



# Shanklea Primary School

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Congratulations to both **Tyler-James G** and **Frankie A** who have been picked to play for Newcastle Academy. This is such an amazing achievement and we are all very impressed.



## Year 6 Applications for Secondary School

The online portal on the NCC website opens at midnight on 12th September 2019 for applications for Secondary (Year 7) School related to September 2020 entry.

We have emailed information to Year 6 parents and carers and would like to remind them to log on via the NCC website and apply before **31st October**. Applications received after 31st October will be classed as 'late' and will not be processed until all 'on time' applications have been allocated.

The following link will provide further information and guidance:

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

## Shanklea Superstars

### Go Mini Team Shanklea

Inspirational Shanklea students ran, walked and wheeled their way to the finish line of the Mini and Junior Great North Run on Saturday.

They were raising vital cash to support the charity work of St Oswald's Hospice which enhances the lives of local children and families at a difficult time. Your sponsorship and donations should provide fun and engaging trips out for the children who come to the charity for short breaks, vital medical equipment or fund bereavement support sessions for someone after the death of a loved one. We are so grateful for your support.

Thank you to everyone who put their best feet forward by taking part in the Mini North Run. We would also like to say a huge well done to Mrs Laughton and Shanklea parents who successfully completed the Great North Run.

You are all amazing.



## School Council Elections



It's that time of year again - nominations are open for the **2019/2020 School Council** – a great chance to get involved and help ensure our School continues to thrive. All children in school are invited to stand if they are interested in joining the School Council.

## Flu Immunisation Consent Forms

All children in Reception to Year 6 have been given flu immunisation forms to bring home this week. Please complete and return the form to school as soon as possible as they will be collected by NHS staff on **Wednesday 18th September**. We cannot guarantee that children who have not returned the form by this date will be able to have the immunisation.



The flu immunisation session will take place on **Tuesday 10th December 2019**.

## Reception Maths Workshop Wednesday 18th September 2019, 2.15p.m.

Our Reception children's first workshop is scheduled for next week. Parents and carers will be shown ways to engage children in maths within a fun and "safe" environment. In addition, a range of problem solving games and practical activities which can be used where wrong answers are required to take the next step to the solution. Knowing that we all need to make mistakes to learn creates an "enabling" environment for children to let their imagination take the lead and not be afraid of getting it wrong.

Our Shanklea Ethos is there are no wrong answers, only pathways of learning. Please come and join us.





HELLO AUTUMN

AUTUMN SPECIAL LUNCH

THURSDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2019  
(Pre order on School Grid)



BURGER

or

SAUSAGE ROLL



SERVED WITH CHIPS & BEANS

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AUTUMN BISCUITS







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## Use of Social Media

Most people take part in online activities and social media. It's fun, interesting and keeps us connected.

Our school has a Facebook page which allows parents to receive and respond to messages about school events. We encourage you to positively participate if you wish.

Within these spaces however we ask that everyone uses their common sense and discretion when discussing school life online.

### 'Think before you post'

It is very important that social media, whether public or private, should not be used to fuel campaigns or voice complaints against the school, school staff, parents or children.

We take very seriously inappropriate use of social media by anybody to publicly humiliate or criticise another parent, member of staff, child or other member of our Shanklea community.

**If parents or carers have any concerns about their child in relation to the school they should:**

1. Initially contact the class teacher
2. If the concern remains they should contact the Head Teacher
3. If they feel it remains unresolved, they should contact the school governors through the complaints procedure

**They should not use social media as a medium to air any concerns or grievances.**

### Online activity which we consider inappropriate:

- Identifying or posting images/videos of children
- Abusive or personal comments about staff, governors, children or other members of the school community
- Bringing the school in disrepute
- Posting defamatory or libellous comments
- Emails circulated or sent directly with abusive or personal comments about staff or children
- Using social media to publicly challenge school policies or discuss issues about individual children or members of staff
- Threatening behaviour, such as intimidating staff, or using bad language
- Breaching school security procedures

At our school we take our safeguarding responsibilities seriously and will deal with any reported incidents appropriately in line with the actions outlined above.

We thank everyone for your continuing co-operation and support of our school.



## Northumberland Water Super Splash Heroes

A Shanklea Primary School will be visited by a gang of super heroes next week. We will see them come to life and help us all learn about water.

The session will help us to find out about water's role in the environment, how to save water and why it is important for health. Our children will get to watch a play featuring the four water saving heroic characters, then take part in workshops to learn more about how they can play their part in making simple changes to the way they use water to help protect the environment.

Pupils from Key Stage 1 through to Year 6 should find out more about the water industry and the part it plays in the water cycle, interacting with nature to protect one of Earth's most important natural resources.

The Super Splash Heroes and the new educational resource are great ways of not only getting young people interested in water, but to also give families and schools the tools they need to help them continue to learn and find out more. This fun play will help children to understand the importance of saving water and the benefits it has for their homes and the environment."



## Last week's attendance

Classes of the week with **100%** attendance are **MSR LMR, BD1/2, AH3, ER4/5, LG6, CC6**

**Well done Reception & Year 6**

Year Group	Average Attendance %
Reception	100
1 and 2	99.3
3	96.5
4 and 5	97.4
6	100



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## Friends of Shanklea



Our Parents' Association, Friends of Shanklea, exists to promote and enhance the Shanklea School community.

We organise events and activities throughout the year to bring together the community and enrich our children's school experience. Wherever possible we raise money for extra-curricular programmes or to expand school resources. For example, Friends of Shanklea funds often go towards enhancing playground equipment. Due to the fund-raising nature of our organisation, we have a committee structure in place.

Every parent or carer with a child at Shanklea Primary School is automatically a part of the Parents' Association. We regularly hold meetings to plan events and organise volunteers. We will be planning lots of upcoming events such as the Christmas Fair, Easter Disco and Summer Community Festival. All parents/carers are welcome to join in, share ideas, skills and get involved in any way they can. Even if you do not wish to become a committee member, we always need volunteers at events and would welcome any help offered.

Our meetings are informal, and we are always pleased to see new faces. Information about up-coming meetings will be displayed on the Parents' Association notice board and on the Parents' Association page on the website together with what was discussed in previous meetings. If you wish to participate, please speak to any member of the Parents' Association whose details are on the notice board or your child's class Parent Representative who will be delighted to explain it all.

## Coming Soon

Wednesday 18th September	9-10am Little Monkeys Toddler Group Flu immunisation forms collected 2.15pm Reception parents Maths workshop
Thursday 19th	Super Splash Heroes Performance
Friday 20th	School Council Elections
Monday 23rd September	2.15pm Year 1&2 parents English workshop
Wednesday 25th September	9-10am Little Monkeys Toddler Group 2.15pm Reception Parents' RWI workshop
Tuesday 1st October	Fire Fighters Charity Bag Collection
Wednesday 2nd October	9-10 Toddler Group 2.15pm Year 1/2 Maths workshop
Thursday 3rd October	Autumn Celebrations Special Lunch

### Friends of Shanklea Events this half term



Monday 21st October  
Halloween themed Bake Off

Cakes will be judged and there will be prizes for winners. Cakes will be sold on the yard after school.

Tuesday 22nd October—  
KS1 and KS2 Halloween Discos



More information to follow.

### Friends of Shanklea Meeting

There will be a Friends of Shanklea meeting on **Tuesday 8th October at 3.30pm** specifically for planning these events and the Christmas Fair - all are welcome to attend. Please come along—we will be delighted to see you.



**ALDI'S KIT FOR SCHOOLS**

Collect and win with Aldi's Kit for Schools.

This September, Aldi's Kit for Schools promotion is giving 20 primary schools the chance to win £20,000 to kick-start a health legacy for their school. What's more, every school who enters by completing their Aldi's Kit for Schools poster will also receive an exclusive school sports kit!

**Taking part**

- 1. Collect.** Ask members of your school community to pick up their Team GB sticker whenever they spend £30 in any Aldi store, and bring the stickers into school to add to your Aldi's Kit for Schools poster.
- 2. Explore.** Try out each poster's 150 healthy challenges in assembly or the classroom, and explore the **Get Stuck In** teaching resources from the Get Set to Eat Fresh education programme.
- 3. Win.** Complete the poster with 300 Team GB stickers to receive a school sports kit and the chance to win a cash prize of £20,000 to build a health legacy at your school.

Find out more and get stuck in at [getsettoeatfresh.co.uk/kitschools](http://getsettoeatfresh.co.uk/kitschools)

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TEAM GB  
GET SET eat fresh  
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### Aldi's Kit for Schools Promotion

You may have heard about the "Aldi's Kit For School" project. We are collecting stickers for a chance to win £20,000 and free sports kit for children in school. We would be very grateful if you could send in any stickers you may receive. Thank you so much for your support.