



Shanklea Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter



We have come to the end of what has been a very busy and productive term at Shanklea. The children have settled well into their new classes and it has been wonderful to share their achievements with you at the parents' evenings over the last two weeks.

Next term, we plan to extend opportunities to our pupils further. We are pleased to be able to start extra-curricular clubs after the half term holidays and there will be a range of clubs available throughout the year including sports, arts, music and language. The clubs available will vary each term allowing all children to access a variety of clubs.

Details of next term's clubs will be sent to families during the week commencing 1st November and clubs will begin in the week beginning 8th November. Parents and carers will be able to reserve places for their child(ren) on the School Gateway.

Staff have been very busy planning for Christmas. Each year group will be putting on a performance which we are looking forward to inviting parents and carers to watch either at church or in school. Clearly more details will follow but we have listed key dates below to give you as much notice as possible. Thank you to everyone for continuing to support us as we move closer to returning to the Shanklea "norm."



Key dates:

Thursday 2 nd December	Morning: Reception Christmas Performance Afternoon: Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance
Friday 3 rd December	Morning: Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance
Monday 6 th December	Afternoon: Year 1 Christmas Workshop
Tuesday 7 th December	Christmas Dinner Day Afternoon: Years 5 and 6 Choir: Carol Singing at Hartford Court
Wednesday 8 th December	Afternoon: Years 3 and 4 Christmas Performance
Thursday 9 th December	Morning: Years 3 and 4 Christmas Performance Afternoon: EYFS Christmas Workshop
Friday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper Community Day
Monday 13 th December	EYFS Christmas Party Day
Tuesday 14 th December	Morning: Nursery at St Nicholas Church Afternoon: Years 1 and 2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 15 th December	Afternoon: Years 3 and 4 Christmas Party
Thursday 16 th December	Morning: Years 5 and 6 at St Nicholas Church Afternoon: Years 5 and 6 Christmas Party





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Scholastic Book Club



Our new **Scholastic Book Club** is up and running! Children have brought home a paper catalogue this week. Please go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/shanklea-county/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and to order online. Please do not return order forms or cash to school.

For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 20p** in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your **order online by November 5th, 2021.**

Celebrating Diversity at Shanklea






As part of our International Schools Award activities and to celebrate the rich diversity and cultures within our school community, we would like to hear from you.

We have emailed out a diversity questionnaire to Shanklea families this week and would be very grateful if you could talk about the questions and complete the form with your child(ren). Summaries of the information provided will, with your consent, be used to create displays around school and form the basis for class discussions within school. An example display would include the first name of the child with information of country links on a world map. Thank you so much for your support.

Parenting Smart (Place2Be)

The children's mental health charity, Place2Be, has launched a new website aimed at helping parents with some of the typical situations they can find themselves in with their children.

Advice can be found on over forty topics including:

-  secondary school transition
-  my child is anxious
-  my child thinks they need to be perfect
-  the importance of boundaries and consequences
-  reading with your child



Please follow the link for more information: <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

Breakfast and Out of School Clubs

Bookings for the Breakfast and Out of School Clubs may be made online on the School Gateway until **1st November 2021**. Bookings after this must be made through the office and will incur a £2 late booking fee. Please pay at the time of booking.

Hugg Vouchers

Hugg vouchers have been emailed to families who are entitled to them. Please note that these have an expiry





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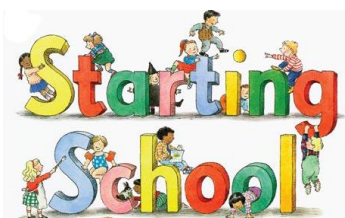
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date of 30th November 2021.

Children who are due to start in Reception September 2022



Parents/carers of children who are due to start their Reception year in September 2022 will be able to apply for their preferred schools from **Monday 1st November 2021**.

Reception admissions to school are coordinated by Northumberland County Council, (NCC). They open a portal on their website at the start of November in the academic year preceding children's start in September. Parents indicate their school preferences on the portal which closes on 15th January 2022. NCC contact parents with the results of their application on National Offer Day (15th April 2022.) The full timetable is shown below.

There is lots more information on the Northumberland County Council website admissions section at <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1/Reception-entry-applications.aspx>

For queries, you can contact them at schooladmissions@northumberland.gov.uk or by phone at 03456006400.

Timetable for first and primary schools

1 November 2021	<p>Online applications Online Admissions Portal for First and Primary school admissions will open on the 1st of November 2021. <i>You need to register as a new user if you haven't used the Portal before. If you've forgotten your password, click on forgotten password link) - (for late applications see below). You must complete an application for a place in a Reception class even if your child attends the school nursery or pre-school setting.</i></p> <p>Please be aware there are two school in Ponteland with similar names and addresses. Ponteland Primary (Pele Trust) and Ponteland Community Primary (previously Ponteland Middle School). Make sure you are careful about which school you select.</p> <p>leaflet on how to apply and portal user guidance to help you with your application</p>
15 January 2022	Closing date for all applications to be received by the Local Authority
15 April 2022	National Offer Day. E-mails sent to those parents who applied online and who requested to be informed by email. Parents who applied on a paper form will have a letter sent out to them today
2 May 2022	Deadline for parents to refuse the school place.
8 May 2022	Any places that become available are allocated in criteria order (on time applicants)
29 May 2022	All remaining places allocated on a first come first serve basis.
31 December 2022	No waiting lists held by the Local Authority after this date.

New Menus

The menu for the week commencing Monday 1st November is shown below. Please book (and pay where appropriate) on the School Grid.





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W/c Monday, 01 November 2021				
Monday 01	Tuesday 02	Wednesday 03	Thursday 04	Friday 05
Spaghetti Bolognese Jacket Potato Choice Sandwich Choice ----- Garlic Bread Garden Peas ----- Pudding of the Day	Roast Pork With Yorkshire Pudding Jacket Potato Choice Sandwich Choice ----- Roast Potatoes Broccoli ----- Pudding of the Day	Savoury Mince Pie Jacket Potato Choice Sandwich Choice ----- Creamed Potatoes Carrots ----- Pudding of the Day	Chicken Curry Tomato and Basil Pasta Bake Jacket Potato Choice Sandwich Choice ----- Rice Mixed Seasonal Salad ----- Pudding of the Day	Oven Baked Sausage Jacket Potato Choice Sandwich Choice ----- Chips Baked Beans ----- Pudding of the Day

Bikeability



Parents of **Year 5 children** who have completed forms for **Bikeability** are reminded that their course begins first thing on **Monday 1st November** so it is important that they arrive at school on time, wearing appropriate clothing and with their bikes and helmets.

The Year 6 Bikeability course will take place between 8th and 10th November 2021.

Halloween and half term holidays

School will close for the half term holidays at the end of the day on **Thursday 21st October 2021**.

Shanklea children and their families are invited to take part in our Halloween themed competitions over the holidays. Entries will be judged when we return to school on Monday 1st November:



Best Dressed Halloween Window	£1	For these competitions, please take a photograph of your creation and email it to admin@shanklea.northumberland.sch.uk
Best Carved Halloween Pumpkin	£1	
Halloween Cake Off	£1	
Scarecrow Competition	£3	Please bring scarecrows into school on Monday 1 st November so they can join a scarecrow parade and be displayed around school

Please pay the entry fees for each competition on the School Gateway.





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Data Collection Sheets

Please don't forget to check the **Data Collection Sheets** your children have brought home:

- ✚ If there are no changes you do not need to do anything and can destroy the form.
- ✚ If there are changes please amend the sheet and return it to the office as soon as possible. Please ignore the sections on meal and travel arrangements.

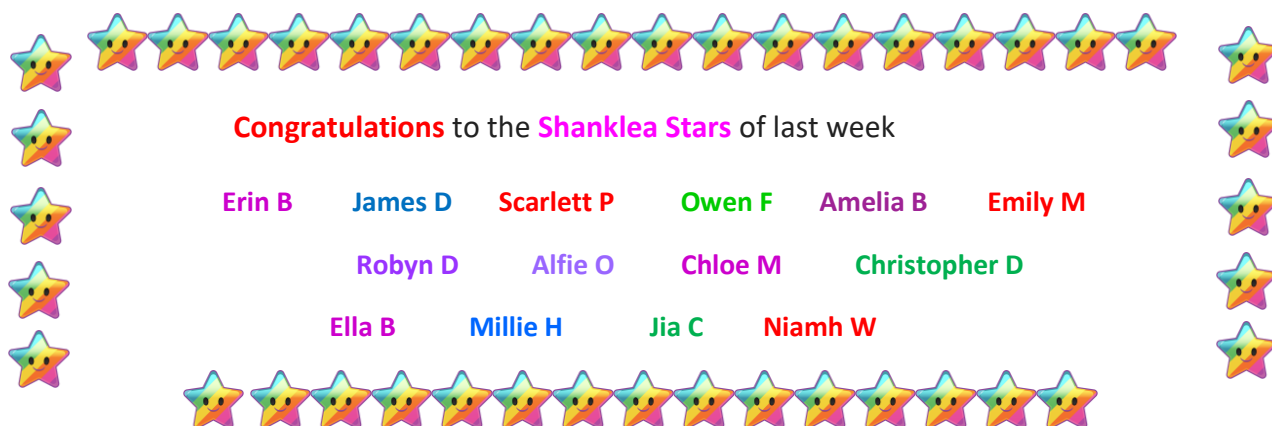
Shanklea Superstars and Castle Points Winners

Congratulations to our castle points winners this half term:

LEADERBOARD	
*** TOP STUDENT ***	
1st	Ruby G
694 POINTS	
2nd	Maggie H
694 POINTS	
3rd	Chloe M
353 POINTS	

ALL CLASSES	
POSITION	CLASS NAME
1	SH4
2	LB2
3	CC6

ALL HOUSES	
POSITION	HOUSE NAME
1	Bamburgh
2	Prudhoe
3	Dunstanburgh



School will re-open on Monday 1st November 2021