmas, all children participate in a performance and throughout the year, each class puts on a special assembly too. There are opportunities for children to put themselves forward—drama club, Shakespeare and the talent show—and for our oldest children there is the excitement of the Year 6 Show. This year we were all treated to 'Happily Never After' in which well known evil characters (led by Cruella DeVille) from popular stories were trying to sabotage the happiness in Panto Land. The children performed superbly and this highly amusing show was finished off with lovingly written messages for the class teacher who starts maternity leave at the end of the month.



SCHOOL MONEY ARREARS

As we approach the end of the school year, please can you make sure that any arrears are cleared. The easiest method of payment is online however cash and card payments can also be accepted by the school office. As a school we send text and letter reminders as well as have face to face and phone conversations. If payments are not cleared, they will be passed on to the Lancashire Claims Department.



STAFF UPDATES & CLASS SWAP

At the end of this month, Louisa Nichols will be going on maternity leave and we wish her all the best with her growing family. Year 6 will be covered by Mr Miller, Mrs Fish and Mr MacKinnon until the end of term.

Next year, Mr Noblet, a very experienced teacher, will be joining us on secondment to cover the maternity leave. The children will have an opportunity to meet him on our Class Swap day. This will take place on the afternoon of Monday 15th July when all children will spend part of the afternoon in next year's classroom with the appropriate staff. Meeting the teacher is an important part of children's transition to the next year and children get very excited about this event. You will be told who your child's teacher will be in a letter accompanying the school report which comes out on the 12th July.

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.

5 S's of SUN SAFETY

Make sure you use all of the Five S's of Sun Safety and NEVER BURN!

1. **SLIP** on a t-shirt.
2. **SLOP** on SPF 30+ broad spectrum UVA sunscreen.
3. **SLAP** on a broad brimmed hat.
4. **SLIDE** on quality sunglasses.
5. **SHADE** from the sun whenever possible.

Ideally, children will apply sun cream before coming to school in the morning. Children in KS2 can bring in named suncream for personal use. We recommend that all children bring in a named cap for play and lunchtimes.

THE IMPORTANCE OF WORDS

On Wednesday 3rd July, a Lancashire English Consultant will be delivering an event between 2pm and 3pm. She will be sharing some stark facts about the power that a lack of words and language can have on children as well as some practical tips for helping children become 'word rich'. Nationally, many children are joining school with a limited vocabulary and there are lifelong implications for this so any help you give your child will have long term benefits.

This is particularly important for younger children and is suitable for those with pre-school aged children too. Please do come along, bring a friend, a relative and anyone you know who would like some practical tips for helping children to boost their learning.

GEOGRAPHY DAY

The children had a brilliant day developing their map skills over our Geography Day. They examined maps on iPad software, learnt orienteering skills in our grounds, studied maps to learn OS map symbols, developed their bird's-eye view skills and took part in road safety drama activities. Thank you to Mrs Fish for organising this great and enjoyable day of learning.

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