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Weekly Newsletter

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school following a well-deserved half term break. We have lots planned for this half term but you will appreciate that many of our plans have to remain flexible as we await government guidance on covid restrictions and social distancing rules. This will determine to what extent families may attend any events, either virtually or in person. This includes Reception Graduation, sports days and the Year 6 Leavers Assembly and events.

We remain focussed on ensuring the children can access the whole curriculum and participate in the full range of opportunities throughout the academic year. We will, of course, keep you informed as things become clearer.

Below are **just a few** of the events coming up this term:

Week commencing 14.6.2021	Tuesday 15 th : Mini Police Event
Week commencing 21.6.2021	Friday 25 th : National Event One Britain, One Nation
Week commencing 28.6.2021 Sports Week	New Reception intake meetings provisionally scheduled Sports Days: Monday 28 th : Reception Tuesday 29 th : Year 1 (am); Year 2 (Pm) Wednesday 30 th : Nursery (am); Younger Nursery (pm) Thursday 1 st : Year 3 (am); Year4 (pm) Friday 2 nd : Year 5 (am);Year 6 (pm)
Week commencing 5.7.2021	Thursday 8 th : KS2 Virtual Author Visit Friday 9 th : Reports provisionally scheduled
Week commencing 12.7.2021	School closes on Friday 16th July and re-opens on Tuesday 7th September 2021

Please continue to look out for texts and newsletters for more up-to-date information.





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Euro 2020

Many of our families will be watching the UEFA European Football Championship which starts this week. Within school we will be joining in the excitement in Shanklea style. We have held a draw to allocate teams to classes. Each class can then follow their teams, learning more about the country and its culture as the matches take place. The diagram below shows which team(s) each class will follow. We hope everyone will join in with us at home.

Italy Group A BD2 Mrs Downes	Austria Group C CC6 Mrs Crowther	Poland Group E SS2 Mrs Shires
Switzerland Group A SB5 Mrs Baxter	Netherlands Group C SH4 Mrs Hagan	Slovakia Group E CC6 Mrs Crowther
Turkey Group A LB1 Mrs Barron	North Macedonia Group C ER4 Ms Rigg	Spain Group E BD2 Mrs Downes
Wales Group A LG6 Mrs Greenwood	Ukraine Group C RB5 Mr Brown	Sweden Group E JR3 Mr Rutherford
Belgium Group B AH3 Miss Henaghan	Croatia Group D SB5 Mrs Baxter	France Group F JR3 Mr Rutherford
Denmark Group B KS1 Miss Spence	Czech Republic Group D LB1 Mrs Barron	Germany Group F AH3 Miss Henaghan
Finland Group B LG6 Mrs Greenwood	England Group D SH4 Mrs Hagan	Hungary Group F SS2 Mrs Shires
Russia Group B KS1 Miss Spence	Scotland Group D ER4 Ms Rigg	Portugal Group F RB5 Mr Brown

Relationships and Health Education

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who attended the virtual meeting held on Monday 7th June about how Relationships and Health Education (RSE) are taught in school. We really appreciate your support. The presentation materials and related documentation may be found on the school website under the [RSE Parent Consultation tab](#).



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This week we have sent out a letter providing more detailed information about school's obligations and our approach along with a draft copy of our Personal, Social, Health and Economic/ Relationships and Sex Education Policy (PSHE/RSE Policy.) Parents and carers play a vital role and your feedback is very important. A Google Form has been sent separately to allow families to provide this. We would be very grateful if parents and carers could provide their feedback by **Monday 14th June** if at all possible. Thank you to everyone who has already responded. If anyone has any problems, please contact our Office Team.

Donations welcomed

Our EYFS Team continue to develop our outdoor spaces to provide challenging and engaging outdoor spaces for the children. They are looking for donations of the following items if anyone has any:

Large Cable reels

Off cuts of decking/fence boards

Guttering

Any old tents (two person or more)

The following are also needed within school:

Shoeboxes

Items for role play ice cream shop eg plastic cones, scoops, plastic cupcakes

Thank you for your continuing support.



Great British Bark Off



Did you know the UK dog population increased by an incredible 3.5 million in the last year - a 40% increase, with 1 in 3 homes now having a dog?

On top of that, the lack of 'normal life' socialising means that some dogs may display new challenging behaviour as lockdown eases.

We feel that now more than ever, it's important to teach children how to safely interact with and thrive with dogs. **The Great British Bark Off** is a week-long education and fundraising campaign, all about dogs, that runs from 14 June, culminating in the Big Bark & Bake Day on **Friday 18th June**.

In school, children will learn how to understand dogs' body language and how to act around dogs so they stay safe. Workbooks and other resources have been provided by Underdog International, a UK registered charity, which finances projects including therapy dogs, education programmes and dog rescue schemes. We will have a non-uniform day on **Friday 18th June** in recognition of the children's continuing hard work. Voluntary donations may be made on the School Gateway. Thank you





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The Great British Bark Off are running two competitions which families may wish to help their children with at home:

Perfect Pup Cake competition

Draw the most perfect doggie-shaped cake design to be in with a chance to have 10-year-old Fyn, Junior Bake Off star actually make your winning cake and bring it to your school personally to present your winning cake. It's simple! All you need to enter is to create your design on an A4 sheet of paper and make sure you include lots of doggie-related features. It could either be a dog, or have lots of little dogs on it, or something dog-related like a doghouse. Find out more at www.greatbritishbarkoff.com/perfectpupcake



Magnificent Minecraft Doghouse competition

Brought to you by [Stampy Cat](#) and [Sqaishey](#), please go to www.greatbritishbarkoff.com/doghouse to see a video explaining how the competition works and what you need to do to create your Minecraft doghouse.

Sun Tan Lotion

At Shanklea we like to take advantage of good weather to access outside learning opportunities. It is, therefore, very important that children have sun tan lotion applied before coming into school.



Prompt Attendance



We continue to use staggered start and finish times to the school day so that social distancing rules may be met. It is important that children arrive on time so that they can have a calm start to the day without having to catch up on missed work or discussions. Your support is greatly appreciated.

School Gateway

SHANKLEA uses School Gateway engagement software, to make sure our parents are as closely involved with their children's school lives as possible.

Schoolgateway

All school related **communication, newsletters, club bookings, consent and payments** go through School Gateway – it is the central hub of information for our parents – so to stay up to date with what's going on at school make sure you download the app for free. Just search *School Gateway* in your App store and download.

Apple iPhone users, download the app at: schoolgateway.co.uk/iosdownload

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Your login details will be automatically generated using the contact information Shanklea already has, so please make sure the details we hold for you are up to date. You can check and change these details by sending an email to admin@shanklea.northumberland.sch.uk

If you have any questions or would like some more information, please see the School Gateway site at: <https://schoolgateway.co.uk/>.

You can also login to the online version of School Gateway via this site if you do not have a smart phone, although we do recommend using the app if possible as it makes it far easier to get hold of parents when we need to.

**Downloading School Gateway makes keeping up-to-date with what's going on at school effortless.
The app is free and saves our school money!**

Android: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.schoolcomms.sga&hl=en_GB

Apple: <https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/school-gateway/id596039615?mt=8>

Shanklea Superstars

Mrs Laughton and Mrs Short were very impressed with **Quinn S** and **Jack H** who were superstars in the last week of term.



Frankie is a fantastic footballer. As part of his NUFC academy training, he got the opportunity to play at St James' Park before half term. What an amazing opportunity!



Congratulations to the **Shanklea Stars** of last term

Libby C	Noah G	Maya S	Jamie C	Matthew O	Starla W	Archie W	Rosie C
Blake M	Ivy M	Charlie P	Abbie O	Christopher D	Ruby G		
Flynn S	Heidi G	Neve H	Max R	Owen R	Niamh C		
Jessica B	Riley K	Jacob TG	Gabriella C	Ruby G	Grace C	Dylan A	

