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Special thanks to everyone involved in making the evening such a success. There was a lot of work done by Ms Rigg, Mrs McBride and office staff but I think everyone will agree it was well worth the effort.

# Shanklea Superstars



Class of the week  
with **99.2%**  
attendance is  
**ER3**



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## Homework

Homework continues to be a controversial topic so recent parental feedback on this matter is greatly appreciated. Particularly encouraging signs were that pupils enjoy a variety of types of homework and increasingly the focus of homework task was toward meaningful, creative, and high-level thinking endeavours... away from tedious busy work and drill.

Parental and pupil feedback will help enormously in the future with determining the type and quantity of homework to be assigned, and will allow some flexibility in the assignment and evaluation of homework. A statistical analysis of parental responses is accessible on the school website.

Year 5 and 6 children will be the first cohorts to trial the Reading homework e-learning programme 'AcceleRead'. Children will read a novel and then be quizzed about their understanding. We think the children will find it fun and engaging. We'll keep you informed.

## Free! Fun! Childcare for 2 year olds!

Evidence shows that good quality childcare for 2- year olds provides real benefits in terms of children's early language skills, physical, social and emotional development which will benefit them in later life.

If your child is 2 before 31st December 2016, find out if you could be entitled to up to 15 hours of free childcare for your 2-year old from January 2017 by visiting [www.northumberland.gov.uk/freechildcare](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/freechildcare) or calling 01670 623592



## Stop and Shop

We will be having our late night Stop and Shop event on

**Thursday 1st December 2016.**

Children booked in will stay at school until 8pm. Can parents please arrive promptly to collect the children.

Thank you.

## What's on at OOSC

Next week we be learning about the WWI Christmas truce, Christmas cards and parcels from home and soldier's diaries.

Our Tuesday night treat will be sweet mince pies.

Our Wednesday special breakfast will be croissants.



## Road Safety Week

Our Safety Week has raised awareness about road and pedestrian safety on the journey to school. It's all about the community working together to promote responsible road use and stop the suffering that results from road crashes, deaths and injuries.

**Mrs Hepple**, our LOLLIPOP lady, who keeps children safe in the local community, came to our assembly and told us about the importance of her role. She explained why the bright yellow uniform worn by lollipop men and women is practical, visible and distinctive. The children loved the eye-catching hat, jacket and trousers! Mrs Hepple added: "I get a great satisfaction from my job. I am crossing children whose parents I helped when they were little. Most people are friendly and even the drivers who I stop get a smile from me, an acknowledgement that I know they are there..."

Nonetheless, a scary moment was reported to the police and school this week. A carer and her baby niece in a buggy were struck by a black car in Ryde Place, very close to our school. Whilst the buggy was damaged, (and fortunately, no injuries occurred ) - the driver continued on their journey regardless.



**It is imperative that everyone, pedestrians and drivers, are safety conscious around the school. Our children's safety is of the utmost importance.**





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## Christmas is coming....



### Non –Uniform Day

**Friday 2nd December 2016**

Our Christmas fair will be held on **Friday 9th December at 5pm**. We very much hope you will come along to join in the fun.

As always we are very grateful for any donations for our raffle and tombola. To help ensure a good spread of items can we please **suggest** the following:

- Nursery – Chocolate;
- Reception – Chocolate or biscuits;
- Year 1 – Soaps and Smellies;
- Year 2 – Soaps and smellies;
- Year 3 – A new toy to the approx value of £1 or a good quality, clean 2nd hand toy;
- Year 4 – A new toy to the approx value of £1 or a good quality, clean 2nd hand toy;
- Year 5 – Bottles – Can contain anything;
- Year 6 – Bottles – Can contain anything

**\*\* Please ensure your child arrives safely to school if they're carrying glass items. \*\***

**Of course, all donations are very gratefully received so please feel free to bring in something from another group if this is more convenient for you.**

Any of the following additional donations would be gratefully received on Friday 9th December 2016

- Home Made Cake Donations
- Shop Bought Cakes
- Unused cosmetics & toiletries
- Unwanted gifts suitable for our tombola
- Hand craft items & Jewellery (no second hand earrings).
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**As a thank you for your unfailing generosity, Friday 2nd December will be a non-uniform day for all children. .**

**Thank You!**

### Meet Santa Tickets

Meet Santa Tickets are on sale at £2 each. Forms are available from the office if you haven't received one — or if you need a new one!!



### Christmas Raffle

Friends of Shanklea invite you to take part in our annual Christmas raffle. We will be sending raffle tickets home with your child very soon. Please return any unwanted tickets to school or let us know if you can sell more.

Prizes include:

£50.00 cash

1 Barbour jacket voucher

Theatre Royal Panto tickets

£20.00 Three Horse Shoes meal Vouchers

£20.00 Lal Qila meal voucher

£40.00 Mandarin Bay meal voucher

Forever Living Hamper

and lots more prizes still coming in.....

**The raffle will be drawn at our Christmas Fair on 9th December 2016 5-7pm**

Any further Raffle Prize donations would be gratefully received. Good Luck!! We hope to see you at the fair!



### New Bike for Christmas?

WATBus Community Transport is a registered charity (number 1076729) based in Ashington, Northumberland

Their workshop in Ashington take in donated bikes and their skilled volunteer mechanics repair the bikes and bring them back into use. They then sell them at affordable prices to raise funds for the WATBike and WATBus schemes.

Watbike volunteers will be coming along to Shanklea's Christmas Fayre on Friday 9th December. This will give parents the opportunity to buy high quality, safe bikes for Christmas at a very reasonable cost with the additional benefit of reducing landfill.

Children's bikes will be on sale at prices starting from £15. Adult bikes will start from £65.

Watbus would welcome donations of any old bikes no matter of condition that evening. They will try to repair and recycle every bike they receive,. Some of the bikes will be donated to the "Bikes To Africa" scheme which they run. Why not take the opportunity to clear some space ready for a beautiful new bike for your child.





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Sessions start January 11th 2017

**Shanklea's Little Monkeys Play Group**

arts and crafts  
snacks  
music

Wednesday's  
9.15am-10.15am  
In the main school hall.

building blocks  
sensory play

Come and join us  
for our  
Toddler Group  
for children under 3 years.

stories  
songs

£1.50 entry,  
includes a  
drink and a  
biscuit

**01670 715205**  
Limited spaces available. Please book in advance.

## Little Monkeys Playgroup

Are you looking for an exciting, indoor play area for your toddling children? Come and join in the fun at Little Monkeys Playgroup, at Shanklea Primary School



We have many attractions to keep every baby and child fully occupied; It is also a great way to meet other parents...

The Pre-school activities are designed to make the learning experience trouble free and pleasurable for users of all ages. If you would like to put your child's name down please contact the office on 01670 715205.

## iPAD Scheme

We are delighted to tell you that we are expecting delivery of the iPads next Tuesday. We have specialists coming in to install the appropriate software on Wednesday and Thursday so they should be available to collect next Friday. We'll keep you informed. Thank you to everyone for your patience.

# A Few Reminders...

## Universal Free School Meals

Children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 are entitled to **FREE** school dinners. This includes Shanklea Grab Bags too. If your child currently brings a packed lunch, why not give our range of fantastic foods a try?

## Gateway Payments

Have you checked out our system to check dinner money balances online yet? If you have problems please let us know.

Can we please remind parents that payments must be made against the correct child rather than as a family group. It is also important that they are made against the correct activity.

Thank you for your co-operation.

## No Pets Please

We wish to remind everyone that there should be NO pets on school premises or tied up close to the gates.

## Please Keep us Informed Promptly

If somebody different will be collecting your child, can you please ensure that you tell the member of staff on the door when your child comes in.

If there are last-minute/emergency changes you can ring the office who will pass the message on to your child's teacher. However, this does cause disruption to the lesson so should be avoided if the message can be passed on at the start of the day. Thanks.

## OOSC Late Bookings

The late bookings system for Breakfast and Out of School Club is there for emergency/last minute situations and is not meant to be used on a regular basis. It is important that we know in advance how many children will be at each club so that we can ensure appropriate staffing levels are maintained. Notifying children late in the day also disrupts lessons and can cause problems particularly if the message is received late in the day.

# Thank you..

[www.shanklea.northumberland.sch.uk](http://www.shanklea.northumberland.sch.uk)