

Shanklea Superstars

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★ These children have been recognised by their teachers ★

★ for exemplary attitude and effort during the past week: ★

★ **Emme S** has skipped and beamed into school every
 ★ morning since joining Shanklea. She has been so friendly
 ★ and enthusiastic and has joined in everything with joy!

★ **Amelia B** has had an amazing week and settled in really well. Her teachers are super proud of her.

★ **Jasmine L** has had an amazing start to Year 1. Lots of smiles!

★ **Tia J** has worked so hard all week and has tried her best.
★ What a great start!

★ **Keisha Y** has exceptional behaviour and politeness in
 ★ every lesson, every day. She is such a Shanklea role
 ★ model! Well done!

★ **Oliver S** is a hardworking, dedicated and a friendly, ★ happy boy. He is a real role model.

★ **Olivia J** has a consistently fantastic attitude towards her learning and her peers.

★ **Lois E** and **Anna S** present their work beautifully and work exceptionally hard. Well done!

★ **Matthew B** has a positive attitude and makes good contributions to our lessons.

★ **Emily M** produced a fantastic, beautifully presented,
★ piece of work in English, on the Great North Run.

Year 4 and 5 Evacuee Workshop

On Monday the children in Years 4 and 5 will be undertaking an evacuee experience as part of their work on World War Two. To assist with this we ask that pupils bring in old newspapers and also a torch if possible. It would also be helpful if pupils are provided with a postage stamp. We would also be grateful if anyone has any masking tape to spare! Photos and more explanations in next week's newsletter.



Zoey is a superb gardener. She planted a marigold at the end of year 1 and after lots of watering and watching it grow it's almost as tall as Zoey and finally has its first flower! She has loved looking after it over the summer and we can see how well she has done. A superb effort Zoey!

**Reception RWI Parent Workshop,
Wednesday 25th September 2.15pm**

Phonics Workshop for children and parents in Reception

The aim of this workshop will help you to:

- understand how we teach your child phonics
- become more confident with your own phonics knowledge
- gain further ideas of how to support your children at home.

This will be a fun and informative session and will give you the opportunity to ask any questions that you may have about the teaching of Phonics.

**KS1 (Year 1 and 2) Parent Workshop
(English) Monday 23rd September at
2.15pm**

At Shanklea Primary School, we are proud to regularly invite parents to workshops to support their child's learning at home. For those parents who are unable to make our workshops, information from the workshops can be found on our school website, relevant to each year group.

Parents of children in Years 1 and 2 are invited to come along to a special workshop on Monday 23rd September at 2.15pm to find out lots of information about the teaching of English related topics in school

Bike to School Week

Next week is Bike to School Week.



Bike to School Week is a great way to kick-start active travel at our school and encourage a healthy school run for all Shanklea students. A great way for children, parents and teachers all to give travelling to and from school by bike a go!



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Collective Worship

Worship is central to our daily lives here at Shanklea Primary School. All children in school participate in our daily act of collective worship and weekly themes and bible verses are shared with the school community. We believe that we are all joined together as a special community and parents and friends of the school are invited to worship with us whenever possible. We are very fortunate to have a number of people in school who lead worship including the head teacher, the deputy head teachers, the clergy team of St Nicholas' Church, Cramlington Village, the children, teaching staff and leaders from other local churches. The school takes part in a number of church events each year including the Remembrance Service and the annual Harvest and Carol Services. Clergy team play an active part in the life of the school and there are excellent links between us.

Opportunities for reflection and private prayer are readily available inside our school building. Children are encouraged to engage with the reflection space through either viewing diverse religious artefacts from across the globe or engaging in reflection activities. Our children are keen to explore their spirituality and we give them many opportunities to do so throughout the school day.

Coming Soon

Monday 23rd September	2.15pm Year 1&2 parents English workshop
Tuesday 24th September	4pm School Football team match No extra-curricular football club today
Wednesday 25th September	9-10am Little Monkeys Toddler Group 2.15pm Reception Parents' RWI workshop
Tuesday 1st October	Fire Fighters Charity Bag Collection
Wednesday 2nd October	9-10 Toddler Group 2.15pm Year 1/2 Parents' Maths workshop
Thursday 3rd October	Autumn Celebrations Special Lunch
Monday 7th October	3.30pm Year 4 Parents' Alnwick Residential Trip Meeting
Tuesday 8th October	Year 4/5 Victorian Tunnel Trip
Wednesday 9th October	9-10 Toddler Group
Friday 11th October	Harvest Festival Celebrations

When should my child return to school?



Chicken Pox When all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis None*	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever None*	Hand, foot & mouth None*	Impetigo When lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies After first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek None*	Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Flu Until recovered	Head Lice None*	Threadworms None*	Tonsillitis None*		



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Attendance

Children can't help being sick occasionally. Sometimes they have an illness that will require time off school and a visit to a doctor. On these occasions, it is very important that you let school know as soon as possible, via text, phone, email or by calling in to talk to us.

Regularly taking one or two days off though soon adds up. Sometimes our children have coughs or colds. They may not feel like their normal self but they are probably well enough for school. Children have to learn for adult life that we need to build our resilience to cope. If as adults we regularly took time off work for a cough or cold we wouldn't have a job.

As parents/carers we are asking you to stop and think before you allow your child to stay off school.

- Are they well enough to attend school?
- Is your child's attendance already a concern?
- Would it help if you dropped off paracetamol or medication for them during the school day? If so just sign the appropriate form in school.
- Is there anything worrying your child at school or home?

Who could you speak to?

- Class teacher
- Head Teacher/ Deputy Head Teachers
- Attendance Admin Officer – Mrs McConnell

If a parent wishes to request a period of leave of absence they are required to write to the Head Teacher by completing the appropriate leave of absence form which can be collected from the office. This should be done before any flights, holiday bookings or other arrangements are made.

There is no entitlement to time off in term time.

A school can only grant Leave of Absence if

- A request for leave of absence is submitted before leave is taken
- **And** the Head Teacher believes the reason is exceptional

Leave of absence can only be granted for exceptional circumstances. A holiday or travelling abroad is not considered exceptional.

There are 38 weeks in the year when school is open and 14 weeks (175 DAYS) when families can visit family overseas; go on holiday; travel or attend non urgent

medical appointments. So before you ask for leave of absence please consider... **Is your request for leave of absence exceptional?**

If the request is denied the school will inform the parent of the reason and the request will be noted in the electronic register.

The Rules concerning unauthorised absences are as follows:

Absence taken and not authorised could be liable for a Fixed Penalty fine of £60 per parent, per child. This fine will double to £120 if not paid within 21 days. Unpaid fines will result in court proceedings leading to a criminal record for unpaid fines.

If unauthorised leave is taken on a second occasion fixed penalty notices will be issued again at £60 per parent, per child. Again the fine will double to £120 if not paid within 21 days.

If unauthorised leave is taken on a third occasion no Penalty Notice will be issued and that parent will be taken straight to Court under the higher-level aggravated offence. This means that the parent may be subject to a much more severe penalty i.e. a maximum fine of up to £2,500 or 3 months in custody or, a community order which may involve them doing a number of hours of unpaid work.

Leave of absence forms are available from outside the office. If you have any concerns please contact us. Together, we can help the children **"be the best they can be."**

Last week's attendance

Classes of the week with **100%** attendance are
DAC1/2,
SH3, and CC6

Well done
Reception &
Year 6

Year Group	Average Attendance %
Reception	95.1
1 and 2	98.2
3	98.5
4 and 5	95.6
6	96.0



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Shanklea School Facebook Page

Our school is continually looking for new and innovative ways to increase communication with our parent community. It has been widely recognised that social media is one of such ways. Shanklea has created an official Facebook page. This page will be used to share positive events, trips and celebrations with you. We encourage you to positively participate if you wish.

In order for this Facebook page to be a success, we are asking for your positive support when using the page. Please ensure you read and follow the **'Parent code of conduct'**.

PARENT FACEBOOK CODE OF CONDUCT

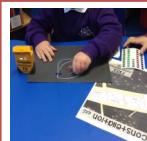
Photos of students are posted with parental permission. For privacy and protection, please do not tag photos of children and please do not name them in your comments. Tagging of parents or friends within the comment box is permitted, with the understanding that all other rules of engagement are followed.

- ◆ Ensure that your posts are not breaching school security procedures.
- ◆ Photographs, videos or any image of pupils, staff or any member of our school community must not be published on a personal or public web space without prior permission from the school.
- ◆ Refrain from abusive or personal comments about staff, governors, children or other parents.
- ◆ Make certain not to use social media to publicly challenge school policies or discuss issues about individual children or members of staff.
- ◆ Avoid threatening behaviour, such as verbally intimidating staff, or using bad language.
- ◆ We will not permit messages selling products or promoting commercial, political or other ventures.

The school administrators regularly monitor the site and will remove comments that do not adhere to our rules of engagement. Comments are also subject to Facebook's Terms of Use and Code of Conduct. Facebook also encourages all users to use the "Report" links when they find abusive/inappropriate content. We take very seriously inappropriate use of social media by a parent to publicly humiliate or criticise another parent, member of staff or child.

Please think before you post!

Parents should address any issues or concerns regarding school life through official school channels rather than posting them on social networking sites. If you have an issue you would like to discuss, please contact a member of school staff through other methods of communication such as on the school phone number, school email address or in person. We hope you will like and follow our page. We look forward to sharing positive school life with you!

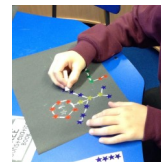
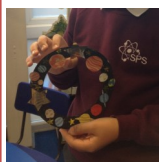


Out of School Club

This week in Shanklea's Out of School Club the children have been learning about all areas of our universe! The children have been inspired to create a wide variety of art works that are out of this world! They have experimented with a broad range of media to create their own constellations, galaxies, stars, planets, alien space ships, space wreaths and sooooo much more!! Some of our older Key Stage Two children have also had the opportunity to create some information booklets and presentations to share their new found knowledge of planets, astronauts, rockets, and NASA, just to name a few.

In our cooking session this week, the children prepared and cooked their own pizza baguettes. They have been demonstrating good food hygiene and safe food preparation skills.

Next week in the Out of School Club, the children will be exploring the theme Autumn. We have an unbe-leaf-able week in store! We look forward to seeing you there!



Little Monkeys Toddler Group

Come and visit us on Wednesday mornings 9—10am. Meet other parents and carers. Have a chat and a cuppa while your child plays in a safe environment that will stimulate and help their development. This session is fully staffed by EYFS staff who are on hand to: help set up and pack away; to offer support and guidance; to be a welcoming and familiar face; organise fun activities and keep everyone informed of news and developments.