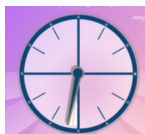




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The final countdown



Can you believe the holidays are nearly here? We're all so very close to being able to walk out of school into the start of a well-deserved Summer break! Now that the tests are done and reports have been submitted, the countdown to the summer break is officially on!

In the meantime, we need to make sure the last few days of term allow families to return reading scheme books and learning journals to pass on to the children's new teachers as well as collect any lost property. And what better way to end the year than with a few fun lessons and events - we'll keep pupils learning right up until the final bell rings.

Wednesday 17th July: Reception Graduation



Parents and carers are invited to join us for our Reception classes' Graduation Ceremony next week to celebrate their hard work and achievements throughout their first year in primary school. We are so proud to see the children moving from Reception as confident, happy children who are more than ready for their next phase of learning.

Thursday 18th July 2019 Elections



We have successfully made arrangements to keep school open during the police commissioner elections next Thursday. It is very important that all children wear full school uniform on that day.

Friday 19th July 2019 School closes



To celebrate another highly successful year at Shanklea, children are invited to come to school in non-uniform on Friday 19th July. If they wish, children may bring in a toy that they can share with their friends for the day. Please don't send in any phones, electronics or toy weapons. Thank you.



Preventing Infection

Staff, throughout school, make great efforts to ensure good hygiene practices are followed. Occasionally, though we do receive reports of infections such as head lice or threadworms. Wherever appropriate we notify families of potential problems so that children can be checked and any further spread prevented. We have recently been informed of a few cases of threadworms within school and have notified related year groups. We would like to remind parents that children do not always experience symptoms so regular checking and prompt treatment are important. Thank you.

Coming Up Soon

Monday 15th July	Selected children to attend Netball World Cup
Tuesday 16th July	1.45pm Year 6 Leavers assembly
Wednesday 17th July	9-10am Little Monkeys Toddler Group 2pm Reception Graduation
Thursday 18th July	School is open and children must wear full uniform
Friday 19th July	Non-uniform day. Children may bring a toy to share with friends. (No phones, electronics or toy weapons please)
Tuesday 3rd September	School re-opens

Shanklea Out of School Club



Extended Hours Trial: Our Breakfast and Out of School Clubs continue to be very popular with children and adults alike. We would like to thank everyone who has given us feedback on our trial of extended opening hours.

After much consideration we have decided that keeping OOSC open until 6pm is not financially viable and so OOSC will close at 5.30pm when we return in September.

We propose to continue our trial of earlier opening at 7.30am and will review the financial position again in September. Bookings may now be made on the Gateway or via paper form, available from outside the school office.



This week, the children have been making the most of the hot, sunny weather. They have enjoyed utilising Shanklea's outdoor learning environment and many have worked up a sweat on our outdoor gym apparatus. Some of the children have developed their basketball skills in some competitive shoot-outs and our younger members have had a blast zooming around on push bikes and vehicles. Another very active and exciting week!



Next week in OOSC we will be bringing the magic of animation and film making to Shanklea. The children will explore how simple cartoon animation and comic strips are created and have a go themselves. The children will be able to sit back and relax for a special film session where they can enjoy the real experience of the cinema with some movie snacks.



We love OOSC



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Years 1 and 2 Go to the Beach

Our year 1 and 2 children had a fabulous time when they visited Cullercoats this week. They met staff from the RNLI and learnt about water safety. The visit enabled them to more fully understand the heroism of Grace Darling, who they have been learning about in school. The children also developed their identification of fish and invertebrates and the habitats of different creatures. They also had a superb time building sandcastles with their friends. Thank you to everyone who made this trip possible.



Sports and Celebrations at Shanklea

Sadly, the terrible weather meant we had to cancel the EYFS Sports Day. We are so sorry if anyone was disappointed. However, resilient as ever, we moved the Elmer celebrations indoors and the children had a fantastic time together inside; many enjoying a tasty picnic lunch provided by our fabulous kitchen team. It was lovely to see the children in their bright colours having such a wonderful time.



Last week's attendance

Classes of the week with **100%** attendance are **JR3 & ER3**

Well done Year 3

Year Group	Average Attendance %
Reception	97.4
1	94.3
2	93.0
3	100.0
4	92.3
5	92.9
6	95.3

Cricket multi-skills festivals



Our Year 3 and Year 5 children attended cricket festivals at Cramlington Learning Village this week. They participated in a huge selection of cricket games developing lots of skills. The children had a fantastic time making new friends and enjoying the lovely weather! Both year groups demonstrated exceptional behaviour and outstanding manners throughout their visits.

As always we were very proud of their skills and attitude and we were delighted to receive compliments on how well prepared and well behaved they were. **Well done, Team Shanklea.**

We are so proud.

