

School Closed due to Adverse Weather—A message from Mrs Brown

Due to the Amber weather warning in place in Northumberland and following advice from many agencies, school was closed from Wednesday 28th February to Friday 2nd March 2018. This is not a decision I, as Head Teacher, took lightly, but the safety of Shanklea pupils, staff and the wider community is my primary concern.

We have all seen pictures of the problems caused by the heavy snowfall and, after taking advice from various agencies, I concluded that the risks were too great. We have endeavoured to give parents as much notice as possible via text, messages on the website and on the Northumberland County website and I would like to thank all staff who have worked hard to keep everyone informed.

We expect school to reopen on Monday but please keep checking texts and our website as we will update you as soon as we can if anything changes.

I would like to thank all parents and staff for your support and co-operation. I regret any inconvenience but am confident that you will agree with the reasons behind my decision. I will strive to keep everyone informed as soon as I can. Stay safe and have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Brown, Head Teacher

Nursery, Reception —Year 5 Parent Consultations 7th and 8th March 3.30—6pm

If you have not already done so, can all parents of children in Reception and Years 1 to 5 please book their appointment to see their child's teacher on our online booking system. If you experience any difficulties please contact our Office Team who will be able to help you. Nursery parents should collect an appointment booking form directly from Nursery staff.

Shanklea Evening of Music: Date Change

Please note that we have had to reschedule our annual music concert to **Wednesday 28th March 2018**. We will provide more information shortly.

Some Dates to Remember

Monday 5th March: EYFS Whitehouse Farm Visit postponed

Tuesday 6th March 2.45pm: Class Assembly Mr King AK4

Tuesday 6th March 3.30pm: OOSC Open Evening,

Thursday 8th March 2018: YR6 G&T Maths and Science Transition Day - JLV. Selected pupils to attend.

Thursday 29th March: Friends of Shanklea Easter tombola



Swim Superstars

Congratulations to **Sophie** and **Laura** who are working hard and becoming talented swimming superstars.



Shanklea Superstars

Stars of the Week

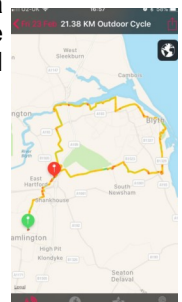
We will celebrate the success of last week's Shanklea Stars of the Week in our next newsletter.

Whitehouse Farm Visit Postponed

Due to the adverse weather conditions, the Reception trip to Whitehouse Farm scheduled for Monday 5th March has had to be postponed. Children should come into school on Monday as usual. We will advise parents of the rearranged date as soon as we can.

Cycling Superstars

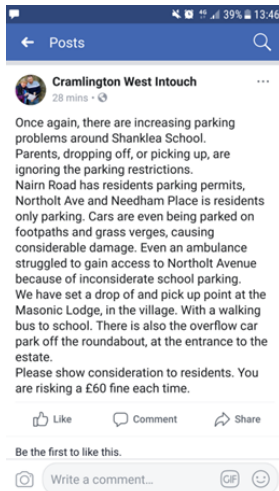
Well done to our band of intrepid cyclists who completed a 21.38km cycle to Blyth Beach and back to school last week. Everyone worked hard and showed great determination combined with a great sense of fun and a brilliant team spirit. We are proud of you all and your ice creams were well deserved.





Shanklea Primary School

"We provide a happy, caring and stimulating environment where children recognise and achieve their fullest potential"



Parking Promise—Parking at Drop Off and Collection Times

Unfortunately we are, once again, receiving calls from local residents about inconsiderate parking. Please see the screenshot opposite reporting complaints by local residents.

We would like to remind you of the Parking Promise that we ask you everyone in our Shanklea community to abide by.

Please remember:

- ◆ Parking across drives, even for a few minutes, can cause great frustration and distress;
- ◆ Parking on the pavement makes it very difficult for people with buggies or disabilities;
- ◆ Parking on the pavement can be very dangerous as vehicles moving on the pavement are a hazard, especially for small children. It can force pedestrians to step into the road to get around a parked vehicle;
- ◆ Parking on corners prevents a clear view for those crossing the road;
- ◆ Parking, waiting or stopping to let passengers out on the Zig Zag lines is illegal outside school between 8am and 5pm;
- ◆ Parking, waiting or stopping to let passengers out on the Zebra Crossing is illegal;
- ◆ Parking in such a way as to prevent emergency vehicle access could be life threatening.

Shanklea Primary School has established a drop off and pickup point at the Masonic Lodge, in Cramlington Village, and operate a free Walking Bus to and from school.



Running Late

Being late for school has a negative impact on your child's learning.

Being just 10 minutes late every day adds up to an hour a week of lost learning. Over a year this adds up to one week of school missed in a year!

Being late for class often means important instructions are missed and the class is interrupted. Your child may feel uncomfortable and separate from peers.

Children need to arrive on time ready to settle into their school work.

Arriving at least 5 minutes before the first lesson allows your child to interact with their peers and their teacher and get themselves ready for their busy day.

Attending School regularly and arriving on time helps prepare children for the real world, where it is expected that they turn up to work every day and on time.

What if my child is sick?

Children will get sick and need to stay home occasionally. However, it is important that parents do not let children stay home unless they are truly sick.

Please keep in mind that complaints such as a stomach ache or headache can sometimes be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home. It is much better to talk to your child's teacher as soon as possible so we can work together in the best interests of the child.

Please do NOT send your child to school if they have a fever, diarrhoea, vomiting, a serious cough, rash, untreated conjunctivitis or a contagious illness e.g. chicken pox.

Always inform school if your child is absent due to illness, by text, phone call, or message, email or, if you are at school with another child, tell a member of staff.

Breakfast and Out of School Club

Can we please remind all parents and carers that payments for Breakfast and Out of School Club are due at the time of booking. Bookings may be made and paid for on the School Gateway. Thank you.



LATE FOR SCHOOL?

CHILDREN LEARN BEST AT THE START OF THE DAY

If your child misses...	That Equals...	Which is...	Over 13 years of schooling that is.....
10 minutes a Day	50 minutes a Week	1.5 Weeks per Year	Nearly 1/2 Year of lost learning
20 minutes a Day	1 hour 40 minutes a Week	2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly 1 Year of lost learning
30 minutes a day	1 1/2 a Day a Week	4 Weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 Years of lost learning
1 hour a Day	1 day a Week	8 Weeks per year	Nearly 2.5 Years of lost learning

Support your child's success. Make sure they attend school, all day, every day!

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!

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