



# Shanklea Primary School

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## Dear All

**Welcome back to the new school year at Shanklea Primary! The children all look very smart, healthy and well rested, so thank you all for that. The children have all had some lovely stories to tell us about their holidays. I'm sure they are ready to work really hard this year and do their very best in all things.**

**We would like to extend an especially warm**

**welcome to the new families and Reception children.**

**We also welcome our new teachers Mr Cartner, Mrs Downes, Mr Winter and Mrs Young, an Inclusion Mentor to our school team.**

**We look forward to a very happy and productive term.**

**Mrs Brown, Head Teacher**

## MEET YOUR



**TEACHER**

## Meet The Teacher

A back-to-school open night will be held next week – **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September, 3.30-5.00p.m.** This drop-in style meeting with teachers should provide an opportunity to ease pupil jitters about the year ahead and to share their plans with parents.

There will be Welcome-back packs which present practical information and ways parents can get more involved in learning – Reading, Phonics and Mathematics homework.

On this evening we will be launching the Schoolcomms online club booking system which will allow parents to book their children into breakfast and out of school clubs. Through School Gateway, parents can view information, respond to school requests, pay for school trips, Breakfast or Out of School clubs and make other payments. In future, parents will also be able to access the School Gateway online to book extra-curricular clubs.

**Our Business Manager, Miss Brown,** will be available at the meeting to help get parents started on this system.

## IPAD student leasing scheme - Making technology affordable

At the meet the teacher drop-in, there will also be an opportunity to find out about the launch of a Shanklea purchase scheme for iPads.



A student leasing scheme is an affordable way to give your child the latest classroom/home technology like iPad. We've come up with our own scheme to help you purchase laptops, notebooks and tablets, all pre-configured, paid for and delivered through our very own bespoke purchasing portal. The children get the latest technology while spending the least possible amount of your budget.

## Shanklea Superstar



A huge well done to **Hollie Osborne** who has shown true kindness and care for others. Hollie has had her long hair cut off and has donated it to the Little Princess Trust who make hair pieces for children who are undergoing chemotherapy.



## Roald Dahl Centenary

13th September 2016 marks the 100 year anniversary of Roald Dahl's birth!

During **September 2016**, there will be celebrations for Roald Dahl 100, focusing on Roald Dahl's glorious stories and characters and delivering a month packed with squiffing surprises and treats for everyone.

**On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2016** we will see the biggest ever celebration of Roald Dahl's birthday at Shanklea Primary School! Children and staff are invited to dress up as their favourite Roald Dahl character.



As part of the 100 Year Anniversary celebrations, we will also be submitting entries to a Writing competition celebrating this fantastic author's work, with deadlines for entries **30<sup>th</sup> September 2016**. Like Roald Dahl, we're looking for some swashboggling squibbling and glorumptious gobblefunk (that's writing and language to you and me). Children from Nursery to Year 6 are welcome to enter, and the winning child gets a trip for themselves and their whole class to see 'James and the Giant Peach'.



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## The appointment of an Inclusion Mentor at Shanklea Primary School

We are delighted to have appointed Mrs Young to support the needs of children who may be facing barriers to their learning and help them achieve to the very best of their abilities in our school. She will work with children, teachers, parents, carers, families, schools and other agencies to ensure children and families receive the support they need.

### What are barriers to learning?

A barrier to learning is any factor that prevents a child from being in a suitable mood or emotional, physical or psychological state to engage in their lessons and learn.

Barriers to learning experienced by children may be:

- Difficult relationships with friends
- Feeling vulnerable
- Low self-confidence
- Worries about transferring to secondary school
- Difficult family circumstances such as separation or a bereavement
- Young carers
- Difficulty in controlling emotions

With the consent of parents and carers, Mrs Young will help children, their families and teachers to identify particular difficulties a child maybe having and seek solutions. She will work with children on a 1:1 basis, in a small group or with a class to help improve the situation and encourage

pupils to re-engage in their learning.

The aim of this additional support is to help raise children's achievement and aspirations by improving:

- social skills
- friendship skills
- motivation
- attendance
- punctuality

The value of positive and active involvement by parents cannot be overstated and family support and engagement is highly valued by our school. Mrs Young will communicate with families regularly to update them and to get feedback on their thoughts and is available at various times throughout the week to chat with parents/carers.



If staff in school identify children who would benefit from time with our Inclusion Mentor, they will discuss this with parents first. However, if you as a parent/carers have concerns you can speak to Mrs Young directly.

Please feel free to come and chat with Mrs Young if you have any more questions. She will be on the playground before school most mornings.



## Donations please

The children are scheduled to work with a community artist soon to develop the school grounds. Any donations of

household coloured paint and different sized terracotta clay pots would be gratefully received.

If you are able to donate any paint, can you please ensure the lid is on tightly and beware that some paints can be hazardous.

As always, thank you for your continuing support.



## Information Data Sheets

Over the next few days children will be bringing home data collection sheets. Please check that all the information is correct and return the forms (with any amendments or additions) to school as soon as you can. All data is protected and confidential and it is extremely important (especially in case of emergencies) that we have complete and correct details.

## Friends of Shanklea

Our Parent, Teachers and Friends Association will be holding a meeting at school on **Monday 12th September at 3.30pm**. Please come along and find out how you can help us support all our children. Everyone welcome.

Good Luck to everyone taking part in the Great North Run this weekend.







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## Drinks in school



Can all parents please ensure that children have a drink of water in school with them each day, particularly in hot weather. Drinks should be in a suitable non-breakable, non-spill container.

Can we also remind parents of the Cool Milk scheme which ensures children have a healthy drink of milk each day. To sign up for the scheme please go to [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) or collect a form from the office.



## P.E. Kit

We love sport at Shanklea Primary School and it is important that the children have the correct kit with them at all times. Can parents please ensure that children have their indoor and outdoor P.E. kit with them every day. We recommend bringing it in on Mondays and taking it home at weekends. Thanks for your support.

## Booking OOSC and Breakfast Club Sessions through School Gateway

1. **Login** to School Gateway.
2. **Select** the club you want (Breakfast Club or Out of School Club)
3. From the session calendar, click on the session you would like to make bookings for. A running total of cost will be shown if there are charges for these sessions)

**Please note:** You will need to enter bookings for siblings separately (using the **sibling rate** option) to ensure you get the discounted rate.

4. Click **Book** selected sessions. A confirmation message will appear asking you to confirm. Click **Book now** to confirm your choices.
5. Payment is due at the time of booking. Once you have confirmed your booking you will be redirected to the payment screen.



Bookings can still be made using the booking forms outside the office.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

We have been advised that the trial of parking restrictions around our school has been extended for a further six months. Parents are reminded that parking is prohibited everywhere on Nairn Road, Needham Place and Northolt Avenue. Parking control officers issued a lot of penalty notices to people parking in these areas during our last school year.

During the school holidays, the car park at the rear of the school has been extended. We hope that this will help alleviate parking problems around our school and make parking easier for our visitors.

Can we **please** remind parents, family members, staff, friends and all other visitors to respect our neighbours and park considerately. It is important not to park so that people cannot access their drives or in such a way as to put our children's safety at risk.

Parents and carers are reminded that cars should not be stopping outside the school and on the zig zag lines as it puts the safety of our children at risk.

Parking control officers regularly patrol the area.



The Highways Agency has arranged a drop-in meeting at Shanklea Primary School on **Thursday 15th September 3.45—7pm**. Parents and local residents are encouraged to go along and share their views. We hope you can attend.

## School meals



We are lucky to have a fabulous catering team who provide freshly prepared, tasty and nutritious meals every day. School meals costs £2.30 per day (£11.50 for 5 day week) . Meals can be paid for on the School Gateway or by cash or cheque at the school office.

A copy of our latest menu is available on the school website. Paper copies are also available from outside the school office.





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## Diary dates: Autumn Term 2016

	Week 1 5th-9th September 2016	Week 2 12th-16th September 2016	Week 3 19th-23rd September 2016
<b>Monday</b>	Teacher Training Day	3.30 KS1 Art Club KS2 Art Club KS1 NUFC training  3.30 Friends of Shanklea meeting  6pm Governors Planning meeting	Start of British food fortnight  3.30 KS1 Art Club KS2 Art Club KS1 NUFC training
<b>Tuesday</b>	Autumn term begins	8am Judo club  12noon Ocarina club 12.30pm Computer club 3.30 KS1 Cheerleading and dance club 4pm Staff ICT training	8am Judo club  12noon Ocarina club 12.30pm Computer club 3.30 KS1 Cheerleading and dance club
<b>Wednesday</b>		3.30-4.30 Meet the teacher—reading, phonics and maths focus  Launch of School Comms info and iPad leasing scheme	
<b>Thursday</b>		3.30 Y5/6 Rugby Club  PM Community artist Andrew Morley from Creative Ginger working with children to develop playground murals	3.30 Y5/6 Rugby Club  PM Community artist Andrew Morley from Creative Ginger working with children to develop playground murals
<b>Friday</b>	Introducing castles—new beginnings	Dress as your favourite Roald Dahl character day  Music lessons begin	Jeans for Genes Day



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	Week 4 26th—30th September 2016	Week 5 3rd—7th October 2016	Week 6 10th –14th October 2 016
<b>Monday</b>	Y5 Bikeability starts 3.30 KS1 Art Club KS2 Art Club KS1 NUFC training	3.30 KS1 Art Club KS2 Art Club KS1 NUFC training	Christmas card design week Y4 Alnwick Youth Hostel Residential Trip 3.30 KS1 Art Club KS2 Art Club KS1 NUFC training
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<b>Friday</b>	World Heart Day	Y3 Hula hoop festival	World Maths Day Christmas card design week Y4 Alnwick Youth Hostel Residential Trip



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	Week 7 17th- 21st October 2016
Monday	3.30 KS1 Art Club KS2 Art Club KS1 NUFC training Friends of Shanklea Halloween Disco
Tuesday	8am Judo club Moving Words 12noon Ocarina club 12.30pm Computer club 3.30 KS1 Cheerleading and dance club 3.30—6.30 Parents evening
Wednesday	Moving Words 3.30—6.30 Parents evening
Thursday	Moving Words Class challenge 2.30-3.30 Harvest festival 3.30 Y5/6 Rugby Club School closes
Friday	Teacher training day

School re-opens on

**Monday 31st October.**

There will be a special Halloween themed lunch on this day.