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Dear Parents and Carers

Weekly Newsletter

It's been another busy week at Shanklea Primary School. It's so wonderful to see such fantastic learning and so many happy faces every day.

Parents' and Carers' Consultations

Shanklea Primary School usually hosts parent consultation meetings and other information events during October and March to impact on your child/children's attendance and engagement in education. This Autumn Term, with the ongoing local lockdown restrictions, it will be necessary to make phone calls or use virtual means to update families around their child/children's progress. Between Monday 12th October and Friday 23rd October 2020, teachers will endeavour to contact households by telephone. Please be forgiving in case of technical hitches. We are doing our best to make contact at this difficult time. If you miss a conversation the teacher will try again or email you.

In order to support your child/children please continue to embed **Learning Expectations** by:

- Supporting your child/children with reading and homework and other school learning expectations.
- Ensuring your child/children are ready to learn and arrive at school on time, attend school regularly.
- Having routines because bedtime routines and evening routines are vital.
- Supporting your child/children to develop organisational skills and independence such as organising their school bag the night before.
- Preparing a good breakfast is essential and also a good time to prepare for the school day ahead by discussing what might be happening that day.
- Taking time to talk and showing an interest in your child/children's school experiences; making time to talk about what happened at school each day and share their learning.
- Aspiring to be the best they can be; Encouraging your child/children to see the value of learning and talking to them about their aspirations.
- Making sure that you are familiar with the school behaviour policy.



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Key Stage 2 Sumdog competition

The children in KS2 have been entered into a **Sumdog Northumberland Maths Contest** which starts on **Friday 9th October** at **8pm** and finishes at **8pm** on **Thursday 15th October**.

We will provide an opportunity at school for the children to join in and they can play at any time at home. Their scores are based on correct answers. We have been very successful in these contests in the past and it would be a lovely way to get all of the children in KS2 taking part in a joint challenge.

Mrs Greenwood will provide daily updates throughout the week and the winning class will be rewarded with an extra break time. **Good luck everyone!**

Hands Face Space

There are three simple actions we must all do to keep on protecting each other.

WASH HANDS Keep washing your hands regularly for at least 20 seconds

COVER FACE Wear a face covering in enclosed spaces, especially where social distancing may be difficult and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet.

MAKE SPACE Stay 2 metres apart where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place.

Lift your spirits with #HelloYellow

On Friday 9th October, we have backed a campaign designed to boost spirits and support young people by asking our pupils to unite in wearing yellow to mark **World Mental Health Day**.

The **#HelloYellow** campaign is led by charity Young Minds to support young people's mental health, not only on the action day but throughout the year

Coronavirus is having a devastating impact on children and young people's mental health. The mental health of our younger population was a huge talking point before the pandemic arose and has only given experts more cause for concern throughout the lockdown to the current day.

Research reveals that the coronavirus outbreak has caused an increase in anxiety in young people – more than a third of children report being more worried, sad and stressed than before lockdown. This is having an impact on the wider family with more than half (52%) of parents reporting the mental wellbeing of their children topped the list of their biggest worries.

The advice available on the **Better Health – Every Mind Matters** website has been developed in partnership with leading children and young people's mental health charities. It is designed to help parents and carers spot the signs that children may be struggling with their mental health and show the actions they



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can take to support them.

As well as advice for parents and carers the site also provides tools to help young people build resilience and equips them to look after their mental wellbeing.

Families can visit the Better Health – Every Mind Matters website for more information:

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/childrens-mental-health/>

Holiday and term dates

We have included our term and holiday dates with this letter. Please note that the dates for the academic year 2021-2022 are subject to minor revisions as training days are added. The latest version is always available on our website.

School Lunches

Don't forget that you can pre-order tasty and nutritious school meals on the School Grid. Please order before 9am. Our Office Team can help if you have any problems.

Continue to keep safe everyone.

Kind regards,

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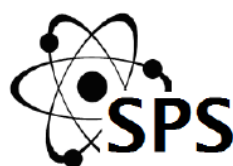
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School Holidays 2020–2022

	School closes	School opens
Summer 2020	Friday 17 th July 2020	Wednesday 2 nd September 2020
Half Term Holidays	Thursday 22 nd October 2020	Monday 2 nd November 2020
Training Day	Friday 23 rd October 2020; Friday 30 th October 2020	
Christmas & New Year	Friday 18 th December 2020	Tuesday 5 th January 2021
Training Day	Monday 4 th January 2021; Friday 19 th February 2021	
Half Term Holidays	Friday 12 th February 2021	Monday 22 nd February 2021
Easter 2021	Friday 26 th March 2021	Monday 12 th April 2021
May Day Holiday	Monday 3 rd May 2021	
Half Term Holidays	Friday 28 th May 2021	Monday 7 th June 2021
Summer 2021	Friday 16 th July 2021	Tuesday 7 th September 2021
Training Day	Monday 6 th September 2021	
Half Term Holidays	Friday 22 nd October 2021	Monday 1 st November 2021
Christmas & New Year	Friday 17 th December 2021	Tuesday 4 th January 2022
Half Term Holidays	Friday 18 th February 2022	Monday 28 th February 2022
Easter 2022	Friday 8 th April 2022	Monday 25 th April 2022
Half Term Holidays	Friday 27 th May 2022	Monday 6 th June 2022
Summer 2022	Friday 22 nd July 2022	Monday 5 th September 2022

Please check our website and newsletters for the latest information.

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