

# Shanklea Primary School

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## Shanklea Superstars

A very well done to Hannah and Lucas who kept themselves extremely busy over the half term holiday making superb arts and crafts. They are real Art superstars.

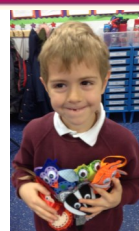
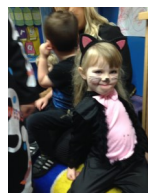
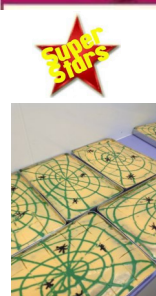
### Halloween Fun at Shanklea

This week at Shanklea Primary School we have celebrated Halloween in style.

The children enjoyed fantastic discos at the end of last term. Everyone had a wonderful time and we are very grateful to everyone whose hard work and talents made these brilliant events possible.

On Tuesday, our youngest children were allowed to dress up and celebrate Halloween in a positive way at school. There were some spook-ta-cular efforts in Nursery.

A Halloween themed lunch was hosted by the Catering Team who served up some fantastically fun Halloween treats to keep the children happy without all the sugar and sweets! Spooky Sandwiches and Savouries, Frightening Fruit, Screamworthy Snacks, Dreadfully Delicious Drinks and of course some yummy Hauntingly Healthy Desserts! Thank you to Mrs Hume and her team for the inspiring fancy dress too.



### Marvellous Moving Words

Colin (writer and musician) and Julie (dance artist) revisited Shanklea Primary School this week. They led three whole day workshops tailored to different age groups and themes.

Each workshop was based on themed performance poetry-

- Reception Room on the Broom,
- Y1 and 2 Traditional Tales,
- Y3 and 4 Narrative poetry especially Beowulf,
- Y 5 and 6 Victorian Street Child and the work of Charles Dickens.

The sessions included a warm up class and creative tasks exploring elements from the poems such as rhythm, imagery or performance. The aim of each session was to develop dance skills through the study of poems. Moving Words brings together strands from

### Photographs Reminder

Please remember that Tempest Photography will be in school on Monday to take photographs of the children. If you require a photograph with children who do not attend Shanklea Primary School then you must bring them all to school at 8.30am. Individual photographs (and group photographs is requested) of Shanklea children will be taken during the day.





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## Collection Arrangements

Our primary concern is to ensure all children at Shanklea feel HAPPY and SAFE with us. Collection arrangements are extremely important particularly as the dark nights draw in....

Just a quick reminder that children can only be collected by a parent unless we have been informed in writing that another person will be doing so. In the event of emergencies please call the school office. Children **MUST** be collected by a responsible adult. Young people under 16 will not be permitted to collect children unaccompanied.

We ask for your co-operation and to work with us as we are working hard to safeguard your children.

**Shanklea Primary School discourages children to walk home unaccompanied in the winter months due to dark nights and we reserve the right to request collection by a responsible adult if we believe that it is in the best interest of the child's safety and wellbeing.**

We would advise that during the dark nights and mornings and following extra-curricular clubs that children are accompanied by an adult to and from school.

We thank you for your support.

## Top Tips for Safer Streets

Try to wear something both fluorescent & reflective. If crossing the road, cross preferably at a dedicated pedestrian crossing.

Walk and cross the road where it is also well lit, where possible.

You can even get reflective dog collars & leads! <http://www.lifewise999.co.uk/road-safety/child-safety>

## Shanklea School Uniform

Please ensure your child's name is clearly marked on all items. If it is not named we can't return it to your child and it could eventually be thrown away.

Children must wear a jumper. If any child comes to school without a jumper, we will give them one from our spare second hand stock to wear.

**Black or dark grey trousers.** Please note, NO leggings of any colour to be worn under dresses or skirts. Black or grey tights are preferred or children can simply wear trousers!

All **tops/shirts** are to be plain white. Vests or t-shirts under the white shirt are also to be plain white and not visible above the collar.

**Jewellery:** Only small flat plastic stud earrings are permitted for health and safety reasons. Any other earrings will be removed. No necklaces. Headbands and ribbons in black, maroon, white or grey please.

**Shoes** need to be comfortable, and allow your child to run safely. No heels, no Ugg boots, no shoes without a heel strap, and no Wellingtons for all day wear. If children want

to wear Wellingtons on the way to school they need shoes to change into once they get here. Trainers are both waterproof and good to run in. For all shoes please keep as close as possible to black, not the luminous coloured ones that are available. **All children need trainers or plimsolls for PE.**

We have deliberately tried to keep the uniform as cheap and easily available as possible so that everyone is able to ensure that their children are always able to look smart and presentable. We want all of our children to be proud to wear their Shanklea uniform, as they are part of a fantastic team. We do have spare uniform available if there has been any sort of washing disaster or loss but we do expect you to return this to us washed when you have sorted the problem out.

Children will be asked to change their clothes if they come in non-school uniform, (even socks!), so it is easier to get the clothes ready the night before and make sure they have everything they need to avoid stress and panic in the morning. Encourage your child to do this independently! **Thank you for your support.**

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



## Northumberland School Admissions

If your child is starting school or transferring to a different phase of education in September 2018 you need to apply for a place.

This includes children born between the following dates:

- children born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 applying for a place to start reception in September 2018
- children in year 4 of a first school born between 1 September 2008 and 31 August 2009 applying for a middle school place in September 2018
- children in year 6 of a primary school born between 1 September 2006 and 31 August 2007 applying for a secondary school place in September 2018
- children in year 8 of a middle school born between 1 September 2004 and 31 August 2005 applying for a high school place in September 2018

### Middle, High and Secondary Schools

The online admissions portal for Middle High and Secondary Schools will open on 11 September 2017 and close on 31 October 2017.

### First and Primary Schools

The online admissions portal for First and Primary Schools will open on 1 November 2017 and close on 15 January 2018.

Copies of the Admissions Handbook and application forms are available from School Admissions  
County Hall  
Morpeeth  
NE61 2EF  
Tel. No. 01670 624889

Do not hesitate to contact one of our friendly team who are always happy to help.

**Northumberland**  
Northumberland County Council

## Reception New Starters September 2018

The online portal for parents to apply for school places for children who are due to start school in September 2018 is now open. This applies to children born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014.

Please see the details above on how to apply. Please let us know if you have any problems.





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## Parking Near our School

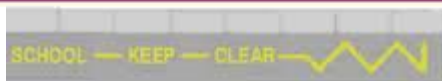
Sadly, we are continuing to receive complaints from local residents about inconsiderate or unsafe parking.

Parking or waiting in front of dropped kerbs and driveways or parking on the pavement continues to cause problems for local residents, pedestrians and cyclists because:

- dropped kerbs provide crossing points for people with pushchairs and mobility issues
- parking in front of some dropped kerbs blocks cycle paths
- stopping in front of someone's driveway encourages others to do the same. This can make it difficult for residents to leave their driveways during the school run when they may need to get to work
- parking on the pavement reduces space for pedestrians (especially those with pushchairs or mobility issues) and can force them into the road
- parking on corners on double yellow lines can stop fire engines from accessing emergencies.

Please can parents consider at all times the safety of Shanklea pupils before, during and after school.

Look out for announcements in the local press soon concerning additional parking for school drop-off at the Masonic Hall in Cramlington Village.



## Cycle Paths

Parents will be aware that we have two paths running down the Eastern side of school. The one closest to the school perimeter is for bicycles and the other is for pedestrians. Two paths are provided to prevent accidents and ensure the safety of everyone.

**Can ALL parents and carers please ensure that children stay on the footpath rather than walk down the cycle paths wherever possible.**

Parents are also reminded that cyclists are generally advised to ring their bell to politely warn pedestrians of their approach. This helps to reduce accidents particularly as it is not always easy to hear a cycle approaching.

We appreciate parents' support in this very important safety matter. Thank you.



## Remembrance Day 2017

**Lest We Forget.** Shanklea Primary School will be supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal again this year. The School Council will sell poppies, wristbands, friendship bracelets and reflectors in school next week.

## Landscape Gardening Volunteers Wanted



We are planning to improve the wildlife area at the bottom of the school field next Wednesday after school. We would greatly appreciate any help from parents who may have garden tools or skills in landscaping, particularly tree trimming.



Please let us know if you are able to help. Thank you

## Extra-curricular Clubs



In order to maximise our children's learning time in school our staff offer a range of extra-curricular clubs.

Clubs will begin in the second week of term. Most parents will already have booked their children onto clubs using the School Gateway or with the help of our Office Team.



Please note, that when booking on the School Gateway you simply book the first club session and the remaining sessions are automatically booked for you. You do not need to book each individual session.

Some clubs have limited places due to the nature of the activity it is important to book early to ensure availability. Clubs run by Shanklea staff are done so voluntarily and there is no charge. However, some clubs are delivered by outside agencies which do incur a charge.

Every effort will be taken to ensure that clubs take place each week. If a club needs to be cancelled for any reason (e.g. staff absence/ training) and cannot be covered, parents will be informed as soon as possible so alternative arrangements can be made.





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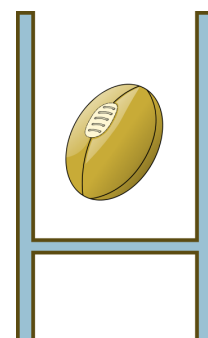
## Autumn 2 Timetable



### Extra-curricular Clubs



	Afternoon	After school session 3.30-4.30p.m
Monday		KS2 Boys football Y3/4 Gymnastics KS2 Musical Theatre Club
Tuesday	12.15 Yoga Club	KS2 Girls Football
Wednesday	12.15 KS1 Phonics 12.15 KS2 Choir	
Thursday		Y6 Homework Club Netball Y5/6 Reception Rugby Tots Club
Friday		

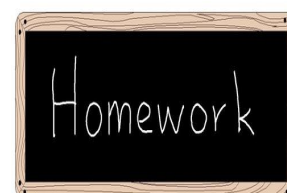


### P.E. Timetable

P.E.	Class/ Year Groups	
Monday	Year 6 Year 2	Year 5 JR1
Tuesday	DW3 Year 5 KLR	DAC/SH1
Wednesday	Year 6 ER3 AK4	DW3 SH4 KLR
Thursday	ER3 Year 2	AK4 MSR
Friday	SH4 DAC/SH1	JR1 MSR



Please ensure your child has their P.E. kit **EVERY** day so we can take advantage of good weather and be flexible with our timetabling. Thank you.





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Week 1	
Monday 30th October	
Tuesday 31st October 2017	Halloween lunch and Nursery themed day Moving Words – Y3/4 Beowulf Y6 English and Maths Booster sessions KS2 Sports Leader Training
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2017	Moving Words – Y5/6 Victorian Street Child Y6 English and Maths Booster sessions
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2017	Moving Words – Y1/2
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2017	Parent assemblies to showcase Moving Words performances – YR/Y1/Y2 9.15a.m Y3/Y4/5/Y6 2.30p.m
Week 2	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	Tempest Photography Full Governors' Body Meeting 5.00p.m-8.00p.m
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	Y4 author visit to Cragside Primary School a.m Y6 English and Maths Booster sessions Y3 Hoopstarz Festival p.m
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	Y6 English and Maths Booster sessions Toddler Group
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	
Week 3	
Anti-Bullying Week	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	Y6 English and Maths Booster sessions Yoga Club 12.15a.m
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	Y6 English and Maths Booster sessions Toddler Group
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	Y2 Playground Games Festival a.m Children In Need Day Sports Survey Deadline Eagles Basketball Competition 6.00p.m-10.p.m
Week 4	
Road Safety Week	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2017	Y6 English and Maths Booster sessions
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2017	Y6 English and Maths Booster sessions Toddler Group
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2017	
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	Non-Uniform Day in support of the Christmas Fayre



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<b>Week 5</b>	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	Modeshift Stars Regional Awards, Centre of Life Y6 English and Maths Booster sessions
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	Y6 English and Maths Booster sessions Toddler Group 3.30 New Nursery Intake Meeting
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	Y5/6 Able and Talented Maths Day with other Cramlington Pupils Late Night Shopping Event 3.30-7.30p.m
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2017	Friends of Shanklea Christmas Fayre
<b>Week 6</b>	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Reception Vision Screening
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Y6 English and Maths Booster sessions
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Y3/4 Christmas Production 9.30a.m and 2pm Y6 English and Maths Booster sessions Squirrels January Intake meeting 3.30-4.30p.m
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	EYFS Christmas Production 9.30a.m
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Christmas Production 9.30a.m
<b>Week 7</b>	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	EYFS Christmas Crafts event p.m
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Y6 English and Maths Booster sessions SEND Parent Consultation meeting 3.30-5.30p.m
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	KS1 Christmas Productions 9.30a.m and 2pm Toddler Group CANCELLED today Y6 English and Maths Booster sessions
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Christmas Carols Rehearsal 10a.m Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Christmas Carols Service 10.00a.m
<b>Week 8</b>	
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Y5/6 Christmas Party Day
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	EYFS Christmas Party Day
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Y1/2 Christmas Party Day Toddler Group
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2017	Y3/4 Christmas Party Day
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2017	Christmas Jumper Day School closes
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	School re-opens

**Children should have their P.E. kit with them EVERY DAY to allow flexibility with timetables.**