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Dear Parents and Carers



## Weekly Newsletter

We are excited about the prospect of reuniting our school community again 'in person;' we are really looking forward to seeing your children learn and thrive in their lessons and break-times at school again in the lead up to Christmas.

Despite the National Lockdown, we are confident that Shanklea Primary School will be able to sustain safe, risk reducing routines by continuing to work in close partnership together with you all. As you are aware, our School Risk Assessment is continually revised and updated to ensure that we are operating on site as safely as possible; it is shared with you on the school website and we will advise you of any changes in our weekly newsletter.

## Collection and Drop-off Arrangements

Students are encouraged to walk or cycle to school, wherever possible. Adults choosing to drive their child to school are strongly advised to choose a safe drop off or pick up point well away from the school site boundary; the Masonic Hall car park on School Lane is only a few minutes walk from the school and is completely free of charge. This is for collection and drop-off only and the gates are unlocked between 8.30-9.30am and 2.30-3.45pm.

Please do not endanger the safety of the vast majority of students walking onto the school site by parking or dropping off in unsafe places, for example on Nairn Road or mounting the pavements along the front of the school site. Please remember that parking restrictions apply on the streets around our school (Nairn Road, Needham Place and Northolt Avenue) and parking enforcement officers patrol the area regularly and issue fines for parking without a permit.

We must insist that all students follow staff instructions regarding our Covid-19 safety measures so that we can ensure a safe working environment for all of our community.

We ask that parents make arrangements so that a **trusted adult is within 20 minutes of the school during the school day** to collect their child quickly from school if they become **unwell** or if they are **unable to behave safely** on site.

We will also expect parents to follow government guidance by **keeping their child at home if they are unwell** and by **seeking a test promptly** for all members of the household if any member of the household or



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support bubble exhibits Covid-19 symptoms. Please **let us know immediately** if anyone in your household is self-isolating so that we are fully informed and are able to take appropriate decisions to keep the whole school community as safe as possible.

Please ensure that children are wearing **school appropriate footwear every day** as children often go onto the school field so that we maintain social distancing whilst maximising outdoor play and learning opportunities.

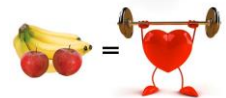
Many of the children enjoy a mid-morning snack. Please remember this should just be a **small healthy snack** such as a piece of **fruit**.

Please ensure your child brings:

- A book bag (older children may need a rucksack)
- Hand sanitizer if your child needs to have a specific one
- Labelled water bottle (pre-filled with water)
- A coat labelled with your child's name (students will be outside a lot)
- Robust, waterproof footwear
- If your child has a packed lunch, please bring this in a disposable bag whenever possible

## School Lunches

The government is encouraging all schools to promote healthy eating and provide healthy, tasty and nutritious food and drink and to support children to develop healthy eating habits. We know about the links between living with obesity in childhood and adulthood, and the benefits to children's attainment and development of eating a balanced diet. It has, therefore, never been more important to ensure that children are eating healthy, nutritious meals at school and, in doing so, are building an understanding of the importance of healthy choices that supports their development now and in the future.



Many schools have stopped providing hot lunches and October saw the launch of **Hot'ober**, led by LACA, (the organisation representing school food providers) which aims to encourage schools and pupils to get back to eating hot and nutritious school lunches. As key workers throughout the pandemic, our school catering team are best placed to continue to deliver hot, nutritious meals safely and ensure School Food Standards are upheld.

A range of resources may be found at <https://thegreatschoolslunch.co.uk/resources/hotober-resources/>

9th-13th November is National School Meals week. The aim of this campaign is to highlight the importance and benefits of school meals and to champion and celebrate school caterers. It includes a Taste for Yourself



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campaign to encourage pupils and parents back to school meals. Further information can be found on LACA's website:

<https://thegreatschoolslunch.co.uk/#:~:text=National%20School%20Meals%20Week%202020,has%20added%20importance%20this%20year.>

## Drinking Water

Schools are legally obliged to provide access at all times to free drinking water on the school premises. We need to consider the most appropriate way to do this safely. Children should bring in a labelled water bottle every day, ideally a refillable one rather than single-use plastics which have negative environmental impacts.

## Reception Starters- September 2021



The online portal for parents to apply for September 2020 Reception places is now open on the Northumberland County Council website.

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

If you have not used the portal before you will need to register as a new user. You can access more information by following the link above. Please note that you must complete an **online application** with Northumberland County Council (not school) for a place in the Reception class even if your child already attends Nursery provision. The closing date for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021. It is important to apply before this deadline as late applications could result in your child not being allocated the school of your choice.

## Payments to School via the School Gateway

Please note that SchoolComms are changing their payment processor from 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020. The only change for Shanklea families will be that all bank transfer payments and direct debits will say **"ParentPay"** rather than "School Gateway". You do not need to change any settings. All bank transfer payments made through School Gateway will continue to be fully protected by the Direct Debit Guarantee.

## Borrow Box Digital Library

We all know the importance of reading but we have to be mindful of Covid-19 risk reducing protocols too. Did you know that Northumberland Library has a digital library that can be accessed all the time?

This contains eBooks and eAudiobooks for both adults and children and is a **free service**. If people are not



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members, they can join online at the library website and get access straight away without having to come into the library to collect their card. <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/News/2020/Apr/Digital-Library-offers-exciting-new-ways-to-access.aspx>

There are over 300 eAudio titles for children with lots of popular authors featuring such as Julia Donaldson, Liz Pichon and Roald Dahl. Happy reading, everyone!

## Safe and Sparkly Bonfire Night Celebrations

Northumberland Fire and Rescue Service (NFRS) is encouraging residents to plan ahead and enjoy the Bonfire Night celebrations safely and responsibly.

### Top 10 safety tips:

- Avoid wearing loose clothing or clothing that is labelled 'highly flammable'
- Always wear gloves when handling sparklers and fireworks
- Always have buckets of water ready to put out small fires or to cool sparklers
- Make sure children are supervised around fireworks and bonfires at all times
- Never drink alcohol if you're setting off fireworks
- Keep animals indoors and close curtains
- Only buy fireworks that are sold by a licensed seller
- Follow instructions carefully and light fireworks at arm's length
- Ensure spectators stand back from fireworks
- Never go back to a firework after it has been lit - even if it hasn't gone off



## Lest we Forget – Poppy Trail

On **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020**, Shanklea Primary School will host a themed day to pay our respects for those people who have lost their lives while serving in the armed forces.



In Britain, Remembrance Day has been a tradition since the end of the First World War. It's also celebrated in many different countries across the globe where people from different backgrounds, cultures and religions





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come together to honour Remembrance Day.

We **will** remember the bravery and courage of those who fought in the World Wars on Remembrance Day and also all those who have served their country since.

## Children in Need 2020



This year's Children in Need Fundraiser Day is on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November. To support this fantastic charity in a Covid-safe way we will be having a non-uniform day. We are asking for voluntary contributions of **£1** (or whatever you wish to donate) which should be paid on the School Gateway. There will be lots of fun activities and a sweet treat for the children in the afternoon.

## Operation Encompass

We are pleased to share with you that our school has been given the opportunity to take part in a new Home Office approved project. It is being led by Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner, Dame Vera Baird, and Northumbria Police in partnership with Barnardos and Operation Encompass. The project, named **Operation Encompass: The Next Steps**, aims to educate children and young people about healthy relationships.

The project will help all children in Northumbria to learn about friendships, relationships, emotions and empathy and rules and expectations, so that they can live and work together safely.

Our school will also benefit from having one of twelve School Safeguarding Liaison Officers who will:

- Work with our teachers to deliver an age appropriate session exploring friendships/ relationships/ emotions
- Be available to access a phone call at specified times so that children and parents can talk about issues that they may have around relationships

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for children and the whole school community. A letter with more information has been sent to parents of children in Years 1 to 6 this week.



**NSPCC *Speak out. Stay safe* online programme**

I am pleased to tell you that this term we will be participating in the NSPCC's ***Speak out. Stay safe.*** online





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programme. *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a safeguarding programme available to all primary schools in the UK and Channel Islands and consists of an online assembly and supporting classroom based activities. It aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse in a child friendly, interactive way. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or **Childline**.

This online version of the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme will help to overcome some of the challenges that the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has presented in relation to having external speakers in school.

In the online assembly, the *Speak out. Stay safe.* messages continue to be delivered in a fun and interactive way with the help of their mascot Buddy as well as special guest appearances from Ant and Dec.

We have studied the content of the materials and are extremely confident that they are appropriate for primary-school-aged children. By the end of the programme, we're convinced children will feel empowered – knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.

You can find more information on the NSPCC website [www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout) or I would be happy to discuss any questions that you may have.

## Talking PANTS with your children

The NSPCC's work in schools will help encourage conversations about staying safe and they have a number of child-friendly materials to help carry on the conversation afterwards. That includes '**Talk PANTS**', a simple way for parents to help keep children safe from abuse – without using scary words.

The guide uses the rules of **PANTS** to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone.

You can find out more and download the free resources at [www.nspcc.org.uk/pants](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/pants).

If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website [www.nspcc.org.uk/parents](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/parents).

## Childline Under 12's Website

Childline have a website with age appropriate advice and support for primary school children on lots of topics such as bullying. It also has games and other interactive tools so children can:

- Get age-appropriate information and advice
- Get support – call, chat online, email or sign
- Enjoy make and play activities





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Your child can visit it at [www.childline.org.uk/kids](http://www.childline.org.uk/kids).

## Halloween Competitions and Fundraising

Thank you to everyone for your fantastic support for our Halloween Fun Day and competitions over the holidays which have raised a grand total of **£549.50**. We had some fantastic entries to the competitions and are so impressed with the talent and imagination shown by everyone.

### Competition winners



Halloween Cake

Grace C

Pumpkin Carving

Scarlett and Owen R

Halloween Art

Oona and Quinn S



**Well done everyone who took part. You are all amazing!**

Thank you all for your continued support as we look forward to the start of an exciting term ahead for us all!

Take care and stay safe!

Kind regards,

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Head Teacher

