



**Willow Lane**  
Community Primary School



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Dear parents/ carers,

As we come to the end of a very productive and busy academic year I would like to thank you for your incredible support. It has been great to see so many of you turning up for events and supporting our children. It has been another challenging year because of factors such as the financial crisis, lack of SEND places and funding, an Ofsted inspection for our federated school, the fire at the industrial estate and not to mention the leaking roof! But thanks to the hard work of our children and staff, we are in a stronger place than we were at the start of the academic year and raring to go for next year.

Our teachers have worked tirelessly this year, in their own time, to put on more after school clubs than ever. In addition to this, staff have transported to and arranged tournaments, events and competitions. We have tried to organise as many funded trips, events and opportunities as possible, supported by our links with Avanti, the Areti trust, Lancaster University, Morecambe Bay Curriculum, Rotary Club and school donations. It has been lovely to see us making more community links with The Priory which has opened up our access to an amazing range of events at the historic Priory Church. Furthermore, we have developed links with the Church on the Marsh and many local charities such as- Animal Care, The Olive Branch and St John's Hospice. All of which help our children to understand further the world around them. We are always looking for different communities and faiths to visit us at Willow Lane CP School and would welcome more visitors if parents would like to help us to develop these links!

From the pupil voice and parent surveys we have carried out this year, it is great to see the children enjoy coming to school, feel happy and positive, know who to talk to, feel safe in school, believe their learning is right for them and have enjoyed all the trips. This year we have been building on positive relationships behaviour approach in order to reduce the previous visual sanctions and consequence and to teach children about a range of emotions and feelings and how to be aware of these and treat people with respect, be responsible for themselves and be ready for anything. We researched behaviour methods by Paul Dix, Zones of Regulations and funded training for all staff from Jason Bangala, a leading educational consultant in behaviour management and attended sessions by Tom Bennet- Behaviour Management Advisor for the Department of Education. Next year, we would like to take this further with regulation stations in classes to help children manage themselves.

From the parental surveys, communication between school and home was not as strong as we would like. We have worked hard on this with the cost of around £5000 a year for communication books, Eduspot services and Tapestry and Website licensing. In addition to this SLT are always on site in the morning and at the end of the day where teachers are available and we pay for a free breakfast bar that our families can attend at a substantial cost to school, but a very much needed one. We have also increased events that parents can come to and share their child's learning and increased reports to termly reports and parents' meetings. We



are always happy to listen to further advice or ideas on this and we are looking to build on this as part of the Friends of the Willow Tree Federation. If you would like to register your interest in this, please scan the QR code below.



Over the next few weeks the staff and children will be saying goodbye to their old classes and getting to know their new ones. This can be a difficult time for the children as changes happen. We have planned out transitions to ensure that all the children meet their new teachers and visit their new classrooms further details of which are available on our online calendar with transition week being 15<sup>th</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup> July where children will go to their new classrooms. All children will return to their old teachers to say goodbye on the last day (19<sup>th</sup> July) before we break up at 1:30pm.

The teachers and staffing in each year group next year as follows:

Class	Teacher	Support Staff
Red	<b>Susie Frankland</b>	Chloe Duffon Carolina Seredenco Sarah Philips
Orange	<b>Sophie Smalley/ Marc Miller</b>	Corrina Morgan TBC (new recruit)
Yellow	<b>Laura Hillyer</b>	Judy Miller Emma Winder
Green	<b>Robbie Piper</b>	Tamar Newton
Blue	<b>Gabrielle Laurens</b>	Claire Marsland Marzena Skarbek
Indigo	<b>Jack Heap</b>	Becky Markham Helen Powell
Violet	<b>Gemma Lewis</b>	Suzee Birdsall-Tylee

There will be an opportunity to meet your child's new teacher within the first few weeks of your return.

Whilst writing my comments, it has been lovely reading all of your children's reports and seeing just how much they have all flourished under their current teachers. Your child's report will be sent home with your child on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July and there is a parents' drop in to discuss the report if you should wish after school on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 3:30-4:30pm.

We have an exciting and busy few weeks planned with New Starters, Year 6 leavers, London and various other trips and transition week. Please remember to refer to our online calendar to stay in the know and if there are any queries please contact the school office or speak to your child's teacher.

Three more weeks to go. We wish you a lovely summer and farewell to our year 6! Once again thank you for all you do for our children and your support.

Kind regards,  
Lucy Naylor  
Headteacher

