



# Shanklea Primary School

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## JUNIOR AND MINI GREAT NORTH RUN

Congratulations to all of our Junior and Mini Great North Runners who took part in this year's events!



With another 6,000 young runners, Shanklea pupils pounded the pavements at the UK's biggest and most popular children's running event on the Newcastle Gateshead Quayside. The sun shone and we had a great time, receiving a lovely t-shirt and a medal and raising much needed funds for St Oswald's Hospice. Photos can be viewed on Shanklea's Twitter account and school website



[www.shanklea.northumberland.sch.uk](http://www.shanklea.northumberland.sch.uk)



## IMPORTANT NOTICE -YEAR 6 PARENTS

The secondary schools admission portal is now open on the Northumberland County website.

Northumberland County Council will be sending out letters to all Year 6 parents very soon with details of how to apply for a secondary school place online. Your letter will contain your child's unique identification number which will populate many of the required fields when you apply online.

If your letter does not arrive **DO NOT WORRY**. You can still apply online by choosing the "No UID" Option.

You can find the admissions portal at [www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools). Scroll down to "School admissions, Places and Appeals" then choose "online school admission application."

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE IN BY 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2016.**

It is VERY important that you do not miss this deadline as forms received after this date will be treated as late applications.

Important Message

## Highways Agency Parking Meeting

We have been advised that the meeting to discuss parking and traffic restrictions around the school will now take place on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 3.30pm.**

## Cramlington Rockets

Cramlington Rockets Shanklea Primary School were showcased in the national newspaper The Guardian this week! Go view the gallery: <https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/gallery/2016/sep/13/martin-parr-community-spirit-in-pictures>

## Henry Black – Big Cycle

Many congratulations to **Henry Black** who, with his family and friends, has completed a charity cycle in honour of his father, Shaun Black, helping to raise awareness and money for the charity MIND. Henry and his siblings rode 30 miles from Cramlington to Warkworth where Shaun often enjoyed riding and is buried. Already over £1000 has been raised in donations and sponsorship. You may wish to read the report in the local newspaper at: <http://www.newspostleader.co.uk/news/local/group-rides-out-in-memory-of-shaun-1-8113445>

## Donations Please



Do you have any unwanted toys for under 2s for our playgroup? We are looking for good condition playmats, toys, blocks, little slides and similar items. Any donations would be gratefully received. Thank you for your continuing generosity.





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Our theme for the week is "Prehistoric Times—Real People in History"

We will be creating dinosaur fossils and learning about the cave of secrets.

We apologise for any problems you may be having with online OOSC booking forms. We are working with School Gateway to resolve them. Paper booking forms for October will be available shortly if you experience problems online. Hopefully, online booking should be problem-free soon. Please keep trying.

## What's on at OOSC

Our Mid-week Wednesday special will be sausage baps.



### Scoot Safe Scheme

Scooting to and from school is increasingly popular with pupils and parents. However, whilst we encourage the safe use of scooters as part of your travel to school, scooting must be safe on the school site too. Please can all parents and carers **insist** that whatever age their child, a scooter or bike is **pushed not ridden** in the playground. Recently, a very young child was knocked down the yard by a child on a scooter. We appreciate that not all accidents can be prevented but incidents such as these are completely avoidable. Thank you for your continued support.

### Roald Dahl



On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2016, Shanklea fiction fans celebrated Roald Dahl Day with a wonderful array of activities centred around Roald Dahl's 100th birthday, with readings, and fancy dress tributes to keep his legacy alive.

### 'Be a Smarter Parker'

The council are re-introducing an enforcement vehicle to increase road safety within Northumberland. Shanklea Primary School and the surrounding areas will targeted as a hot spot!

The vehicle will be enforcing school keep clear restrictions from September 2016. It will be easily recognisable, displaying Northumberland County Council's logo and a camera enforcement logo as well as the **'Be a Smarter Parker'** branding.

The vehicle will monitor schools' 'keep clear' zones and the camera will be used to capture vehicles breaking parking regulations. These vehicles will then be issued with a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) by post.

Traffic and parking will always be an issue for us. Last week, there was a very near miss between a local resident and parent and we have recently received numerous complaints about parking.

In order to keep your children safe please can we ask that children are **never** left unsupervised outside the school gate, (even for a moment) and that you avoid parking in front of the school entrance and in local streets. Thank you.

Northumberland County Council has extended the resident-only parking zone for a further 6 months. Traffic Regulation Orders apply in the Nairn Road, Northolt Avenue, Needham Place, Newlyn Drive areas of Cramlington. Waiting and loading restrictions apply from 8.00-5.00p.m and there is a prohibition of driving except for access. Please check the traffic signs to make sure you don't receive any penalty fines.



## SCOOTSAFE

Here's our top tips for scooting safely

- 1 Always wear a helmet, especially important if scooting near roads.
- 2 Don't scoot too fast on pavements.
- 3 Always keep your child in sight and never let them get too far in front of you. Ask them to scoot back to you if they are much quicker than you, they can then scoot off again.
- 4 Be courteous to other pavement users.
- 5 Always listen out for cars as they might be reversing out of their driveway.
- 6 Take extra care when crossing the road. Always walk, don't scoot.
- 7 Look out for changes in path surfaces as this might cause you to go quicker or slower than you expect.
- 8 Wheelie bins can make the pavement very narrow, so get off your scooter and walk past them.
- 9 Keep away from scooting on the edge of the pavement, always scoot on the inside away from the road.
- 10 Make sure children are seen in the darker evenings by wearing a reflective jacket or strip, and by attaching a light to the scooter.





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## Procedures for leaving and collecting your child from school

### Arrival

Pupils may arrive at school between 8.00am-8.45am if using the Breakfast Club facilities in the main hall.

Children **MUST** not be left before 8.45am if they are not attending the Breakfast Club.

Staff are on duty for supervision from 8.45am. Parents can leave the pupils at anytime between 8.45-9.00am.

For Health & Safety reasons, parents are asked not to remain on the playground once they have dropped off their child. Staff on duty monitor the gates and the playground. Any messages for staff should be relayed to the duty staff or placed in book bags or phoned in to the school during the day.

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### Extra Curricular Clubs

Any child attending an extra-curricular club after school will be released to the approved adult at the end of the session by the person running the club. Any pupils left at the end of any activity will be taken to Out of School Club and charged accordingly.

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### Changes to Collection Arrangements

During the day phone messages are taken notifying us of changes in arrangements for collection, including late out of school club bookings. These are immediately passed to the relevant teacher and the child informed. It is important to ensure that changes are received by the relevant teaching staff so **PLEASE** let us know as soon as possible.

If your child is to be collected by another parent it is vital to let us know in advance, preferably at the start of the school day. If there is any doubt the teacher will need to contact the parent to clarify the arrangements, as there have been previous cases where late parental arrivals have led to confusion. In the case of a supply teacher dismissing a class a classroom assistant will normally be present to clarify the identity of parents.

### Dismissal

The school uses 7 exit doors at 3.15pm to ease congestion.

The class teacher or classroom assistant takes the pupils to the designated door and will only allow a pupil to leave when the correct parent/guardian can be seen.

Pupils attending **Pre-school to Y4** must wait for collection until they can see an adult waiting for them. There will be teachers on duty responsible for supervision each evening from 3.15-3.30pm to ensure the pupils remain in the building and only leave once an adult arrives for them. The teachers will dismiss their own classes and supervise pupils until 3.30pm.

At 3.30pm the duty teacher will take any remaining pupils to the Out of School Club and parents will be charged accordingly.

**Y5/6 pupils may walk home independently at the end of the school day but school must be formally informed of the parental decision to allow this.**

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### Staying Safe

The children are reminded regularly of the importance of staying safe, not wandering off from parents and to return to the teacher to wait if no one has arrived for them.

Parents are asked to ensure that their children are picked up promptly at the end of the school day. If no message has been received to indicate that parents will be late then at 3.30pm the children will be taken to Out of School club and charged accordingly.

Once parents have collected their children it is their responsibility to supervise their children. The school cannot be responsible for accidents which happen to children after they have been collected by parents. Please make sure that your children (those who attend our school and their siblings) do not use the equipment in the playground at the end of the day as our insurance does not cover injuries at this point.

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### Emergencies

If a parent is unavoidably delayed in picking up their child please contact school as soon as practicable. If the member of staff is unable to wait with the child they will be taken to Out of School Club and the parent will be charged accordingly.



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## British Food Fortnight: 17th September—2nd October 2016

Shanklea's Catering Services and our Food Technology teachers will be promoting the benefits of buying and eating from our home-produced British larder throughout **British Food Fortnight**. Coinciding with the harvest thrmr, British Food Fortnight is the biggest annual, national celebration of British food and drink. We will be doing everything we can to bring British food alive in our school and getting pupils excited about the wonderful food we produce in this country. For example, the Year 6 children will be making their own homemade Bramley Apple Crumble and comparing it against shop brands.



*We hope that the children enjoy putting the Ooo back into food in our school!*

As part of British Food Fortnight:

Shanklea Kitchen proudly presents:



### Wednesday 21st September

Roast beef and yorkshire pudding roast dinner

Chocolate cake and chocolate sauce

### Thursday 22nd September

British Mince pie

Mashed potatoes and carrots

Cheesecake



### Coming soon!!!

Bangers and mash

Fish and chip day

## Friends of Shanklea PTFA Needs You

Our PTFA is keen for new committee members and helpers to join them. Do you think you could help? It can be for as little or as much time as you like. You don't need to commit to helping at every event and there are lots of different ways you can help including : helping to organise or set up an event, contacting local businesses who could support us in some way, folding raffle tickets, making a raffle or tombola donation and lots more. Your contribution can help make a difference for all our children.

If you are interested please contact our Business Manager, Miss Sarah Brown. We look forward to hearing from you.

Some of our forthcoming events are below:

Halloween Disco	Monday 17th October 2016
Ladies Pamper and Shopping Evening	Thursday 10th November 2016
Valentines Disco	Tuesday 14th February 2017
Sponsored Reading Fortnight	Thursday 2nd March 2017
Egg Competition and Treasure Hunt	Friday 7th April 2017
School Art Gallery and Afternoon tea	Friday 19th May 2017
Summer Fair	Saturday 8th July 2017
Leavers Disco	Thursday 20th July 2017

## iPad Leasing Scheme



Letters have been sent out this week detailing a potential scheme enabling parents to lease iPads to support their child(ren)'s learning.

If you are at all interested, please return the forms to school by **Tuesday 20th September**. There is absolutely no commitment to purchase. Spare letters are available from the office.