





# Shanklea Primary School

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## School Football League

Shanklea Primary School are delighted to announce the start of a new primary school football league, East Northumberland Schools' FA Under Elevens 9-a-side league. Shanklea are in Group A with 7 other teams from the area. 16 schools have entered the league and we hope success will lead to even more schools entering next year.

Our Head Teacher and Sport Coordinators have identified this as an opportunity to provide pupils with the chance of competitive sport and also support best behaviour in school. Our first game was postponed due to the weather but our Shanklea footballing superstars are raring to go.

## The Children's Voice

At Shanklea Primary School, the School Council gives all children a meaningful voice. At the start of the year, each class elects a school council representative. This person becomes the 'voice' for the class, representing their class at school council meetings to talk over important whole-school issues.

The School Council makes decisions on a range of different subjects. They have given useful feedback on how to improve playtime provision, and through their system of 'Playtime Buddy' they are trying to make sure that everyone feels happy and well looked-after at playtimes. As a result, and at the request of the children, additional playtime equipment is available during break times and lunchtime. We will also soon be launching the new 'Game Stations' around the playground to help all children play together happily.

Our School Council regularly become involved in fundraising projects in the school, and with many festivals on the horizon, be sure to look out for the exciting ideas they have! We are very proud of our school and school council, who take their roles and responsibilities seriously. School Council appointees bring queries, suggestions or important information to the regular meetings so that decisions can be made.

Our School Council are:

Reception: **Mason O, Darcey A**

Year 1 and 2: **Jake G, Imogen H, Oliver T, Eve R**

Year 3: **Riley C, Olivia J**

Year 4 and 5: **Sophie M, Ellie F, Louie H, Logan M-F**

Year 6: **Mackenzie T, Blake J**

## Coming Soon

Tuesday 1st October	Fire Fighters Charity Bag Collection
Wednesday 2nd October	9-10 Toddler Group 2.15pm Year 1/2 Parents' Maths workshop
Thursday 3rd October	Autumn Celebrations Special Lunch
Friday 4th October	Happy Shanklea Shoesday
Monday 7th October	3.30pm Year 4 Parents' Alnwick Residential Trip Meeting
Tuesday 8th October	Year 4/5 Victorian Tunnel Trip
Wednesday 9th October	9-10 Toddler Group
Thursday 10th October	Mental Health Day –everyone to wear something yellow
Friday 11th October	Harvest Festival Celebrations EYFS and KS1 9.15am 2.30pm KS2 Last date for ordering Scholastic Books through school
Week beginning 14th October	Year 4 Alnwick Residential Visits

## Bike To School Week

Many thanks to our supportive families who decided to lace up their trainers or strap on their bike helmets to get to school instead of riding in a car this week. It's fantastic to see everyone getting involved, keeping healthy and doing our bit for the environment.

International Walk to School month begins on Monday 30th September 2019

Our **Happy Shanklea Shoesday** is the perfect activity to celebrate International Walk to School Month. This walking event is designed to make the pupils feel empowered to change their walking environment for the better.

Such events bring school and communities together for a common purpose. Most of all, they are fun!

Children and grown-ups wear the shoes that make them happiest, helping us create safer, more walkable streets for all.

**Happy Shanklea Shoesday** will take place on **Friday 4th October**.







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## AUTUMN Workshops | Experiences | Fun | Coding | Technology DIGITAL DISCOVERY EVENT

Wednesday  
30th  
OCT 2019

9:45am - 3.00pm

An exciting opportunity to see a range of different technologies in use. The day will be structured with 3 different workshops each covering elements of STEM. Lunch will be provided.

£7.00 booking fee to secure space and lunch / An adult must accompany children.

At The Alnwick Adult Learning Centre, Alnwick, NE66 1AX

To book, please Google 'Nathan Fuller Eventbrite'

For children aged between 9 - 13



### Health and Safety: REMINDER

To ensure their health and safety, children should not wear earrings in school. Plastic earrings are permissible if they need to wear them. Families should apply plasters at home if metal earrings are to be worn.

### Scholastic Books

Children have brought home a booklet of Scholastic books this week. This is an opportunity for you and your child to choose some books whilst raising money for our school. This is completely optional and there is no pressure to purchase anything.

If you wish to order please fill in the form inside the booklet and return it to the office by **Friday 11th October 2019**. You can pay online on the School Gateway or pay cash in the office.

If your selection is intended as a present please write this on the form so we can notify you separately when it arrives. Thank you.

### Firefighters Charity Bag Collection

Please leave bags containing donations at the top of the

ramp in front of school before **9.15am** on **Tuesday 1st October**. Your kind donations raises money for the Firefighters charity and for our school.

Thank  
You



HELLO AUTUMN

### AUTUMN SPECIAL LUNCH

THURSDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2019  
(Pre order on School Grid)



BURGER

or



SAUSAGE ROLL

SERVED WITH CHIPS & BEANS



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AUTUMN BISCUITS



### Autumn Special Lunch Thursday 3rd October

Please pre-order your child's place at our special Autumn themed lunch on School Grid (previously known as Live Kitchen)

### Last week's attendance

Class of the week with  
**100%** attendance is

**LMR/KLR**

**Well done  
Reception &  
Year 6**

Year Group	Average Attendance %
Reception	97.4
1 and 2	98.0
3	96.6
4 and 5	95.8
6	95.1



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## Social Media—an important message

Our school is continually looking for new and innovative ways to increase communication with our parent community. As it has been widely recognised that social media is one of such ways, we have created an official Shanklea Facebook page. This page is intended to share **positive** events, trips and celebrations with the Shanklea community.

On Facebook, our Shanklea page, and individuals' pages, may be viewed by many members of the Shanklea community and it is very important that all posts referencing Shanklea and its community are in compliance with our published code of conduct, GDPR regulations and indeed Facebook's own rules. This means that photographs of children may only be posted with parental permission and that children are not tagged or named by anybody. Privacy rules must be followed and there must be no discussion relating to individuals. **Abuse of any member of the school community or negative comments of any kind, including criticism of school and its policies can be very damaging and is unacceptable.**

The school administrators regularly monitor our Facebook site and will remove comments that do not adhere to our rules of engagement. We also strive to monitor references to our school and its community generally. **We take very seriously inappropriate use of social media by anyone to publicly humiliate or criticise another parent/carer, member of staff or child.**

We appreciate that sometimes parents or carers may have concerns or feel dissatisfaction about something relating to our school. In such cases, they should address any issues or concerns regarding school life through official school channels rather than posting them on social networking sites. We strongly encourage them to contact us so that we may resolve the situation to everyone's satisfaction. Our Head Teacher, Mrs Brown is on the yard every morning and is readily available to talk to families.

Please read our Facebook Code of Conduct if you haven't already done so (it was included in last week's newsletter). We are keen to avoid any problems relating to social media use and trust we can all continue to communicate effectively and work together in the best interests of our children and the wider Shanklea community.

## Out of School Club



Our OOSC children will be embarking on an exciting two week project next week based on the theme of Autumn. We will share some photos of this fun and educational project in next week's newsletter.

## Year 6 Parents REMINDER

Year 6 parents are reminded that they **MUST** apply for their child's Year 7 place at their next school on the NCC online portal by **31st October 2019**.

Northumberland County Council have recently updated their webpage to make it more informative and user friendly.

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1.aspx>

The easiest way for parents is to find the webpage is to search online for School Admissions Northumberland.

Any calls need to go through the contact centre **0345 600 6400**

All emails should be directed to:  
[schooladmissions@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@northumberland.gov.uk)



## Year 4 and 5 Evacuee Workshop

Our Year 4 and 5 children took part in a special evacuees workshop this week, learning about the challenges and experiences faced by evacuated children during the Second World War. Thank you to all the parents who supported this unique opportunity by bringing in torches and other items.



Northumberland  
County Council

Northumberland County Council and  
In It Together Parent Carer Forum



Parent Participation Network  
In It Together  
Parent Carer Forum

## SEND INFORMATION ROADSHOWS

**Monday 30th September 2019**  
Hexham - Hexham Mart, Tyne Green, NE46 3SG

**Monday 7th October 2019**  
Alnwick - Alnwick Rugby Club, Greensfield, Willowburn Avenue, NE66 1BE

**Wednesday 9th October 2019**  
Ashington - Ashington Leisure Centre, Lintonville Terrace, Ashington NE63 9JY  
(Not the same venue as last Year)

All events will run from 10am - 4pm

If you would like to join us at any of these drop-in events please come along and stay as long as you want.

For parents and carers of children and young people with a wide range of disabilities and special needs.

Meet representatives from a wide range of Education, Health, Social Care and Community groups.

To find out more about the forums activities please contact us via email: [info@in-it-together.org.uk](mailto:info@in-it-together.org.uk) or telephone 07729 192909