

Congratulations to **Ella** who will once again don her costumes and join the Newcastle Theatre Royal cast in the Christmas panto 'Peter Pan' as it opens for its November 28 to January 21 run. From what I've seen of the Neverland adventure so far, it's already clear that audiences are in for a huge treat. Well done Ella!

This weekend, **Eryn** showed off her toe-tapping skills at a local dance competition. The jigging junior showcased her talents and celebrated in style when she won numerous dancing trophies as you can see from the photo. The budding dancer delighted her audience of friends and family adding considerably to her already impressive range of trophies. Well done, Eryn.

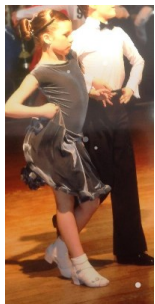


shanklea Superstars



Jay is a footballing star. He is shown here with his latest award. He is working hard, gaining fantastic skills and having a wonderful time. Well done Jay, you are a star.

Jack is an amazing magician. He astounded Mrs Brown this week with his magic tricks including magicking a King card into an Ace! His entry into the Magic Circle awaits!



Savannah is a winner! The Unity Festival 2017 Championship are done and dusted for another year and what a huge success it was again for Savannah! She went one step further after showcasing her ballroom talents and popularity at the International Dance Championships in Blackpool, winning even more trophies. We are so impressed.

Lily is performing in the pantomime "Aladdin" at The Peoples Theatre. We would like to share some pictures of her on stage during rehearsals and with the Genie of the Lamp..

The group photo includes all the performers who have consented to photography to be shared at their respective schools. Well done Lily.



Amy is achieving great things with her dancing. She has just been awarded a trophy and certificate for Classical Sequence Dancing. Well done, Amy.

Congratulations to all of the Year 2 Cramlington Rocket Tots for graduating into the Under 7's team. A fantastic achievement. Well done **Callum, Jamie, Ethan, Ewan, Frankie, Zane and Ronan**.



SEND Parent Consultation



Please note that an additional parent consultation meeting has been scheduled for **Tuesday 12th December 2017, 3.30-5.30p.m.** for parents whose children may have medical needs and or special educational needs. Appointments with your child's teacher may be booked at

<https://cramlingtonshanklea.parentsevening.co.uk>

St Oswald's Hospice Festive Friends

This festive season, St Oswald's Hospice have delivered soft toys to help bring a touch of Christmas magic to our school. Toys will cost £2 each and will be sold by members of the School Council over the next week.

St Oswald's Hospice continues to be a leading north-east charity for children/adults with life-limiting conditions and their families. The hospice fights to support them to live as a fulfilling a life as possible and ensure they and their families get the services they require and deserve.



Enterprising Year 6

Congratulations to our fantastic Year 6 pupils who have done extraordinarily well with their enterprise project, "Make £5 Grow". They made teddies and lots of Christmas goodies which they sold at the Christmas Fair, raising **£263** with more still coming in! The children have worked very hard and have learnt many new entrepreneurial skills.

Well done everyone!



Christmas Productions



Thank you to everyone who came and supported our fabulously talented EYFS and Year 3 and Year 4 pupils during their festive performances this week.

We would also like to say a huge thank you for all the extra support in the form of costumes and prop donations, without which such wonderful performances wouldn't happen. We received many lovely comments following the performances and we have shared these with the staff and children. Hopefully, the upbeat music, lovable characters and unforgettable moments have made the plays an experience your family will cherish forever!

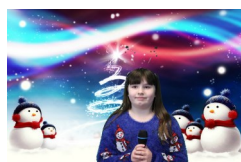
We look forward to the Year 1 and Year 2 performances and the Year 5 and Year 6 Carols Service next week.





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Christmas Fair

Our annual Christmas Fayre was held at the school on Friday 1st December and we welcomed lots of visitors throughout the evening.

The event was opened by the Friends of Shanklea, who gave out sweets to those who braved the cold to come along.

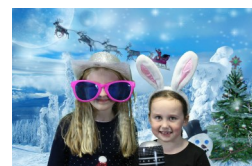
Visitors were treated to an array of stalls selling food, drink and gifts. There was lots of family fun in the shape of a festive photo booth, wrapping presents and designer glitter tattoos.

Santa was as popular as ever, with a steady queue of young visitors to his Grotto.

And the event culminated with the eagerly anticipated draw of our Annual Raffle winners, with the top prize of £50 cash. Congratulations to the lucky winners, who have now all been notified. Winning ticket numbers for all the raffles and games at the market are kept in the office.

A very big thank you to our wonderful team of staff and volunteers who worked tirelessly to make the fair such a huge success.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas.



**We raised
£1584.74**



**Thank you
so much**



A huge thank you to our school community who came together to make our Christmas fair a success. Thank you for all the generous donations for our raffle, tombola, cakes and crafts. We couldn't hold the fair without your continued support. Thank you too to all the volunteers, staff members and family and friends who helped on the night. You are amazing.

Particular thanks to the following people and companies:

Glass House Cloud 9 Leisure Margaret Turner Gill Smith Pretty Glamorous Sweet Retreat
Nicola Everitt – Glitter Pirates Avon - Sarah Maddison and Amanda Cutting Mandarin Bay Lal Quila
Beamish Newcastle Theatre Royal Whitley Bay Playhouse Richardson Family Barbour
Wealleans family Proctor & Gamble c/o Rutherford Family Sainsbury's c/o McRobb –Fielding Family
Azure Garden Centre Concordia c/o Coulson Family Brandon Family Prested Butcher c/o Ward Family
Mr & Mrs Bowmaker Jewsons All members of the Friends of Shanklea

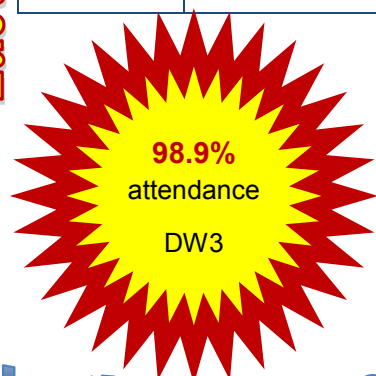


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Last Week's Attendance

Year Group	Average Attendance %
Rec	98.2
1	95.8
2	96.9
3	98.9
4	97.9
5	94.4
6	90.2



What's on at OOSC

Our theme for the week is
"Christmas Crafts"

This week children will be taking part in lots of age-appropriate activities including designing pop-up Christmas cards, I-spy and reindeer and Christmas stocking decoration



Every day counts!



What do our attendance figures mean?

Our target for this year's overall attendance is **97%**

Parents, you need to help us to achieve this.

Attendance does matter. Below is a table illustrating the impact of absence and how it affects your child's learning.

Attendance during one school year :

Attendance rate	Which is approximately the following time missed		Which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	40 lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	80 lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	120 lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	160 lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	200 lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	230 lessons

Good time keeping means...

...making sure your child is at school and ready to learn, before the school bell rings!

Did you know? - being 15 minutes late each day is the same as missing two weeks of school!



Every Schoolday Counts
but every minute is equally important!

Poppy Appeal

Thanks to your extraordinary generosity and the support of all our children, we raised **£375.78** for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. A special **Thank You** to all the children who helped to sell Remembrance items.



Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who joined in the fun and donated to this special charity. A special thank you to Mrs McConnell who sorted through all the coins gathered from the playground to count up our total and to Mr Rutherford who used his amazing art skills to create our very own Pudsey Bear. Overall, we raised **£348.05**.

As always we greatly appreciate your support.



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School Uniform

At Shanklea Primary School, we place great emphasis on children wearing the correct school uniform each day; our uniform is practical, smart and supports positive behaviour and discipline, as well as promoting a sense of belonging and pride in our school. We expect every child to be wearing the following clothes:

A plain maroon sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan
Black or grey trousers/skirt/pinafore
A white blouse/shirt or white /blue polo shirt
Black/grey/white/red tights/socks (no patterns please)
Black shoes or plain, flat, black boots (no patterns please)

Leisure/sports wear, such as trainers, hoodies and jogging bottoms, are not acceptable as everyday uniform. Uniform with the school badge is not essential but can be purchased at Cloud9Leisure.

Children who are not wearing school uniform will be reminded of the school standards and will be expected to address this quickly. Please help your child by ensuring that your child conforms to the school's dress code. Where uniform issues are not addressed quickly, we will contact you directly.

P.E. KIT

In the interests of hygiene, children should have a complete change of clothing for P.E. and games lessons. We expect every child to wear the following:

Shorts, plain vest/t-shirt T-shirts with logos or designs are not acceptable.
Plimsolls for PE and trainers for games.

In colder weather, track suits in a plain, dark colour may be worn

SWIMMING

A one-piece swimming costume (girls) and trunks (boys), swimming hat, bath-size towel and a comb/brush.

Please do not send in sprays or talcum powder unless prescribed by a doctor, as these can trigger asthma attacks.

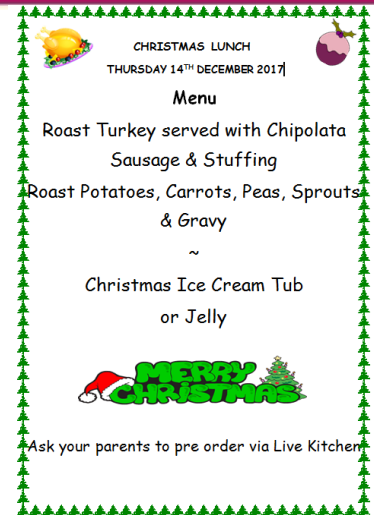
P.E. kits should be brought in to school on Mondays and left in school for the week, returning home on Fridays for washing. Children who do not have P.E. kit in school will be reminded of the school standards and expected to address this quickly. Please help your child by ensuring that your child has the right PE and swimming kit in school when they need it. Where PE kit issues are not addressed quickly, we will contact you directly.

JEWELLERY AND MAKE-UP

Jewellery should not be worn to school, with the exception of watches and simple plastic insert ear studs. The wearing of make-up by children in school is not permitted, including nail varnish. As with uniform and P.E. kit, children who wear make-up or nail varnish to school will be asked to remove it for the next school day; if it is not removed, we will contact you directly.

NAMING UNIFORM AND PROPERTY

Please make sure that all your child's personal belongings are clearly named. This includes shoes, coats and lunchboxes. We gather a substantial amount of lost property each term and it is much easier to return things to their rightful owner if they have been named. Please ensure that your child does not bring expensive items, such as iPods or Nintendo DS, into school. Mobile phones are not permitted in school and should be handed over to the School Office for safe storage during the day.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH
THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2017

Menu

Roast Turkey served with Chipolata
Sausage & Stuffing
Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Sprouts
& Gravy

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Christmas Ice Cream Tub
or Jelly

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Ask your parents to pre order via Live Kitchen

Important Message

It is very important that we know how many children will require Christmas lunch so that our kitchen staff order in sufficient ingredients.

Please ensure that you have pre-ordered your child's Christmas lunch on Live Kitchen to avoid any disappointment. Thank you.

Payments

As the Christmas holidays approach can all parents please ensure all payments are made promptly and are as up to date as possible. Thank you.



Shanklea's Little Monkeys Christmas Party

Come along and join in some Christmas crafts, Christmas songs, and even meet Father Christmas!

£1.50/child

Wednesday 20th December
9.15am - 10.15am
Please sign up at the office

Mrs Hume's family are collecting used stamps in aid of a donkey sanctuary. We would be very grateful for any donations.

