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'Live Kitchen' Launch

This week has seen the successful launch of Shanklea's Live Kitchen. Parents are now able to pre-select meals with their children if they wish, oversee their children's meal selections and manage their account online. The system has many benefits including:

- Cashless payment options and a Direct Debit cash collection option
- Reduced administration: maintenance of account histories and payment reminders by email
- Children always get the meal of their choice without delays
- Allergen control: parents can update allergen information for their child. The system will then prevent selection of any menu choice which could cause problems
- Controls food costs - waste is minimised as numbers are known in advance
- Parents can log in from home to view the menu, check their account and pre-order meals
- Lunchtimes are faster and more organised
- Optional menu costing and nutritional analysis

It is our hope that the popularity of our school meals service can be further increased by improving all aspects of the offer - the quality of the food, the meal price, the customer service, and convenience for parents. We would welcome your comments.

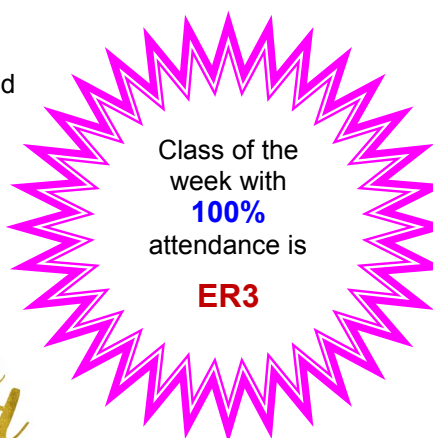


Reception Parents Workshop

We would like to invite Reception Parents to attend a Read Write Inc workshop on **Thursday 21st September at 2:30pm.**

This is an opportunity for you to find out about the Read, Write, Inc scheme we use in school and see some of our resources. There will also be a chance for you to work with your child on some key elements of the scheme. We hope parents and carers can come along.

You're Invited



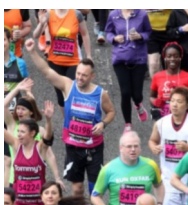
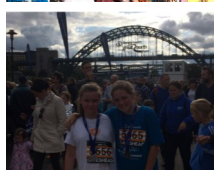
Year Group	Average Attendance %
Reception	96.9
1	97.5
2	97.4
3	97.4
4	97.9
5	98.4
6	98.7



Great North Run Superstars

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the Great North Run. You were amazing.

Can all sponsor money please be returned to school by Wednesday 20th September 2017? Thank you.



Shanklea Superstars

Swimming Superstar

Congratulations to **Grace Coulson** who has achieved her 2000m swimming certificate. What a fantastic achievement!





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What's on at OOSC

Our theme for the week is "The Community"

EYFS, KS1 and KS2 Children will take part in age related activities as follows:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
People who help us	Houses and homes models	What does a police officer	Town and tourist attraction	Firefighters and my place in the world



Our Wednesday Breakfast Club special will be beans on toast.



Roald Dahl Dress-up Day

Shanklea Primary School staff, children and parents joined the worldwide party to celebrate Roald Dahl's life and his literature this



week. Unquestionably one of the finest children's authors, we all took the opportunity to delve into many fantastic novels and picture books! There were lots of fantastically creative costumes and it was lovely to see children and their parents/carers sharing their favourite literary works. Thank you to everyone who came along to join in the fun.

A huge **Thank You** to Holly Dobson, store manager from Costa Coffee in Cramlington and all her staff for supporting our Reading week. We hope lots of you took advantage of their kind invitation to families to visit the store during the week and read together in the store and enjoy the free refreshments on offer.



Little Monkeys' Toddler Group: STAY 'N' PLAY

Our parent and toddler group is an essential part of our local school community. It enables parents to meet other parents and Early Years Professionals and children to make new friends too. We welcome babies and young children aged up to three years, to come along to have fun and mix with other children and adults in a safe and stimulating environment; where a familiar adult can share and extend their early learning experiences. Mrs Connelly (2 Year Olds Leader), Mrs Fenwick Dunn (3 Year Olds Leader) and Mrs Trood (Family Learning Leader) provide links between toddler group and our school nursery. The children get to know these staff so friendly, familiar faces welcome them, when they start our school nursery. Children who attend toddler group generally settle well into the school nursery environment, quickly adapt to the routines and can enter nursery at a higher level of attainment.

We plan activities that stimulate children's learning and also offer outdoor play provision. Our activities are designed to support a young child's developing skills such as communication and motor skills, e.g. sand and water activities, mark-making, craft, painting, board books and action songs.

Our toddler group provides parents with the opportunity to seek advice and find out how to contact relevant advisors, such as a health visitor, speech and language therapist or dental nurse, to provide additional support and guidance to young families.



Hoopstarz Day

On **Tuesday 19th September 2017**

Shanklea Primary School is hosting a **'Hoopstarz Day'** Without a doubt the last time the staff and children participated in this workshop – it was the most engaging, heart rate raising, exciting and inclusive package we offered all children.

The children **WILL** master the art of Hula Hooping, even if they believe they can't!

There will be tricks to be mastered, games to be played and Hoop Battles to be won -all to the most up to date and motivating music. The children will have so much fun they won't even know they're exercising.....



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Friends of Shanklea

We are fortunate to have a very successful PTFA, named "**Friends of Shanklea**" that has been an integral part of the school for a number of years. It has raised huge sums which have been spent on equipment, resources and school trips to enhance our children's educational experience. Items range from small scale, such as equipment for the playground, to major projects involving much larger amounts such as the purchase of iPads and iPods.

All parents are encouraged to come to the PTFA AGM and get involved.

Our PTFA team is made up of a diverse group of parents, with children in different school years and members of staff. Many of the current committee work part or full time, or still have very young children at home, so we completely understand parents have time constraints and we would only expect people to do as much as they feel comfortable with.

The current committee has arranged some memorable events and had lots of fun in the process. Being part of the PTFA has enabled members to meet other parents across the school years and make great friends, many of whom we probably wouldn't have got to know otherwise. It is a great source of information on what to expect as your child moves up the school, which clubs to get your names down for and even a good source of hand me downs! Being part of the committee also allows you to have a say on the events we run.

We are very privileged to live in such a fantastic community and the school is a big part of that. When we work together we can achieve so much.

We need new members on the PTFA committee this year so these events can continue. Everyone is welcome and there will be lots of support for people taking on new roles. All of the positions can be shared, if you are concerned about how much time you have to commit.

We appreciate there are many parents with a wealth of experience in their current professional roles and their professional life prior to having children and we would love your support. It is also a great way to buff up your CV in preparation to a return to work, if you have had a few years off while your children have been young.

This year we have many positions which need filling. We often have parents suggesting great new ideas to us, but we need volunteers to help us see them through.. so please come forwards.

At the AGM we will celebrate the success of the past year with refreshments and elect the committee for the coming school year. The more of us involved the smoother things run and the less of a time commitment it is all round.



Volunteering for the PTFA is very rewarding. We raise a huge amount of money for the school which funds improvement projects, equipment and enrichment opportunities for all our children. But we feel the best part of being involved is seeing how much pleasure the events we put on bring to the children and adults attending. Highlights of the

school year such as the fairs, the Easter bunny trail and school discos simply would not happen without the PTFA and the support of volunteers.

If you want any further information regarding the committee, or would like to be involved but are not able to make the meeting please email us via the School Office admin@shanklea.northumberland.sch.uk.

All families become members of the PTFA when their child joins the school, and you are, of course, welcome to join any meeting at any time. We look forward to seeing you at one of our meetings and, of course at the AGM next week **Wednesday 20th September at 3.30p.m.**



Teddy Bears Picnic

Well done to everyone who attended the teddy Bears Picnic at Alnwick Gardens last week. We were so impressed with everyone's behaviour and "can-do" attitudes. A huge thank you to everyone involved.



Flu immunization:

Reception and Years 1 to 4

A provisional date for this year's flu vaccination has been set for the morning of **Friday 24th November 2017**. The vaccination is a nasal spray NOT an injection. We will provide more information nearer the time.



Firefighter Bag Collection

Bags will be sent out next week for the Firefighters Charity Collection. Bags will be collected on the morning of Thursday 21st September 2017 from the top of the ramp at the front of school. Thank you.