

Shanklea Stars of the Week

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- ★ **Zeva Vercueil** always tries her best in everything she does.
 - ★ **Joshua Wall** is a very polite boy who always says please and thank you. He has shown his independent skills by getting changed for P.E. all by himself.
 - ★ **Logan McRobb-Fielding** is a super friend who helps and supports his class mates during lessons with their learning. Well done!
 - ★ **Jamie Ramsay** has shown fantastic investigation skills in Science, sharing some fantastic knowledge.
 - ★ **George Stafford** has tried hard in all lessons this week.
 - ★ **Lewis Walker** has made a fantastic effort all week in Literacy.
 - ★ **Keira Stobbs** always tries extremely hard with her writing. She describes settings beautifully.
 - ★ **Emily Cowburn** makes an excellent effort in all subjects and achieved an amazing score in the End of Unit Maths test.
 - ★ **Tilly Leckie** has a great attitude to school. She remembers her PE kit and homework and is very organized.
 - ★ **William Larmouth** has shown an absolutely fantastic attitude and made a great effort during Maths this week.
 - ★ **Lucas Purvis** has made an excellent effort and has a great attitude to his work.
 - ★ **Finley Fenwick-Dunn** has an enthusiastic and positive attitude towards writing.
 - ★ **Charlie Potts** has an excellent attitude and shows determination across the curriculum.
 - ★ **Ruby Jackson** is working at greater speed and, as a result, is feeling positive.
 - ★ **Oliver Craik** cooked a mouth-watering pizza bun at Out of School Club. Well done Oliver.

Parents' Evenings

At the start of the new academic year, we are delighted to welcome all parents to the school for an evening of information and discussion. The Parents' Evening is provisionally scheduled for **Tuesday 18th October** and **Wednesday 19th October**.

The evening provides an interesting and valuable opportunity to discuss:

- Any feedback or queries parents may have.
- Feedback about your son or daughter's experience of their first few weeks

Each pupil works jointly with his or her teachers to regularly monitor progress against targets for the core subjects being studied. Whilst parents and students can discuss progress with teachers at any stage during the year, these Parents' evenings are a great opportunity to share information, including a discussion of how the children are performing against national expectations in English: Reading, Writing, Phonics or Spelling, Mathematics and Science.

Please come along to hear about how the school is preparing your child for the challenges of the standardised assessment tests or end of primary school assessments and for transition to secondary school. Opportunities to book appointments online through the parents Evening System exist and Mr King will be available to speak with parents or carers regarding Y6 Mathematics progress and KS2 Science. **We will let you know as soon as bookings may be made online.**

Class of the week with **100%** attendance is **JR1**

Free School Meals

If your child is in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 and you think you may qualify for Free School Meals please contact Northumberland County Council on **01670 623592**



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What's on at OOSC

Our theme for the week is "The Stone Age"

We will be doing lots of activities based on Stone Age art and prehistoric dwellings



Our **Wednesday Mid-Week Special** is scotch pancakes this week.

Year 6 SATs meeting

Dear Year 6 Parents,

Now that we have settled back into school after the Summer break, we are beginning to prepare the Year 6 children for the SATs tests that they will take in May 2017. **This year the government has made some significant changes to the tests, so we would like to invite you and your Year 6 child to a special meeting on: Tuesday 4th October 2016 at 3.30pm.**

During the meeting we will cover the changes in more detail, show you examples of SATS papers and explain how you can support your child between now and May.

The children have been working very hard on their learning already this year, but I know from experience that a real effort this term can make a big difference to the level achieved in May. The SATs are the beginning of the assessment process that leads to GCSEs and they have a significant impact on which learning groups your child is placed in at their chosen secondary school.

I apologise for the fact that it is so close to the formal parent consultation evenings, but I would urge you to attend if at all possible. We will cover all aspects of SATs preparation including:

- The spelling, grammar and punctuation test
- The new teacher assessment system for writing
- The assessments for those children achieving at the very highest level
- The SATs revision/support books that your child will be bringing home
- Home Learning expectation (30 minutes 5x a week)
- The thorny issue of bedtime – 8.00pm has been recommended!
- Study Club – every week from 3:30p.m-4.30p.m on Thursdays.

Teachers will be available to provide support in any aspect of maths and English learning the children choose. Attendance is voluntary – however many children have really enjoyed and benefited from these homework sessions in recent years.

Mrs Brown

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR YEAR 6 PARENTS

Applications for secondary school must be submitted by **Monday 31st October** when the portal will close.

PLEASE DO NOT MISS THIS DEADLINE.



Online Safety leaflet

You should have received an online safety update leaflet with this newsletter. Please contact the office if you did not receive it.



Reading Books



Shanklea staff believe that no-one should miss out on the life changing benefits that reading can bring. Children who read books regularly are on average more satisfied with life, happier, and more likely to feel that the things they do in life are worthwhile.

How much time should my child spend reading?

The more reading children do, the more quickly they will develop as readers. It is recommended that beginning readers spend 15 or 20 minutes reading each day (in addition to the reading they do at school). However, the amount of reading a child does is most important than the amount of time he/she spends doing it. So, if a child spends 20 minutes reading a book that is very challenging, he/she will read less (in terms of the total number of words read) than if he/she spends the same 20 minutes reading easier books.

While 15 to 20 minutes is the recommended amount of reading, it is important to note that, if your child is interested in and enjoying what he/she is reading, it is fine to encourage more time. However, we do not want children to become too tired. It takes a while for readers to build up the stamina they need to read for longer periods of time.

Note that beginning readers generally benefit from reading to someone and many will not be interested in reading alone. Finding time to listen to your child read every day is important. Also, especially at the early stages of learning to read, reading will take energy and concentration.

Therefore, it will be helpful to find a time when your child is not too tired and a place where he/she can read without too many distractions (such as the TV or other conversations) going on in the background.



You do not always need to be sitting right next to your child in order to listen to him/her read. You can ask him/her to read while you are driving, folding laundry, preparing meals, etc. If he/she needs help with a word, he/she can simply spell the word out for you due to the phonic approaches being taught.

Please note how frequently home school reading books will be changed in each year group:

Year Group	Reading Rollercoaster Target	When books may be changed
Reception	Change book Practise words	Collect in Monday. Issue Tuesday Change book and review word packages Tuesday
Year 1 - Mrs Short	Books changed twice a week	Sharks/starfish - Monday and Wednesday Jellyfish/Crabs - Tuesday and Thursday
Year 1 - Mr Rutherford	Books changed twice a week	Green/Blue - Monday; Yellow/Red - Tuesday If you forget you can change again on Thursday
Year 2	Books changed or signed twice a week	Monday and Friday
Year 3	Books signed or changed twice a week	Monday and Friday
Year 4	Twice a week school book. Once a week own choice	Monday and Friday
Year 5	Books signed at least twice a week	Change book any day as needed
Year 6	Books signed at least twice a week	Change book any day as needed

It is vital that there is communication between you and the school regarding reading progress. It's really important to write in the Reading record how your child is helped with homework (reading to learn) and is encouraged to read as widely as possible for leisure.

A really useful website to access free e-learning books is www.oxfordowl.co.uk where there are top tips for parents and age appropriate strategies for home-school reading.





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Shanklea student purchase schemes: Making technology affordable

Shanklea has come up with our own scheme to help you purchase laptops, notebooks and tablets, all pre-configured and delivered through your very own bespoke purchasing portal. It should enable pupils to get the latest technology while spending the least possible amount of your budget.

—Pupils (or parents) log in to the portal, select the device and accessories they want, and set up a monthly direct debit to pay for it – you then use that money to cover the cost of the lease. This can be over up to three years.

Laptops and iPad devices are delivered to school, pre-configured and ready to go. We can even provide three year warranties for your iPad deployment, and set you up with insurance options.

Ipads are known to increase pupil engagement, improve classroom behaviour, open up the curriculum for SEND and EAL students and help teachers find new, innovative ways to deliver learning. The portal opens on **Monday 3rd October** and closes on **Friday 7th October**.

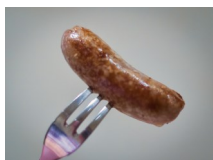


BRITISH MEALS FORTNIGHT:

Next week there are the following menu changes:

Thursday 6th October:

Sausage and Chips
or
Pulled Chicken Roll and Chips
followed by
Assorted sweets



Friday 7th October:

Mince and dumplings
or
Corned beef pie
followed by
Fruit Mousse Slice

