

Shanklea Superstars

Please remind children that they must not ride bikes or scooters in school. They must not swing scooters at any times as there is a real risk that they could injure someone.

friends of shanklea

Please come along to the Friends of Shanklea meeting on **Tuesday 10th March** at **3.30pm**.



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Teacher Consultations

Parents and carers of children in Reception to Year 5 are invited to attend a consultation meeting with their child's teacher after school on Tuesday 24th March and Wednesday 25th March.

Bookings may be made online at <https://cramlingtonshanklea.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

from Monday 9th March 2020.

If you have any problems please contact our Office Team

Out of School Club

It has been another very busy week at OOSC. The children have been learning about St David and practising how to say and write numbers, colours and fruits in Welsh.

The children enjoyed tea and scones in cooking this week.

Bookings for **April** Breakfast and OOSC Clubs may be made online until **Tuesday 31st March**. Bookings made after this date will incur a late booking fee and must be made using the paper booking forms or by contacting our Office Team.

World Book Day Tokens

Don't forget to use your World Book Day Token which was sent out with a Scholastic Books catalogue this week. Your token may be used against your Scholastic Book order or in most shops.

Payments for Scholastic books may be made in cash or on the School Gateway. All orders raise funds to buy books for our school. Thank you for your support.

Last week's attendance

Class of the week with **99.6%** attendance is **AH3**

Well done
Years 3 and 6

Year Group	Average Attendance
Reception	98.3
1/2	97.2
3	99.1
4/5	96.7
6	99.1

Covid-19, coronavirus

We will continue to consult with Public Health England to ensure that we follow the latest advice regarding the Covid-19, coronavirus.

We have included information from the government website in this newsletter to ensure families are kept as up-to-date as possible and that we continue to work together to keep our community safe and healthy.

The latest advice is to ensure staff and children increase hand washing routines, continue to follow good hygiene practice and to dispose of tissues promptly and carefully after coughing or sneezing.

We will continue to update families.

Upcoming Events

Week 3	9-11th March: Year 5 Robinwood Residential; British Science Week
Monday 9th March 2020	Reception and Year 6 Heights and Weights Programme Blue Cross Safety around dogs talk for Reception and KS1
Tuesday 10th March 2020	3.30pm Friends of Shanklea meeting—everyone welcome
Wednesday 11th March 2020	9am Year 3/4 Author Visit 9-10am Little Monkeys Toddler Group 3.30pm Nursery Intake meeting
Thursday 12th March	3.15pm Year 5 Hockey competition
Week 4	STEM WEEK
Monday 16th March 2020	Rev Woolley to lead whole school assembly 2.45pm Ms Henaghan's Year 3 Class Assembly
Tuesday 17th March 2020	Easter Ducklings arrive Year 3/4 Able Writers Day
Wednesday 18th March 2020	9-10am Little Monkeys Toddler Group 2pm (tbc) Robinwood Assembly for parents 3.30pm Squirrels Intake Evening
Friday 20th March 2020	Great British Spring Clean 2020



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JOIN OUR READING REVOLUTION
 >>>>> HELP US TO SHARE A MILLION STORIES

£1000
 of books to be won
 every week in March
 that day month

LAUNCHING
 27 FEBRUARY
 - 29 MARCH
 REGISTER NOW

Are you ready to share a million stories? World Book Day 2020 has the theme '**share a million stories**'. As World Book Day encourages a love for literature, it's only fitting we welcome children to bring their favourite characters to life. The annual celebration of authors, illustrators, books and reading is one of our favourite days of the year and we hope to share some of the fantastic creations in our next newsletter.

Children of all ages will be encouraged to read together at school and expand on their love for books, literacy and the joy of reading for Shanklea students is regardless of ability. The goal is for our students to experience a variety of quality literature and nonfiction, while increasing reading comprehension and promoting collaboration and teamwork. Teams of students will read, discuss, and practice quizzing each other and will answer questions in a variety of formats and with varying levels of difficulty.

Welcome to the extraordinary world of storytelling in schools. This week our Year 5/6 pupils met best selling author Julie Pike this week. She talked about life as an author and her new book "The Last Spell Breather." The children learnt about the stories that have inspired her and how her own adventures inspired her to write a story filled with high stakes and personal challenges. She talked about the power of words and how they came to be the basis of the magic system in her story, before inviting children to take part in an interactive spell building activity.



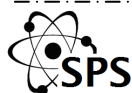
It's long been argued that children learn best when they experience something, and stories are often the best way to bring an excellent experience outside the classroom.

"If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales. If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more fairy tales." – Albert Einstein

There is a real buzz around school as staff and children have been busy sharing stories in school working towards our target to read 5000 books. We hope you are all enjoying sharing stories at home too. We will keep you updated with our weekly score soon.

Now we need your help once again. What is the best children's book of all time? Is the Gruffalo your favourite or do you prefer the classic Paddington Bear? Maybe you prefer the humour of David Walliams or the thought-provoking books of Michael Morpurgo? Maybe you have discovered a brand-new author who has written a book to beat all others. We want to know!

Please submit your favourite books using the form below, allowing every member of the family their own choice. There will be four categories - 5 and under, 7 and under, 11 and under, 99 and under. **The closing date is Friday 27th March.** All entries will be entered into a draw to win book vouchers.



Name of child:

Class:

My Family's Favourite Authors

Name	Age range (please circle)	Favourite Book and who wrote it
	5 and under/ 7 and under/ 11 and under/ 99 and under	
	5 and under/ 7 and under/ 11 and under/ 99 and under	
	5 and under/ 7 and under/ 11 and under/ 99 and under	
	5 and under/ 7 and under/ 11 and under/ 99 and under	
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Please return forms to school by Friday 27th March, 2020



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Latest government advice regarding Covid-19, coronavirus

On Tuesday, the Coronavirus action plan was launched. This document sets out what the UK as a whole has done to tackle the Coronavirus (COVID-19), and what it plans to do next.

The action plan can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-action-plan>

Action plan overview

The action plan sets out a four phased approach in response to the Coronavirus – Contain, Delay, Mitigate, and Research. An approach designed by world leading experts.

As there are already cases in the UK, the current emphasis is on the Contain and Research phases, but planning for Delay and Mitigation is already in train.

As part of the **Contain phase**, The government has been providing advice about educational settings in England, which can be found on Public Health England's website. A DfE helpline has been launched to manage the flow of increasing queries, from providers parents and young people.

Personal hygiene is the most important way we can tackle COVID-19, especially washing hands more; and the catch it, bin it, kill it strategy for those with coughs and sneezes – also help in delaying the peak of the infection.

The action plan is a framework that outlines the types of options open to government in each of these four phases. But this document is only a list of the types of measures we could consider – not those we are planning to implement.

Current advice remains in place: No school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health England.

The importance of hygiene

Yesterday, the Department of Health and Social Care launched a public information campaign that focuses on the importance of handwashing. Washing hands for 20 seconds is central to prevent and slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/public-information-campaign-focuses-on-handwashing>

Department for Education Coronavirus helpline

On Monday a new helpline was launched to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

Where to find the latest information

Updates on COVID-19: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Guidance for educational settings:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Travel advice for those travelling and living overseas: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

Latest Department for Education information: <https://twitter.com/educationgovuk>

<https://www.facebook.com/educationgovuk/>