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Happy New Year

At Shanklea Primary School, we look forward to another year of opportunity. We must be thankful for all the blessings, happiness and achievement that last year has given to us. On the other hand, we must welcome the New Year and hope that it brings some fresh breeze of success and achievement into our lives. **Happy 2017!**

I would like to clarify our policy regarding our uniform guidelines and the wearing of jewellery.

The simple answer is that **children should not wear any jewellery whilst in school**. Health and safety guidance advises that children should not take part in PE or swimming whilst wearing jewellery. Even the rough and tumble of playtime games or activities on the climbing frame can result in jewellery related injuries. Accidents have occurred in local schools, where children have had their ear lobes split.

We propose a compromise for those who have followed our previous advice, by giving permission for those children to wear small plastic insert studs, until it is appropriate to remove them during the school day. Otherwise earrings will need to either be taped up in school or children miss P.E or Swimming lessons.

Guidance for parents on school shoes:

The school uniform policy states that a student's school shoes should be plain black and not fashion shoes, boots or trainers. As many suppliers are designing shoes that deliberately blur the distinction between shoes that are suitable for leisure and shoes that are appropriate for school we are offering some guidance, based on The Society of Chiropodists and Podiatrists useful advice for choosing the right children's shoes.

Checklist for choosing the right children's shoes:

- Avoid slip on shoes. Choose shoes with laces, straps or Velcro fastenings, which act like a seatbelt in a car, holding the shoe onto the foot. Be wary of the current fashion for girl's ballet style pumps which lack support to the inner border of the foot and provide no shock absorption.
- Many trainers are designed for particular sports and

may not be suitable for everyday wear. Avoid the use of plimsolls in school all day, every day.

- Heel height should be no more than 4cm. Lower for younger children. The heel should have a broad base and be made from a shock-absorbing material.
- Natural material uppers such as leather are best.
- The toe area of the shoe should be deep enough to allow the toes to move freely and not be squashed from the top or sides.
- The shoes should fit exactly around the heel without being tight or loose.
- The inner border of the shoe at the heel and arch area should be firm and support the foot.
- In addition to this it is important school shoes are appropriate for a place of work and that there is no place for leisure, casual and fashion shoes.

Current Shanklea Primary School Practice



All students should be wearing plain black shoes. Students who are wearing boots, shoes with other colours (e.g. white or coloured stripes or soles) will be asked to comply with school policy and parents will be contacted.

All students wearing trainers will be asked to comply with school policy and parents will be contacted.

We hope parents will continue to work with us to ensure all students wear shoes that are safe, good for feet and adhere to the school policy. Teachers will continue to encourage all students to wear the acceptable styles and where families have financial or other concerns they will be encouraged to contact school so we can plan together how to move forward.

Thank you.



Is your child due to start school in September 2017?

Please note that the closing date for applications to join Reception classes in September 2017 is **Sunday 15th January 2017**. Parents must make an application either online or on paper by this date. If you have any queries please call **01670 624889**





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Shanklea Superstars

Leo Craggs has settled into Shanklea well and has made excellent progress this term.

Charlotte Hume is growing in confidence and is a lovely caring girl. **KLR**

Cole Richardson has an amazing attitude to his work. He has tried exceptionally hard all of the time and is loving his learning.

Libby Barber has made such excellent progress and is always so positive and friendly. **MS1**

Lewis Walker has an excellent attitude and has achieved great things across this term, especially in his writing.

Maizie Cameron has made great progress with her English work all term. Keep it up! :) **BD2**

Ethan McLeod and **Kaitlyn Rust** have made an exceptional effort all term and, as a result, have made excellent progress. **ER3**

Ben Wright has gained in confidence this year and made great progress in all areas of the curriculum.

Laura Smith has an excellent attitude to learning and always takes pride in her work. **SH4**

Charlie Doyle has consistently worked hard and has a mature approach to his learning. He is a pleasure to teach.

Olivia Coxon has great enthusiasm for learning. She has produced some excellent, creative pieces of writing so far in Year 5. **CC5**

Thomas Bruce has had a very settled and productive first term and made good progress.

Ruby Hansom has an exceptional attitude and has made good progress across the term, particularly in reading. **SM6**

Zeva Vercueil has an excellent attitude to school and always tries her best.

Charlie Ridley has shown increasing maturity throughout his first term in Reception. **LMR**

Amber Clark has an outstanding attitude to her learning and is a polite and kind friend.

Ethan Wall is making excellent progress and always tries his best in school. **JR1**

Grace Coulson has had a consistently good attitude towards all of her work.

Josh Smith has settled well into life at Shanklea and is making great progress in Maths. **DAC2**

Harvey Teasdale has a fantastic attitude to his work and is making exceptional progress in Literacy.

Hollie Osborne has made a fantastic effort throughout the term and is making super progress. **DW3**

Sam Moffett has made great progress and the effort he has put in throughout the whole term has been fantastic!

Eva Black has made nothing but 100% effort throughout the full term. She is always polite, smiling and thinking of others. **DC4**

Eleanor Armstrong maintains a consistently high standard of work and behaviour. Mrs Greenwood could not ask for anything more.

Max Lucas has had an amazing first time. Max is always enthusiastic and always gives his best. **LG5**

Owen Weedy is enthusiastic, hardworking, polite and responsible.

Eve Fellows is challenging herself to produce her best work. **SB6**

Congratulations to last term's Shanklea Superstars



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Magic Christmas Mile

On the last day of term our pupils (or rather elves from Year 1 to Year 6!) successfully completed a step challenge against the clock in Our Magic Mile event.

The elf event was open to all abilities and they competed either solo or in pairs with a pedometer.

The Magic Mile was all about having fun, doing something different, experiencing walking or running faster and getting actively involved.

Our very impressive results are shown opposite.

Well done everyone.



Year Group	Number of steps in 15 minute slots
Year 1	72,320
Year 2	69,195
Year 3	84,368
Year 4	87,214
Year 5	90,869
Year 6	108,254
Total	512,220
A 160.07 miles journey was completed which is equivalent to walking from Shanklea Primary School to Manchester!	



Winter Warmers Activity Day



Just one look at the upcoming Winter weather forecast is enough to send us all homebound with some hot chocolate to sip. On **Thursday 19th January 2017**, we will be hosting a Winter Warmers themed Day. We are encouraging the children to attend school in non-uniform wearing cosy, casual warm winter wear such as onesies, pom-pom hats, etc... **Voluntary contributions of £1 would be gratefully received in support of British Science Week.**

At **3.30pm** Year 6 children will be using their **Enterprise skills** by preparing and selling Winter Warmer food products in the school yard. Please come along and support their hard work...

Our kitchen will be adding to the fun by offering a hot and hearty meal to warm the children through and through. It is intended to keep everyone cosy with our best winter warmer recipes, including sausage, chips, beans, warm beef baguettes, homemade mince pies, baked potatoes and homemade vegetable soup... as well as hot chocolate sponge pudding and sauce. Comfort food at its best..



Science at Shanklea: British Science Week , 10th– 19th March 2017

This new year 2017, Shanklea Primary School will be involved in British Science Week.

British Science Week (BSW) is a ten-day programme of science, technology, engineering and maths events and activities across the UK

for people of all ages.

Pupils will become citizen scientists following the theme of '**FUTURE EARTH**'. We will focus on sustainability science and will highlight those issues that are unique to England and the wider world.

Our National Science Week event should:

- be fun;
- be focused on quality science outcomes;
- be supportive of the school science curriculum;
- encourage children to want to try more science;
- raise the general profile of science within the community.





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P.E. Lessons Timetable

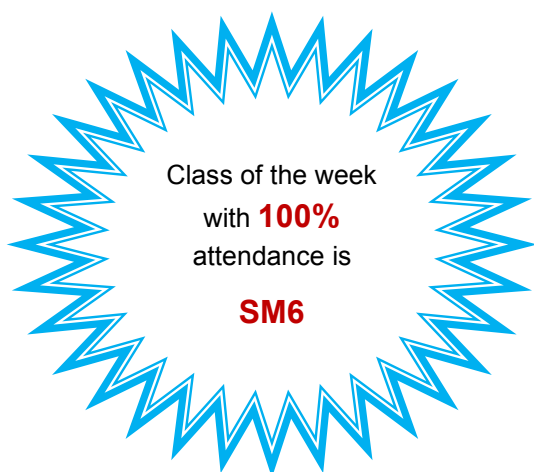
The tables below show when each class is scheduled to do P.E. However, we do like to take advantage of opportunities as they arise so it would be advisable that PE kit is brought to school on Monday mornings, stored on the cloakroom peg for the remainder of the week and taken home for washing (!) on Fridays. Thank you.

Classes	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
	MS1, BD2, DAC2, CC5, LG5, SB6, SM6	DW3, SH4, CC5, LG5	JR1, MS1, DAC2, SH4, DC4, SB6, SM6	KLR, LMR, BD2, ER3, DW3, DC4	JR1, ER3

Extra-curricular Clubs Timetable.

Please note that morning sessions start promptly at 8am. After school sessions finish at 4.30pm and children can be collected from the yard.

Timing	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Morning (8am)				Kickboxing Y4/5/6	Music Tuition
Lunchtime				KS1 French	Music Tuition
Afternoon	NUFC Y4/5 Gymnastics Y3/4	Skiping Y5	Netball Y5/6	Y6 Homework Rugby KS1	Music Tuition



Achievement Assemblies



In response to feedback received from parents and children we will be holding separate achievement assemblies for our younger children. Starting from next week we will hold an achievement assembly for children in Reception and Year 1 on Friday mornings 9-9.30am. Children in Years 2 to 6 will attend achievement assemblies on Fridays at 2.30pm as before. Parents will be invited by text to see selected children presented with their Star of the week Certificates. Thank you to everyone who has provided feedback to us. As always, we aim to please and move the school forward so we want to hear your views.

Our Tuesday special will be tomato soup and bread.



What's on at OOSC

Our theme for the week is "Winter"

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Winter Nature Walk	Winter Eye Spy	Winter snowman scene	Winter clothing design	Winter sports

Our Wednesday Breakfast Special will be fresh orange juice and toast.





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Spring 2017 Schedule of Events: 2nd January—20th January 2017

Week 1	
Monday 2 nd January	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 3 rd January	Teacher Training Day
Wednesday 4 th January	Hoops For Health workshop 3.30-4.40p.m. Y5/6 Netball Club
Thursday 5 th January	8am Y4/5/6 Kickboxing Club Reception Vision Screening Y5 Basketball coaching during school 3.30-4.40p.m Homework Club
Friday 6 th January	'Go Smarter Advisor' to meet with School Council, 12.30-2.30p.m Reception Hearing Tests
Week 2	
Monday 9 th January	Y6 English Booster begins 3.30—4.30pm Y4/5 NUFC Club 3.30—4.30pm Y3/4 Gymnastics
Tuesday 10 th January	9.15 Y5 Basketball Competition 3.15pm Voss Ski Meeting for Parents 3.30pm Y5 Skipping Club
Wednesday 11 th January	9.00-11.00a.m Little Monkeys session Y6 Maths Booster begins 3.30-4.30p.m. Netball Club 3.30pm Staff Meeting re Reading
Thursday 12 th January	8am Y4/5/6 Kickboxing Club 9.15am Reception/Y1 Dental Survey Lunchtime KS1 French Club 1.00pm Dave Burns – Y5 Anti-Bullying Workshop 3.30-4.30p.m Y6 Homework Club 3.30-4.30pm KS1 Rugby Club
Friday 13 th January	Closing date for Reception Class Admission (Sept 2017) applications is Sunday 15 th January Music lessons with Miss Yarrow start 9.0am Rec and Y1 Achievement assembly 2.30pm Y2-6 Achievement Assembly
Week 3	
Monday 16 th January	Y6 English Booster 3.30—4.30pm Y4/5 NUFC Club 3.30—4.30pm Y3/4 Gymnastics
Tuesday 17 th January	2.45p.m Class Assembly Y6 SMcG, Mr McGregor's Class 3.30pm Y5 Skipping Club
Wednesday 18 th January	9.00-11.00a.m Little Monkeys session Y6 Maths Booster 3.30-4.30p.m. Netball Club
Thursday 19 th January	Non uniform/Cosy casual dress day—Winter Warmer Themed Activity Day & lunch 8am Y4/5/6 Kickboxing Club Lunchtime KS1 French Club 3.30-4.30p.m Y6 Homework Club 3.30-4.30pm KS1 Rugby Club 3.30pm Enterprise Group Winter Warmer Stall
Friday 20 th January	Music lessons with Miss Yarrow start 9.0am Rec and Y1 Achievement assembly 2.30pm Y2-6 Achievement Assembly



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Spring 2017 Schedule of Events: 23rd January—10th February 2017

Week 4	
Monday 23 rd January	Y6 English Booster 3.30—4.30pm Y4/5 NUFC Club 3.30—4.30pm Y3/4 Gymnastics
Tuesday 24 th January	3.30pm Y5 Skipping Club
Wednesday 25 th January	9.00-11.00a.m Little Monkeys session Y6 Maths Booster Class Assembly Y6 Mrs Baxter's Class 2.45p.m 3.30-4.30p.m. Y5/6 Netball Club
Thursday 26 th January	8am Y4/5/6 Kickboxing Club Lunchtime KS1 French Club 2.15pm Reception Parents Phonics Workshop 3.30-4.30p.m Y6 Homework Club 3.30-4.30pm KS1 Rugby Club
Friday 27 th January	
Week 5	
Monday 30 th January	Y6 English Booster 3.30—4.30pm Y4/5 NUFC Club 3.30—4.30pm Y3/4 Gymnastics
Tuesday 31 st January	3.30pm Y5 Skipping Club
Wednesday 1 st February	9.00-11.00a.m Little Monkeys session Y6 Maths Booster 3.30-4.30p.m. Y5/6 Netball Club 3.30pm EYFS Parents Workshop – Personal and Social Development
Thursday 2 nd February	8am Y4/5/6 Kickboxing Club Lunchtime KS1 French Club 2.45p.m Class Assembly Mrs Greenwood's class 3.30-4.30p.m Y6 Homework Club 3.30-4.30pm KS1 Rugby Club
Friday 3 rd February	
Week 6	
Monday 6 th February	Y6 English Booster 2.45p.m Class assembly Y5NMc, Mrs Crowther/Mrs McCormick's Class 3.30-6.00p.m Y6 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 7 th February	3.30-6.00p.m Y6 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 8 th February	9.00-11.00a.m Little Monkeys session Y6 Maths Booster 3.30-4.30p.m. Y5/6 Netball Club
Thursday 9 th February	8am Y4/5/6 Kickboxing Club 9.30 - 12noon Year 3 and 4 Gymnastics Festival Lunchtime KS1 French Club 3.30-4.30p.m Y6 Homework Club 3.30-4.30pm KS1 Rugby Club
Friday 10 th February	Science Themed Day – Google Expeditions Tour



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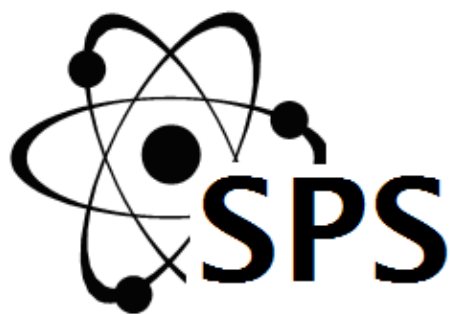
Spring 2017 Schedule of Events: 13th February—17th February 2017

Week 7	
Monday 13 th February	Y6 English Booster
Tuesday 14 th February	St Valentine's Day Themed Lunch 2.45p.m Class Assembly Y4SH, Mrs Hagan's Class St Valentine's Day Themed Disco
Wednesday 15 th February	9.00-11.00a.m Little Monkeys session Y6 Maths Booster 3.30-4.40p.m. Y5/6 Netball Club
Thursday 16 th February	3.30-4.40p.m Y6 Homework Club 3.30-4.30pm KS1 Rugby Club
Friday 17 th February	School closes



Menu Change ; Monday 16th January

On Monday 16th January the menu will be corned beef pie or lasagne and garlic bread followed by carrot cake.



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School Holidays 2017–2018

	School closes	School opens
Christmas & New Year	Friday 16 th December 2016	Wednesday 4 th January 2017
Training Day	Tuesday 3 rd January 2017 (School closed)	
Half Term	Friday 17 th February 2017	Monday 27 th February 2017
Training Day	Friday 24 th February 2017 (School Closed)	
Easter 2017	Friday 7 th April 2017	Monday 24 th April 2017
May Day	Monday 1 st May 2017 (School closed)	
Elections	Thursday 4 th May 2017 (school closed)	
Half Term Holidays	Friday 26 th May 2017	Monday 5 th June 2017
Summer Holidays	Friday 21 st July 2017	Tuesday 5 th September 2017
Training Day	Monday 4 th September 2017	
Half Term	Thursday 19 th October 2017	Monday 30 th October 2017
Training Days	Friday 20 th October 2017 Friday 27 th October 2017	
Christmas & New Year	Friday 22 nd December 2017	Tuesday 9 th January 2018
Training Day	Monday 8 th January 2018	
Half Term Holidays	Friday 9 th February 2018	Monday 19 th February 2018
Training Day	Friday 16 th February 2018	
Easter 2018	Thursday 29 th March 2018	Monday 16 th April 2018
May Day	Monday 7 th May 2018	
Half Term Holidays	Friday 25 th May 2018	Monday 4 th June 2018
Summer Holidays	Friday 20 th July 2018	Tuesday 4 th September 2018
Training Day	Monday 3 rd September 2018	