

Welcome back!



It's hard to believe that the summer holidays are over and it's the start of a new school year once again. Lots of the children seem to have grown so much in the summer break – it must be all that sunshine! It's great to see lots of smiling faces and everyone again looking so grown up and smart in their Shanklea school uniform. In fact, it has been a fantastic first week at Shanklea Primary School. The children have come back to school with such energy and readiness for learning, and it has been so lovely to see them all again and to catch up with their summer news.

All of the staff have all been very busy over the holidays preparing for the new academic year both in the classrooms and around school. Major building works were completed internally over the Summer. The Early Years Department - Squirrels, Nursery and Reception classes have been completely overhauled and provide lots of inspirational space for the children to take part in lots of fun and



educational activities. We are looking forward to welcoming and settling our new children, who will begin school over the coming week with us. I have shown new parents and carers around this week and they have all been impressed, as have I, by the way that everyone has settled so quickly. **A great start all round!**



We welcome new teachers to our Shanklea family: **Mr Brown** and **Miss Henaghan**, as well as adults and young people in further education placements: **Mrs Shires**, **Mr Thompson** and **Miss Wood**.

It's great to be back and the staff and children have started the new term very well. There is an exceptionally calm atmosphere in school and every teacher is pleased with their new class.



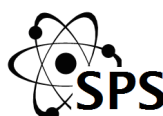
We are so pleased that school procedures are operating smoothly so that everyone **"can be the best they can be"**. We were very disappointed to hear concerns expressed by some parents regarding dropping off children on Tuesday morning. As always, the safety, well-being and happiness of our children are of the utmost importance. We therefore strive to fully comply with safeguarding protocols and to ensure that children come into school (and leave), in an orderly, calm and well supervised fashion. On Tuesday, there was a short (unavoidable) delay in opening the gates which resulted in some families having to wait a short time. We appreciate that some children (and parents) were feeling a little anxious and the delay (and the late delivery of our signs) would not have helped. We are so sorry for the delay and will continue to work to ensure that things continue to run smoothly in the future. **Staff are always present in the yard at the start and end of the day if you have any problems.**



Chloe has again been awarded star of the month at her dancing class. What a fantastic achievement!

shanklea Superstars

Safety to and from school



Members of the Shanklea School Team will be on the playground each morning to supervise the morning handover and accept any messages for teaching staff. Alternatively, parents can pass on messages by phone, email, text or by calling in to the office.

If you need a more in-depth discussion with your child's teacher please contact our school office team. The Head Teacher will be standing at the school gates every morning, to welcome children and families as well as to monitor who is entering the school grounds and ensuring children do not leave the site unattended.

Please remember all children from Reception to Year 4 must be accompanied to and collected from school by an adult - not a school aged older brother or sister.

Children in Years 5 and 6 may walk home unaccompanied if we receive written instructions to that effect from their parent or carer. **However, once the dark winter months arrive, for safeguarding reasons, all children must be collected by a responsible adult.** Those parents that drive are encouraged to park at the Masonic Hall Car Park and either walk the 2 minute journey to school or use the school 'Walking Bus'. This will ease parking problems and make it safer around our school. Please do not park on the zig zags or even drop off outside our school as this is highly dangerous.

Please also remember that parking restrictions are in effect around our school. Local police have asked us to send a letter from them to all parents to remind us all of our responsibilities. A copy is attached to this newsletter and has been emailed to parents. Traffic Enforcement Officers patrol the area and will issue fines. **We urge all of the school community to show consideration for local residents. Please do not block residents' drives or cause any obstructions that would inconvenience others.** Thank you for your co-operation





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KS2: Meet The Teacher



Parents of children in Years 3 to 6 are invited to "Meet the teacher" sessions on Wednesday 11th September 3.45—4.45pm to involve parents and carers even more in their child's education and to inform them of the routines and expectations of their new year group.

This is an opportunity to pop in and meet your child's class teacher ahead of the more formal parents' evening consultations.

Meet the Teacher will be a short informal session where staff can inform KS2 parents and carers about their child's timetable, forthcoming events, homework, educational visits, new initiatives we have adopted this year to accelerate the progress of all children as well as information regarding the new curriculum. Whilst the purpose of these sessions is not to discuss individual children, staff will, where possible, answer any general questions. We look forward to seeing you.



Shanklea Superstar Assemblies

Parents of children who have been awarded "Star of the Week" by their teacher will be invited by text to come along to see their child receive their certificate at one of our Friday achievement assemblies. We always leave it to individual parents if they want to tell their child or keep it a surprise!

Achievement assemblies will take place on Friday mornings at 9am for Reception, Year 1 & 2 children. Senior Shanklea Achievement assemblies for KS2 children will take place on Friday afternoons at 2.30pm. We try to give families as much notice as we can. Texts are sent on Wednesdays for the morning assemblies and on Thursdays for the older children at the afternoon assemblies.

Shanklea School Rules

Children will bring home a copy of our school rules this week. These have been discussed and agreed by each class and are designed to keep Shanklea a happy and fun place where everyone can achieve their best. Can parents and carers please study the rules with their children before the child signs their agreement. Please return the forms as soon as possible. Thank you.

Mini and Junior Great North Run

GOOD LUCK to everyone taking part in the Mini and Junior Great North Run this weekend. We look forward to hearing how you got on and would love to be able to share any photographs of your day. Please send any pictures to the Facebook page using the message option. Thank you.



Elmer' Great North Parade



Shanklea Primary School has been an elephantastic supporter of St Oswald's Hospice and have already raised huge amounts over the years through events and activities in school.

The summer holidays may be over, but the good news is that Elmer's Great North Parade has only just begun and you can spot our Shanklea elephant **'Be The Best You Can Bee!'** in Eldon Square, Newcastle until Friday 1st November 2019.

We are very excited to announce that there is an official trail



Flu immunisation

Children in classes from Reception to Year 6 will bring home forms next week requesting parental consent for them to be given the flu immunisation vaccine. NHS staff will come in to school on **10th December 2019**.

NHS staff will collect completed forms on 18th September. It is very important that forms are returned by this date to ensure your child that your child can receive the vaccine. There is no guarantee that NHS staff will be able to accept forms after this date.

We have spoken to the immunisation team about the possibility of medical staff coming in to school to advise parents about the flu immunisation programme. Please let us know if this would be of interest to you.



Parenting Drop In

Parent/Carers are welcome to come along to **Eastlea Primary School** to seek advice from our Family Workers about any parenting or behavioural issues they may be experiencing.

We can offer strategies to support children from birth to 19 years and sign post parents/carers to courses or additional services if required.



Fortnightly on a Thursday 4.00pm-5.30pm

At **Eastlea Primary School**
Skipton Close, **Cramlington** NE23 3ST
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2019: Autumn 1 Timetable

Week 1	
Monday 2nd September 2019	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 3rd September 2019	School re-opens
Wednesday 4th September 2019	Nursery and Squirrels re-opens.
Thursday 5th September 2019	
Friday 6th September 2019	Homework issued - 'Home/School Agreement' for signage
Saturday 7th September 2019	Mini North Run
Week 2	
Monday 9th September 2019	Flu Immunisation Consent forms issued
Tuesday 10th September 2019	PSHE Workshop for Year 3. 'Roles and Responsibilities' 3.30pm Friends of Shanklea meeting, everyone welcome
Wednesday 11th September 2019	Toddler Group, 9.00-10.00am 'Meet The Teacher' 3.45-4.45pm
Thursday 12th September 2019	
Friday 13th September 2019	Music Tuition starts Y6 Author visit to Cragside Primary School, afternoon
Week 3	
Monday 16th September 2019	Jui-Jitsu Taster sessions
Tuesday 17th September 2019	Jui-Jitsu Taster sessions
Wednesday 18th September 2019	Toddler Group, 9.00-10.00am Reception Maths Workshop, 2.15pm
Thursday 19th September 2019	Jui-Jitsu Taster sessions Northumbria Water Splash Show, 1.30pm Y2-Y6
Friday 20th September 2019	School Council Elections Music Tuition
Week 4	
Bike To School Week!	
Monday 23rd September 2019	Reverend Doherty to lead assembly, 9.15am KS1 Parent Workshop, 2.15pm (English)
Tuesday 24th September 2019	
Wednesday 25th September 2019	Toddler Group, 9.00-10.00am Reception RWI Parent workshop, 2.15pm
Thursday 26th September 2019	
Friday 27th September 2019	Music Tuition
Week 5	
International Walk To School Month	
Monday 30th September 2019	
Tuesday 1st October 2019	Fire Fighters Charity Collection Victorian Tunnel Educational Trip Y4/5
Wednesday 2nd October 2019	Toddler Group, 9.00-10.00am KS1 Maths Workshop, 2.15pm
Thursday 3rd October 2019	Themed Lunch
Friday 4th October 2019	Music Tuition

Please let us know if you think your child might be eligible for free school meals
even if your child has Universal Free School Meals. Thank you



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Week 6	
Monday 7th October 2019	Year 4 Alnwick Residential Trip Parents meeting, 3.30- 4.30pm
Tuesday 8th October 2019	
Wednesday 9th October 2019	Toddler Group, 9.00-10.00am
Thursday 10th October 2019	World Mental Health Day
Friday 11th October	EYFS/KS1 Harvest Festival, 9.15am KS2 Harvest Festival, 2.30pm
Week 7	
Monday 14th October 2019	Year 4 Alnwick Youth Hostel Residential Trip
Tuesday 15th October 2019	Year 4 Alnwick Youth Hostel Residential Trip
Wednesday 16th October 2019	Year 4 Alnwick Youth Hostel Residential Trip Year 6 SATs meeting, 3.30pm
Thursday 17th October 2019	Year 4 Alnwick Youth Hostel Residential Trip
Friday 18th October 2019	Year 4 Alnwick Youth Hostel Residential Trip Y3 Able Maths Day
Week 8	
Monday 21st October 2019	
Tuesday 22nd October 2019	
Wednesday 23rd October 2019	Toddler Group 9.00-10.00am Parents Evening 3.45-5.45pm
Thursday 24th October 2019	Parents Evening 3.45-5.45pm School closes
Friday 25th October 2019	Teacher Training Day

School will re-open on Monday 4th November 2019

Extra-curricular Clubs and Groups this Half-Term

	Lunchtime	After-school
Monday		Y3/4 Futsal
Tuesday	KS2 Go Noodle	Y4/5/6 Football
Wednesday		Y5/6 Netball
Thursday		Y4/5/6 Rugby Y3/4 Golf

Children should have their P.E. kit with them EVERY DAY. Please bring in at the start of each week.

P.E. Days

P.E. Days	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	LMR	DAC1/2 BD1/2
Tuesday	MSR	JR1/2 SH3 SB4/5 RB4/5 CC6
Wednesday	ER4/5 RB4/5	DAC1/2 AH3 ER4/5 CC6 LG6
Thursday	SB4/5	BD1/2 SH3
Friday	AH3 LG6	JR1/2