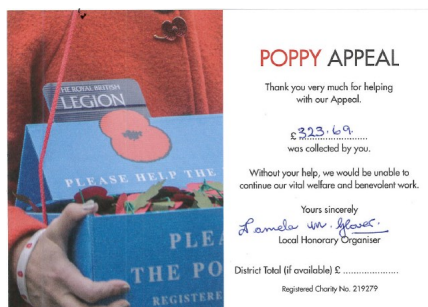


Shanklea Wins Top Sports Award

We are delighted to tell you that Shanklea Primary School has won the illustrious "Promoting and demonstrating the School Games Values" award. Mrs Brown, Ms Rigg, **Ethan Beckford, Joshua Field, Myriam Gaultier, Savannah Houlden** accepted the award on behalf of our school at a presentation at Cramlington Learning Village on Thursday 1st December, 2016

We are particularly delighted to receive this award from the Schools Partnership as it is a result of the very mature and sportsmanlike attitude of our children. It is a fitting reflection of our inclusive approach, making sports accessible and fun for everyone. A lot of hard work goes into providing a range of sports and activities from basketball to swimming to skipping to skiing and we are so proud that our children represent us so well and in so many activities.



Don't miss out

As a school we want to ensure that parents are kept informed of the events that are taking place in school leading up to Christmas. There are lots of different events during December involving individual classes, Choirs and the whole school. It is important parents check the newsletters, texts and website on a regular basis so not to miss out!

Poppy Appeal: A BIG Thank You

Thanks to the generosity of Shanklea children, staff and parents we have raised a staggering **£323.69** for The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal..



Shanklea Superstars

Classes of the week with **100%** attendance are **SH4** and **LG5**



Strictly Superstar

Congratulations to **Erin Robertson** who has recently been awarded numerous trophies for her ballroom dancing efforts.



Soccer Superstar

Cameron Coxon has been chosen by his football club as the most improved player and their recent awards ceremony. Great work Cameron.

Year 3 and 4 Santa Spectacular

Year 3 and 4 were spectacular on Shanklea Primary School's new staging and put on a fabulous Christmas musical **'Gimme, Gimme, Gimme.'**

The North Pole was in meltdown! Despite modernising and updating operations with a new hi-tech Customer Services Centre, the elves were struggling to cope with the quantity and variety of presents being asked for....so Santa takes drastic action!

By showing a particularly spoilt pair of siblings how some unfortunate children have to spend Christmas time, Santa is on a mission to convince the world that the best pressies we could wish for don't cost a penny!

Making costumes, painting scenery and learning lines wasn't even the half of it! With a lively script and seriously thumping good tunes it was guaranteed to have the audience dancing in the aisles. **'Gimme, Gimme, Gimme'** the musical was a thought-provoking and fun way to celebrate Christmas at our school!



Year 1 and 2 "Hey Ewe!"

Year 1 and 2 staged two brilliant performances of their Nativity play with a difference on Thursday 9th December 2016.

'Hey Ewe!' presented the Christmas story through the eyes of a sheep to an enthralled audience of parents and children from other classes.

As another ordinary, grass-eating day for the sheep on the hills is coming to an end, one curious sheep cannot believe its eyes as a man and woman walk by with a donkey, followed by a chorus of angels singing in the sky. This is going to be no ordinary night!

The other sheep are not interested and want to go to sleep but the curious sheep cannot be deterred and follows the shepherds to Bethlehem. He notices that the crib looks hard and uncomfortable and offers his fleece for the Baby Jesus to lay on and is thanked by a smiling Mary and Joseph.

The children said their words and sang their songs with such enthusiasm, it was hard not to smile and be swept away with this retelling of the Nativity from the sheep's point of view. Well done everyone.



Across the year groups, we must surely have a few budding actors in our midst! Well done everyone - your teachers and parents are very proud of you!



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Christmas Dinner Day

The children and staff came together to enjoy their traditional Christmas lunch on Thursday 8th December 2016, with festive music to set the scene.

The children were served their food by staff members.—Everyone joined in to make this extra special lunch a huge success.

Mrs Hume and the other members of the Shanklea catering team produced over 300 meals on this day and, as always, it was delicious! An enormous thank you to everyone for working so hard so that we could all enjoy the event.

Christmas Celebrations

Monday 12 th	Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party afternoon
Tuesday 13 th	EYFS Party Day
Wednesday 14 th	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Party afternoon
Thursday 15 th	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Party afternoon
Friday 16 th	All school Christmas Themed lunch

Elf or Christmas Jumper Day



On the last day of the Christmas term – **Friday 16th December 2016**, the children are invited to take part in Elf or Christmas Jumper Day!

Everyone is invited to join the Christmas craziness and take part in Elf Day. Elf Day isn't just for elf's sake, behind the jingle bells and baubles there's a very serious reason why we're asking you to get involved. Christmas can be a very lonely time for families living with dementia, you can help transform their lives with the money you raise, getting us one step closer to a cure.

For more information on Elf Day you can email elfday@alzheimers.org.uk

Last Day of Term Christmas Menu



There will be a selection of party foods available on **Friday 16th December** to celebrate the end of term.

Christmas sandwiches Sausage rolls Crisps

Seasonal Biscuits Fruit Juice



APPs

We have attached to this newsletter a sheet detailing some of the APPs that your children may wish to try. We hope you and your children have fun checking them out.

Parent View

Thank you to everyone who has already completed and returned Parent View questionnaires.



Parent View gives you the chance to tell us what you think about school, from the quality of teaching to dealing with bullying and behaviour. The survey can be completed at any time and copies are available from the office.

We will use the information you provide when making decisions about Shanklea's provision

If you haven't already done so, please complete a survey to help us to improve your child's school





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9th December 2016

Shanklea's Christmas Fair 5pm—7pm

Elf Workshop

Meet Santa's Reindeer

Craft Stalls

Xmas Games

Hot Turkey

Rolls

Hot Chocolate

Tombola

Raffle

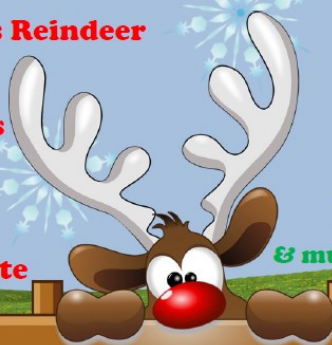
Cakes

Sweets

Wrap a

present

& much more!



Christmas Fair

The ever popular and eagerly awaited Fair takes place on **Friday 9th December 2016 – 5-7.00p.m.** There will be lots of fun activities and special surprises in store for the children!

After school the Fayre is open to families and friends of our community with external stalls.

We hope you can come....

What's on at OOSC

Our theme for the week is "A Victorian Christmas"

The OOSC Christmas party is on Tuesday 13th December.
A selection of party food will be available.

Our Wednesday Special breakfast is crusty roll and preserves.



Christmas Soccer School @ Cramlington LV



These holiday courses include practical sessions working alongside a syllabus aimed at engaging and developing the players. The coaches provide a positive environment for players to learn, grow in confidence and most importantly to have fun.

Focus	Years + Group	Times	Cost	Date
Technical, skill & fun.	Year 1 – Year 11	10am- 3pm	£44	19-22nd December

To book your place, please visit www.nufoundation.org.uk/football/courses
Alternatively, you can book over the phone by calling 0844 372 1892 ext. 8451 – during office hours. Calls cost 7p per minute.