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Shanklea Superstars



Oliver T is a swimming superstar. He has recently gained his 25 metres badge in backstroke. Keep up the good work, Oliver. This is such an important skill to have.



Hana I has been dancing since the age of 2 but took her first dance exams in tap and modern last weekend. She received fantastic grades and two trophies. What an achievement!



Reception Visit to Whitehouse Farm

The Reception children were ecstatic to visit the friendly animal petting farm this week— especially to meet the photogenic goats - and were really interested to learn about all the different animals including chickens with chicks, rabbits, sheep, turkeys, goats with a kid, geese, a calf, donkey and pig!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this wonderful visit such a fun-filled success.

Year 3 Awesome Assemblies



Congratulations to our two Year 3 classes who gave stunning performances in their class assemblies this week.

Supporting Your Child During Exam Time (Young Minds)

As we start to move towards exam season, Young Minds have launched advice for parents about supporting their children.

Tips include:

- Encourage your child to take revision breaks and find a balance between studying and doing things they find enjoyable and relaxing.
- Make sure they are eating and drinking at regular intervals.
- Reassure them – reinforce that you are and will be proud of them no matter what happens.
- Remain positive and hopeful!
- Let them know their feelings are valid and normal, but also offer support and solutions where possible.
- Anxiety is often worst at night and this means it is useful to encourage good bedtime routine

You can find out more here: <https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-guide-to-support-a-z/parents-guide-to-support-exam-time>



Reception Easter Craft Day

Reception parents it's that time of year again!

Next week, Shanklea will welcome parents and carers of our Reception children into school. Please come along on the afternoon of Tuesday 2nd April 2019 at 2pm to our Easter Crafts.

There will be an array of exciting Easter activities to enjoy with the children including making an Easter bonnet, designing and making bunny headbands and Easter bags, a challenging Easter egg hunt, hand painting, looking at hen's eggs and hook-a-duck! Lots of fun for the family with a splash of chocolate thrown in. It will be wonderful to see the school transformed into a colourful Spring-themed Easter Eggstravaganza and we are always thrilled to see so many visitors in School! We look forward to seeing you.

Easter Eggstravaganza



Before finishing for half term, we will enjoy our Easter celebrations and recognise our end of term achievements together as a whole school.

Easter is one of the most egg-citing times of the school year! The weather is getting warmer, the school holidays are nearly here and of course, we get to feast on chocolate! On Friday 5th April 2019, we are going to create a mountain of Easter eggs and students and staff can win items on our lucky tombola held during the school day. A big Shanklea Thank You to everyone who brought in tombola items this week.



A visit from the Easter Bunny to receive an Easter egg is a particular highlight and the Easter Bunny is each time very impressed with how polite all the children are!

We will finish the end of term with Easter Assemblies. Parents, carers, grandparents and friends of the school are welcome to join us for songs, poems and readings.



Next week, children in years 4 and 5 will follow a special Easter Story Trail bringing the excitement and power of that first Easter to our church and community.

Shanklea Musical Evening

Parents and carers of children in the choirs, recorder groups and those who attend music tuition lessons are invited to attend our annual musical extravaganza on **Wednesday 3rd April at 5.30pm.**

Please return the permission slip if you haven't already done so, indicating how many (free) tickets you would like. Please note there is a strict restriction of two tickets per family due to safety regulations. We look forward to seeing you.



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Coming Soon

Breakfast and Out of School Club Payments

Our Breakfast and Out of School Clubs are very popular and we try hard to support parents and carers by accommodating changes wherever possible.

In order to continue to provide such a flexible service it is very important that payment is made at the time of booking. Please pay when you book or as soon as possible after. Regrettably, if payment is not received within a week of making the booking we will have to suspend the ability to make further bookings.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation. We appreciate your support.

Monday 1st April Year 4 and KN5 Easter Story Trail

Tuesday 2nd April CC5 Easter Easter Story Trail
2pm Reception Easter Crafts

Wednesday 3rd 9am Little Monkeys Toddler Group
5.30pm Musical Evening

Thursday 4th April 3pm Year 5/6 Netball Competition

Friday 5th April Easter celebrations and tombola
School closes

Tuesday 23rd April School re-opens

Last week's attendance

Classes of the week with **99.6%** attendance are **JR3** and **SH4**

Well done **Year 4**

Year Group	Average Attendance %
Reception	93.5
1	98.4
2	94.6
3	98.6
4	99.0
5	95.1
6	97.6



An invitation from our friends in the Scouts



Big Battery Hunt

Children will bring home a Big Battery Hunt Box template card this week. Please make it into a box and put any expired batteries into it over the next few weeks. We will ask you to bring the old batteries in the box during next term. There are more details in the letter shown on the left.

We hope everyone will join in this recycling project which not only helps the environment but could win us prizes too.



Dear Parents,

We have decided to launch a very exciting campaign called the Big Battery Hunt. In school your child will learn how important it is to recycle batteries and what happens when people don't.

Your child has been challenged to find and collect as many batteries as possible, please help them do this. They can be as creative as they like by going to work spaces, places of worship, local businesses and the wider community to enlist everyone to help make sure that no battery ends up in landfill.

Your child has been supplied with a collection box, please get them to bring this into school when it is full so that we can add it to the main container and enter the competition.

Please visit <https://nationalschoolpartnership.com/initiatives/bigbatteryhunt/> for more information about the campaign plus a break-down of all the prizes that the school and your child could win.

*See the base of your collection box for safety instructions.

The competition ends on **Monday 3rd June**, so make sure your child brings in their batteries before then.

Happy Hunting!

SAFETY INFORMATION

- Discarded batteries present a very small risk of fire and source of ignition. The risk can be greatly reduced by taking the following simple precautions:
 - Keep batteries dry and away from sources of heat
 - Do not put damaged batteries in the collection box
 - Store the box/batteries away from combustible or flammable materials
 - Do not put any items other than batteries in the collection box
- We are only collecting AAA, AA, C and D batteries for this activity, but please see guidance on alternative batteries:
 - Button cells present a choking / ingestion hazard – keep away from young children
 - Insulate (tape up) terminals on batteries that can easily short circuit (e.g. 9V batteries)
 - For leaking batteries place in a small plastic bag and then put in the collection box, or keep separate and take directly to an alternative recycling point

