

# Willow Academy

## Newsletter November 2015

### **Thank you!**

Well done to Key Stage 1 children; nearly everyone walks down the corridor on their own on Tuesdays and Thursdays! The children organised all their bags and coats, gates were locked at the right time and lessons started promptly.

Please let your child do the same thing on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays if you are not intending to stay and share a book – increased independence helps everyone!

### **BREAKING NEWS!**

Presenters from Hallam FM radio were at Willow Academy today after we were nominated for school of the week. As from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November Willow will be doing the shout out daily and on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November three children from Year 1 will be setting spelling challenges for the presenters. On Friday Hallam will be at Willow for 'Free Fruit Friday'.

### **Monitoring**

Please could parents be vigilant about monitoring and restricting the content accessed by children on i-pads, PCs etc. Recently a number of parents have raised concerns about this.

### **Toy Day**

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November, Year 1 had a great day exploring and using a variety of old toys. They also made their own moving bears and looked at differences and similarities between old and modern toys. The children showed good behaviour throughout and the support from parents was very much appreciated.

Thank you  
Mrs Carroll and Mr Fisher

### **Dark Nights**

Could you please ensure that children who are walking home alone are wearing reflective strips and/or bright clothing.

### **Operation Christmas Child**

A big thank you to everyone who sent in the shoe boxes to support our collection. We had 84 boxes collected on Monday.

Mrs Carroll

### **Children in Need**

We have had a fantastic day with so many children dressing up and supporting our fund raising efforts. A big thank you to Donna and Neil from Lloyds bank who have been supporting our activities through the day including the tuck shop and Pudsey's middle name competition. It was great to see so many faces at the breakfast this morning. We will be busy counting the funds raised and will let you know in due course

### **Parking**

Could parents please be aware of our neighbours when dropping off/picking up children from school. We have had a number of complaints that driveways are being blocked and vehicles are being parked on junctions. We have since forwarded these onto the Community Police.

