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Weekly Newsletter



School Photographer

A photographer from Tempest Photography will visit Shanklea on the morning of **Wednesday 17th November** to take individual photographs of children in school. Parents who would like their children to be photographed together should request this in the relevant section on the School Gateway. We regret that due to continuing covid risk reduction measures we cannot include children who attend other settings or who are not due to attend our EYFS provision on that day.

Flu Vaccinations

NHS staff will come into school on **Friday 19th November** to give nasal flu immunisations to children in Reception to Year 6. If you have not already completed and returned a consent form and you wish for your child to be immunised please contact our Office Team.

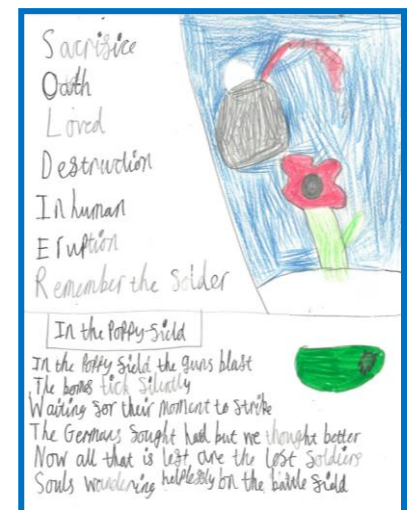
Reading

As described in previous newsletters, we do lots of reading at school to promote children's love of reading and their progress across the curriculum. To help us achieve this, can parents ensure that children have their reading books with them **every day** please.

Children have created some fantastic work this week. A huge well done to **Izzy H** from Year 6 who wrote this beautiful piece of commemorative poetry.

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has bought poppies and other items in support of the **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**. Our Year 5 **Mini Police** recruits have been invited to attend the Remembrance Day Parade at Cramlington Cenotaph on **Sunday 14th November**.



Anti-Bullying Week: 15th - 19th November 2021

The theme of Anti-Bullying Week is **One Kind Word** and, to start the week off, Shanklea will be joining in with **Odd Socks Day** on **Monday 15th November**.

The Anti-Bullying Alliance has said:



Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. This is one of the reasons that 'One Kind Word' has been chosen as the theme of Anti-





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Bullying Week taking place from 15 to 19 of November 2021.

Following the success of the campaign in 2020 – when a jaw-dropping 80% of schools marked the week reaching over 7.5 million children and young people - the Anti-Bullying Alliance (which coordinates the campaign each year in England and Wales) asked over 400 young people, teachers, and parents, what they wanted from this year's Anti-Bullying Week. Again and again, the young and not-so-young told us they wanted anti-bullying work to be about hope and the positive and kind things we can do to halt hurtful behaviour in its tracks.

You can find lost more information on the [Anti-Bullying Alliance](https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/anti-bullying-week-2021-one-kind-word) website at <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/anti-bullying-week-2021-one-kind-word>



Christmas Storm

We have been asked to send Shanklea families an information sheet entitled “**The Christmas Storm**” which will be sent with this newsletter. The Christmas Storm contains lots of useful ideas and information for families on how to “survive and thrive during the Christmas Storm”. We hope you find it useful.



New Menus

The menu for next week is shown below.

W/c Monday, 15 November 2021				
Monday 15	Tuesday 16	Wednesday 17	Thursday 18	Friday 19
Fish Cakes Pizza Wrap Jacket Potato Choice Sandwich Choice ----- Mini Potato Waffles Baked Beans ----- Pudding of the Day	Chicken Pasta Bake Jacket Potato Choice Sandwich Choice Macaroni Cheese ----- Seasonal Vegetables ----- Pudding of the Day	Roast Gammon with Yorkshire Pudding Jacket Potato Choice Sandwich Choice Quorn Fillet And Gravy ----- Roast Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables ----- Pudding of the Day	Minced Beef & Dumpling Vegemince & Dumplings Jacket Potato Choice Sandwich Choice ----- Mixed Seasonal Salad ----- Pudding of the Day	Fish Fingers Jacket Potato Choice Sandwich Choice Vegetable Bake ----- Chips Baked Beans ----- Pudding of the Day



Children and staff will be able to enjoy a special **Shanklea Christmas dinner** on **Tuesday 7th December**.

Please pre-order on the School Grid.





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Thank you to everyone who ordered from our **Scholastic Book Club**. We are delighted to let you know that thanks to your support we **earned £22.08 to spend on books for the school**. Please look out for our next Book Club to order great books at great prices and earn loads of free books for our school while you do.

Primary Times

The October Issue of **Primary Times Newcastle** is now available for parents to view, free of charge, at <https://www.round-sun-digital.com/>



Keeping Children Safe

Many parents will be aware of discussions on social media and reports in the press about various computer games and social media sites. The NCC Safeguarding Team has advised us that warning parents about specific games can be counter productive as it can make children more aware of unsuitable content and more interested in accessing it. Parents are advised to be vigilant about ensuring that all the sites and games their children could access are age appropriate and suitable for their child.

Writing Challenge

Children are invited to take part in a special **Writing Challenge** from the University of Sunderland. The "best" stories will be considered for publication in a collection of stories from across the area. A separate information sheet will be emailed to families with this newsletter.



Breakfast and Out of School Club

Places in our **Breakfast** and **Out of School Clubs** for December may now be reserved and paid for on the School Gateway. Bookings made after **Tuesday 30th November** will incur a late booking fee and will need to be made via our Office Team.

Year 6: Northumberland Health Related Behaviour Questionnaire

Our school has agreed to participate in a very important **Health and Wellbeing Survey** for pupils in **Years 6, 9 and 11** across Northumberland. This will support the work of Public Health and Children's Services within the Local Authority and we stand to benefit substantially through our participation in the survey. The survey method that is being using has been developed by the Schools Health Education Unit, Exeter and has been in use now for over 30 years. Over 3000 schools have used the survey, many of them regularly repeating the survey.

The survey data in schools may prompt review of the curriculum including:

- As a starting point for a discussion in classroom activities
- As a guide in the choice of resources
- As a prompt for appropriate timing of courses
- As a beginning for further enquiry to strengthen existing programmes e.g. in PE
- As a starting point for discussions between parents and schools





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Participating and using the results will help us ensure we continue to provide a health promoting environment for all young people. A letter with more detailed information has been emailed directly to families of children in Year 6.

Children in Need – Friday 19th November

Shanklea will be joining in with **Children in Need** on **Friday 19th November**. Children may come to school in non-uniform and are challenged to “get their glitter on”. Please ensure clothes and footwear are suitable for taking part in normal school activities, playing outside and PE if they do PE on Fridays. Voluntary donations may be made on the School Gateway.



Feeding Families Charity

A Shanklea parent is a volunteer with the local charity, **Feeding Families**, who supply Christmas hampers to 10,000 local families in need, to help them out over the Christmas period. We will shortly start collecting voluntary donations ready for collection near the end of the month. We will provide more information next week.

Bikeability

Our Year 6 children have enjoyed their **Bikeability** course this week and have made progress with their cycling and road safety skills. Well done everyone.

Halloween Competitions

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Halloween competitions. We had some spectacular entries. Congratulations to:



Best Scarecrow: **Skylar H**

Best Decorated Window: **Dylan, Jessica and Emmy S-A**

Best Carved Pumpkin: **Roman T**

Best Cake: **Georgie P**



Congratulations to the **Shanklea Stars** of last week:

Harper H **Rosie D** **Finley B** **Lucy H** **Ella B** **Rosie C** **Evie W**
Alexis D **Amelia R** **Ava Jayne B** **Zoey G**
Taliah E **Izzy H** **Jia C** **Lucas B**