

Welcome back to a new school year

It's hard to believe that the summer holidays are over and it's the start of a new school year once again. Lots of the children seem to have grown so much in the summer break – it must be all that sunshine! It's great to see lots of smiling faces and everyone again looking so grown up and smart in their Shanklea school uniform. We have included some class photos in this newsletter –look out for more next week.

In fact, it has been a lovely first week at Shanklea Primary School. The children have come back to school with a renewed energy and readiness for learning, and it has been so lovely to see them all again and to catch up with their summer news.

All of the staff have all been very busy over the holidays preparing for the new academic year both in the classrooms and around school. It's great to be back and the staff and children have started the new term very well. There is a good, calm atmosphere in school and every teacher is pleased with their new class. I have shown prospective parents around this week and they have all been impressed, as have I, by the way that the school has settled so quickly this year.

A great start all round!

We welcome new teachers to our Shanklea family: **Mrs Kane**, **Mrs Neale** (nee Milner) and **Mr Wadds** to the school, as well as our new caretaker, **Mr Hogg**.

We are looking forward to welcoming our new Reception children, who will begin school over the coming week with us. We know that all the older children will remember how they felt when they were that tiny and do their utmost to make our newcomers feel welcome and safe.

We are anticipating another Ofsted inspection at some point during this term and we would ask that, if you have a moment, you might be able to complete the official online Ofsted questionnaire on their '**ParentView**' website. You can find the link below. Alternatively, we would be more than happy to set you up on a computer in school if you would prefer to give your confidential views about our school that way instead.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

We have included a calendar, detailing all forthcoming school events and dates this term to give you as much notice as possible. We'll update you further as the term progresses. As ever we have lots of exciting things planned for the autumn term as we begin all our new topics so keep an eye out for lots of letters, texts and, of course, newsletters, with more information arriving very soon.

Mrs Brown, Head Teacher



KS2: Meet The Teacher Sessions

Wednesday 12 Sept 3.30—4.30pm

In order to involve parents and carers even more in their child's education and to inform them of the routines and expectations of the new year group, we have organised an opportunity for them to come and meet their child's class teacher ahead of the more formal parents' evening.

Meet the Teacher will be a short informal session where staff can inform **KS2** parents and carers about their child's timetable, forthcoming events, homework, educational visits, new initiatives we have adopted this year to accelerate the progress of all children as well as information regarding the new curriculum. Whilst the purpose of these sessions is not to discuss individual children, staff will, where possible, answer any general questions. We look forward to seeing you.

Shanklea Superstar Assemblies

Parents of children who have been awarded "Star of the Week" by their teacher will be invited by text to come along to see their child receive their certificate. We always leave it to individual parents if they want to tell their child or keep it a surprise!

Achievement assemblies will take place on Friday mornings at 9am for Reception, Year 1 & 2 children.



Senior Shanklea Achievement assemblies for KS2 children will take place on Friday afternoons at 2.30pm.



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Safety to and from school

Members of the Shanklea School Team will be on the playground each morning to supervise the morning handover and accept any messages for teaching staff.

Alternatively parents can pass on messages by phone, email, text or by calling in to the office. If you need a more in-depth discussion with your child's teacher please contact the school office. The Head Teacher will be standing at the school gates every morning, to welcome children and families as well as to monitor who is entering the school grounds and ensuring children do not leave the site unattended.

Please remember all children from Reception to Year 4 must be accompanied to and collected from school by an adult - not a school aged older brother or sister.

Children in Years 5 and 6 may walk home unaccompanied if we receive written instructions to that effect from their parent or carer. However, once the dark winter months arrive, for safeguarding reasons, all children must be collected by a responsible adult.

Those parents that drive are encouraged to park at the Masonic Hall Car Park and either walk the 2 minute journey to school or use the school 'Walking Bus'. This will ease parking problems and make it safer around school.

Please do not park on the zig zags or even drop off outside our school as this is highly dangerous.

Please also remember that parking restrictions are in effect around our school. Local police have asked us to send a letter from them to all parents to remind us all of our responsibilities. A copy is attached to this newsletter and has been emailed to parents. Traffic Enforcement Officers patrol the area and will issue fines.

We urge all of the school community to show consideration for local residents. Please do not block residents' drives or cause any obstructions that would inconvenience others.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Homework

One of the changes we have made to our curriculum is the way we use homework to deepen the children's understanding and knowledge of the topics they are learning about. These will be known as 'Power Projects' and they will compliment maths, spelling & reading homework; more details of these will be shared at the Meet the teacher sessions.

Part of these activities will be internet based, so we would therefore appreciate you informing us if your child does not have easy access to the internet. This means we are then aware of any children without this facility and we can support the children in school. Thanks you

Live Kitchen and School Gateway

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals. Dinners for children in Nursery and Years 3-6 cost £2.30 per day.

Dinners may be pre-ordered and paid for (where appropriate) on Live Kitchen. Alternatively, parents may pay in cash at the office. Please note that most payments are now done online so the right money (i.e. no change required) would be very helpful.

School Gateway should be used for all other payments. Please ensure you have successfully logged onto the Gateway so you can:

- Book and pay for Breakfast and Out of School Club
- Book extra-curricular clubs (and pay if chargeable)
- Give consent for school trips (and pay where chargeable)

Information sheets on how to set up bank transfers on the School Gateway are available from the office.

School Uniform (Rec- Year 6)

Please ensure your child wears our school uniform (as detailed on Page 24 of our school prospectus.)

- School sweatshirt on cardigan in burgundy
- White or blue shirt or polo shirt
- Grey trousers or skirt
- Black school shoes not trainers

P.E. Kit

Indoor: School t-shirt in white or burgundy
Shorts

Black slip-on or Velcro plimsolls

Outdoor: Trainers
Sweatshirt and trousers or tracksuit

Please make sure ALL your child's belongings are clearly marked with their name.

For your child's safety

It is important that NO jewellery is worn in school.

Earrings, especially, are not safe to wear in school.

Wristwatches may be worn

Any Questions

If you have any questions or have problems with any online systems please contact our Office team :

By text **Phone 01670 715205** **E-mail: admin@shanklea.northumberland.sch.uk** **Call into the office**



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2018: Autumn 1 Timetable

Week 1	
Monday 3 rd September 2018	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 4 th September 2018	School re-opens to pupils
Wednesday 5 th September 2018	
Thursday 6 th September 2018	KN5 Swimming 3.30pm Skiing Parents' Meeting
Friday 7 th September 2018	
Saturday 8 th September 2018	Junior and Mini Great North Run
Week 2	
Monday 10 th September 2018	AK4 Swimming
Tuesday 11 th September 2018	2pm Year 1 Read Write Inc Parents' Workshop
Wednesday 12 th September 2018	9.15-10.15 Little Monkeys Toddlers 3.30-4.30pm Years 3-6 'Meet The Teacher'
Thursday 13 th September 2018	KN5 Swimming 2pm Year 2 RWI Parents' Workshop
Friday 14 th September 2018	Music Tuition – Ms Yarrow
Week 3	
Monday 17 th September 2018	AK4 Swimming
Tuesday 18 th September 2018	
Wednesday 19 th September 2018	9.15-10.15 Little Monkeys Toddlers
Thursday 20 th September 2018	KN5 Swimming 2pm Reception Read Write Inc Parents' Workshop
Friday 21 st September 2018	Music Tuition – Ms Yarrow
Week 4	
Monday 24 th September 2018	AK4 Swimming
Tuesday 25 th September 2018	
Wednesday 26 th September 2018	9.15-10.15 Little Monkeys Toddlers
Thursday 27 th September 2018	KN5 Swimming
Friday 28 th September 2018	Music Tuition – Ms Yarrow
Week 5	
Monday 1 st October 2018	AK4 Swimming PTFA Christmas Cards designing starts
Tuesday 2 nd October 2018	Year 6 SATs Parents' Workshop – 3.30p.m
Wednesday 3 rd October 2018	9.15-10.15 Little Monkeys Toddlers
Thursday 4 th October 2018	Themed Lunch KN5 Swimming
Friday 5 th October 2018	KS1 and KS2 Harvest Festivals Music Tuition – Ms Yarrow

Please let us know if you think your child might be eligible for free school meals even if your child has Universal Free School Meals.

Milk in School

Children in Reception are entitled to free milk until their 5th birthday.

If you wish your child (of any age) to receive milk at school you will need to register them with Cool Milk at www.coolmilk.com or collect a form from the office.

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Week 6	
Monday 8 th October 2018	AK4 Swimming
Tuesday 9 th October 2018	3.30-6pm Parent Consultations Rec - Y6
Wednesday 10 th October 2018	9.15—10.15 Little Monkeys Toddlers 3.30-6pm Parent Consultations Rec - Y6 Year 6 Parents' meeting at Junior Learning Village
Thursday 11 th October 2018	KN5 Swimming 2pm Year 2 Parents' Maths Workshop
Friday 12 th October 2018	
Week 7	
Monday 15 th October 2018	World Maths Day AK4 Swimming Year 4 Alnwick Residential (SH4)
Tuesday 16 th October 2018	Year 4 Alnwick Residential (SH4)
Wednesday 17 th October 2018	Years 5 & 6 Able Maths Day Year 4 Alnwick Residential (SH4/AK4) 9.15-10.15 Little Monkeys Toddlers
Thursday 18 th October 2018	Year 4 Alnwick Residential (AK4) KN5 Swimming
Friday 19 th October 2018	Music Tuition – Ms Yarrow Year 4 Alnwick Residential (AK4)
Week 8	
Monday 22 nd October 2018	AK4 Swimming
Tuesday 23 rd October 2018	2pm Reception Parents' Maths Workshop PTFA Halloween Cake Decorating Workshop – 3.30-4.30p.m
Wednesday 24 th October 2018	9.15-10.15 Little Monkeys Toddlers 2pm Year 1 Parents' Maths Workshop – 2.00p.m
Thursday 25 th October 2018	KN5 Swimming 2.30pm Parents' Assembly -Alnwick Youth Hostel Residential Halloween Disco– start times to be confirmed+
Friday 26 th October 2018	Teacher Training Day—School closed

Extra-curricular Clubs and Groups

	Breakfast	Lunchtime	After-school
Monday			Y5//6 Football Y5/6 Netball
Tuesday	Y3/4 Gymnastics	KS1 Computer Club KS2 Musical Theatre	Y3/4 Golf Y5/6 Hockey
Thursday			Y3/4 Football Y1/2 Rugby

P.E. Days

P.E. Days	Morning		Afternoon	
Monday	BD2	SB6	AW1	ER3 JR3
Tuesday	MSR	AK4	DAC1 KK2 BD2	CC5
Wednesday		SB6 LG6	LMR	KK2 JR3 AK4
Thursday	LMR	SH4 CC5	MSR	ER3
Friday	AW1	SH4	DAC1	

Half Term Holidays

Monday 29th October 2018 – Friday 2nd November 2018

School re-opens to pupils on Monday 5th November 2018

Children should have their P.E. kit with them EVERY DAY. Please bring in at the start of each week.