



## The Power of Reading



At Shanklea Primary School we work to inspire pupils to read more, encourage them to share their enjoyment of reading and celebrate the difference that reading makes to all their lives. We do this because we know that children need support to read for pleasure and empowerment, and to develop their literacy skills.

Reading for pleasure is a powerful factor for children's cognitive development and in life achievement.

There is a difference in reading performance equivalent to just over a year's schooling between young people who never read for enjoyment and those who read for up to 30 minutes per day.

Children who read books often at age 10 and more than once a week at age 16 gain higher results in maths, vocabulary and spelling tests at age 16 than those who read less regularly.



DfE analysis suggests that if all pupils in England read for enjoyment every day or almost every day, the boost to Key Stage 2 performance would be the equivalent of a rise of eight percentage points in the proportion achieving the expected national standard (from its current level of 66% to 75%).

Shanklea Primary school wishes to focus upon independent reading strategies this academic year. We know already that:

- Having access to resources and having books of their own has an impact on children's attainment.
- There is a positive relationship between the estimated number of books in the home and attainment.

- Children who have books of their own enjoy reading more and read more frequently.
- An important factor in developing reading for pleasure is choice; choice and interest are highly related.
- Literacy-targeted rewards, such as books or book vouchers have been found to be more effective in developing reading motivation than rewards that are unrelated to the activity.
- Parents and the home environment are essential to the early teaching of reading and fostering a love of reading; children are more likely to continue to be readers in homes where books and reading are valued.
- Reading for pleasure is strongly influenced by relationships between teachers and children, and children and families.

This academic year, Shanklea Primary School will provide additional reading opportunities so that our young people are engaged in a greater range of materials and readers including plays, poems, magazines, fiction books, comics, emails, blogs/ networking websites, newspapers, manuals and online reading activities in order to become more proficient readers.

In partnership with parents, we will share classroom approaches/practice to endorse reading for pleasure; meet authors/celebrities and encourage parent/child regular reading as promotion activities.



## What's on at OOSC

Our theme for the week is "The Ice Age"				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sabre tooth tiger and mammoth collage	Relics and cave painting	Ice Age fact sheet		
Tiger bread and conserves				



Our Wednesday special will be beans on toast this week.



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## Is my child too ill for school?

When your child is unwell, it can be hard deciding whether to keep them off school. These simple guidelines should help.

Not every illness needs to keep your child from school. If you keep your child away from school, be sure to inform us on the first day of their absence.

Use common sense when deciding whether or not your child is too ill to attend school. Ask yourself the following questions.

- Is my child well enough to do the activities of the school day? If not, keep your child at home.
- Does my child have a condition that could be passed on to other children or school staff? If so, keep your child at home.
- Would I take a day off work if I had this condition? If so, keep your child at home.

### Common conditions

If your child is ill, it's likely to be due to one of a few minor health conditions.

Cough and cold.	A child with a minor cough or cold may attend school. If the cold is accompanied by a raised temperature, shivers or drowsiness, the child should stay off school, visit the GP and return to school 24 hours after they start to feel better. If your child has a more severe and long-lasting cough, consult your GP. They can give guidance on whether your child should stay off school.
Raised temperature	If your child has a raised temperature, they shouldn't attend school. They can return 24 hours after they start to feel better.
Rash.	Skin rashes can be the first sign of many infectious illnesses, such as chickenpox and measles. Children with these conditions shouldn't attend school. If your child has a rash, check with your GP or practice nurse before sending them to school.
Headache.	A child with a minor headache doesn't usually need to be kept off school. If the headache is more severe or is accompanied by other symptoms, such as raised temperature or drowsiness, then keep the child off school and consult your GP. Read more about what to do about headaches in children.
Vomiting and diarrhoea.	Children with diarrhoea and/or vomiting should definitely be kept off school until at least 48 hours after their symptoms have gone. Most cases of diarrhoea and vomiting in children get better without treatment, but if symptoms persist, consult your GP.
Sore throat	A sore throat alone doesn't have to keep a child from school. But if it's accompanied by a raised temperature, your child should stay at home.
Chickenpox.	If your child has chickenpox, keep them off school until all their spots have crusted over.

If your child requires medication **4 times a day** then school can give medicine at lunchtime. We can only administer medication that has been prescribed by a doctor. It is NOT possible for us to give children over the counter medicines. If your child has been prescribed medication that needs to be taken four times a day please complete the medication permission form in the school office.







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## Support Our School when you shop online

Friends of Shanklea has registered with **The Giving Machine**, scheme which raises funds for our school every time parents and friends shop online through lots of retailers—at no cost to you.

To take part you need to

go to [www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk)

- Join as a 'giver'
- Select 'Choose a cause to support' and type in 'Shanklea Primary School', then hit 'search'
- Click on 'Shanklea Primary School'
- Select Join and Support

- Type in your details and select 'Join'

Popular retailers include Sainsburys, John Lewis, Smyths, Papa John's, Amazon and ebay.

**Thank you so much for your support.**



## Bikeability

Shanklea Primary School has been chosen as one of Northumberland's schools to receive free BikeAbility Cycle Training.

The scheme enables children to ride on today's roads safely and with confidence/

Many of our Year 5 children have signed up to take part in the scheme and will be taking part Monday to Wednesday next week.

## Firefighter Collection

Please note the Firefighter charity bag collection has been rescheduled to **Wednesday 10th May 2017** not next week as originally planned.

# Shanklea

## Little Monkeys

**Wednesday 5th October**  
**9.15-10.15am**  
**In the main school hall**

**Come and join us for our first ever**  
**Toddler Group**  
**for children 2 years and under.**

**£1.50 entry includes and drink and a biscuit**

# Play Group

**Limited spaces. Please book in advance**  
**01670**

Building  
Songs  
Music  
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Stories  
Sna  
Arts and Crafts  
Sensory