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Dear Parents and Carers



Weekly Newsletter

It's been another busy week at Shanklea and we have seen some wonderful work produced. We are always proud of our Shanklea children and have been particularly impressed with the maturity and respect they have shown this week during our Remembrance Day activities. We have included some pictures in this letter to share with you their creativity and sensitivity. Well done to **Isla R** and **Leon M** who wrote the two beautiful poems at the end of this newsletter.

Safety around our school

We have been informed of a dangerous situation this week where a car nearly hit a young child who was walking with their parent close to school. Police and traffic enforcement officers have been informed.

PLEASE DO NOT bring cars onto Nairn Road and in front of our school.

Parking is prohibited to non-permit holders and people parking even for a few minutes could receive a parking fine.

Attendance is very important

New covid-19 prevention measures were introduced across England from Thursday 5th November. The latest update from the Government states that schools should remain open and current risk assessments need to continue to be in place:

"Schools continue to remain open for all children and young people as they have since the start of the Autumn term for the duration of the national restrictions. Being at school is vital for children's education and for their wellbeing. Time spent out of school is detrimental for children's cognitive and academic development, particularly for disadvantaged children. This impact can affect both current levels of education, and children's future ability to learn. It continues to be our aim that all pupils, in all year groups, remain in school full-time."



This means that all children are expected to attend school. I will update you further should this



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situation change.

Safety measures

Please can I remind everyone of the following guidance put in place to keep everyone in our Shanklea community safe.

- Only one parent/carer should be dropping off / collecting their child(ren) from school.
- Please make sure you drop off at the allocated times.
- Please ensure your child(ren) remain with you at all times when queuing to get on the school site and when waiting on the playground.
- Once your child is released by their class teacher we are relying on your support to maintain social distancing between year groups.
- Please do not stop to have conversations with other families once you have collected your children as this causes congestion and reduces the space to socially distance.
- Although the official government guidance does not make it a requirement for adults to wear face coverings in schools, we would encourage our parents and carers to consider wearing a face mask whilst on the school site.
- Please take extra care to socially distance in enclosed areas. For example, waiting until the entry area outside the office is clear before entering.



Ventilation in school

One of the key measures for lowering the risk of the virus spreading is ensuring that classrooms and communal areas are well ventilated. This has been implemented throughout school since the children returned in September and will continue through the winter months. Children will not be sitting in draughts but you may wish to send your child in with extra layers to keep them warm during this time. This could be an extra jumper, fleece or hoodie that children can put on if they start to feel cold. Children can keep these on their pegs or in their PE bags. Thank you for your support.



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Childcare Arrangements

Some parents have asked whether extended family and friends can drop off and pick up each other's children under these new lockdown measures. Although there is no specific school related guidance, it states in the National Restrictions document that:

“Meeting others safely: In general, you must not meet people socially. However, you can exercise or meet in a public, outdoors space with people you live with, your support bubble (or as part of a childcare bubble), or with one other person. You should minimise time spent outside your home. When around other people, stay 2 metres apart from anyone not in your household - meaning the people you live with - or your support bubble. Where this is not possible, stay 1 metre apart with extra precautions (e.g. wearing a face covering). You must not meet socially indoors with family or friends unless they are part of your household or support bubble.

A support bubble is where a household with one adult joins with another household. Households in that support bubble can still visit each other, stay overnight in each other's households, and visit outdoor public places together.

You can exercise or visit outdoor public places with:

- the people you live with
- your support bubble
- or, when on your own, 1 person from another household.



Children under 5, as well as disabled people dependent on round-the-clock care are not counted towards the limit on two people meeting outside”

Also:

“Parents are able to form a childcare bubble with one other household for the purposes of informal childcare, where the child is 13 or under”

Therefore, in order to follow these guidelines and keep everyone safe, we would request that you do not ask your family (who do not live with you) or friends to drop off and collect your children unless you have formed a childcare bubble with that one household.

Anti-Bullying Week 2020 -16th-20th November 2020

Anti-Bullying Week will start with an **Odd Socks Day** to mark the first day of Anti-Bullying Week.



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Last year 75% of schools in the country took part, reaching well over 7 million young people. The theme for this year's Anti-Bullying Week is: **United Against Bullying.**

The Anti-Bullying Week 2020 manifesto for change states:

'This year, more than ever, we've witnessed the positive power that society can have when we come together to tackle a common challenge. Anti-Bullying Week is no different.

Bullying has a long lasting effect on those who experience and witness it. But by channelling our collective power, through shared efforts and shared ambitions, we can reduce bullying together. From parents and carers, to teachers and politicians, to children and young people, we all have a part to play in coming together to make a difference.

We look forward to you joining us for Anti-Bullying Week. We're all a piece in the puzzle, and together, we're united against bullying!

Hoopstarz

In previous years, Shanklea students have participated in Hoopstarz Days and Festivals; and so many have told their teachers it was the best day they have ever had at school! On Monday 16th November 2020, our Year 3 children WILL master the art of Hula Hooping, even if they believe they can't! The boost to self-confidence is immense and lasts long beyond the visit.

Hoopstarz training is set to the most up to date and motivating music. There are tricks to be mastered, games to be played, Hoop Huts to be built and Hoop Offs to be won!

We believe Hoopstarz is a revolution-ary (pun intended!) way to bring fun activity into our school.

There are many benefits to Hoopstarz training:

- A fantastic cardio workout
- A great child led activity that builds confidence and self esteem
- Hoopstarz is not a dance event and is not a traditional fitness event; every child can take part, regardless of age or ability
- Pupils who are less keen on PE can't fail to enjoy it; we have seen this first hand time and time





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- Children can easily carry on with the activities at home and often teach siblings and care givers

After School (at home) Sport Club

As many children are missing out on their usual sports clubs in these testing times, Youth Sport Trust are providing a daily 30 minute after school club, designed to be done by children once they are at home.

The Youth Sport Trust's After School Sport Club is about much more than physical fitness. It will help children develop physical literacy and confidence to try lots of new sports, helping all children find a sport for them. It will be led by Athlete Mentors from different backgrounds, abilities and sports.



Every day at 5pm from 16 November until 18 December, children can join in with the live broadcast for free on their YouTube channel. This 30-minute online club is for all children and young people to do some sport, develop skills and, most importantly, have fun!

www.youthsporttrust.org

The different daily themes are:

Adventure Monday – This might involve getting children to do floor, wall climbing and map reading all within their living room

Tuesday Play – Imaginative play utilising resources in the house to create games and activities to get active

Wild Wednesday – Some high tempo competitive activities involving personal challenges

Thinking Thursday – Introducing cognitive challenges for children through movement. Active noughts and crosses and introducing an element of competition – whether that be against themselves, the clock, their siblings or remotely with friends

Fun Friday – A chance for children to let loose and have some fun. Dancing and doing what makes them feel good.



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The first session begins at **5pm** on **Monday 16th November** and there is a different theme each day.

Scholastic Book Club

The children have brought home a Scholastic Book Club leaflet this week. Orders should be made, and paid for, online direct and not through school. We are unable to accept order forms and cash/cheques due to the Covid-19 safety protocols.

Books will be delivered to school free of charge. If you prefer, we can contact you to collect your books from the office should they be required for Christmas.

You can go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/shanklea-county/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards. These are used to purchase books for use in school.

Please place your order online by **Thursday 26th November 2020**.

Purple Mash Competition

Families are invited to support their children's learning at home by helping them to take part in the Purple Mash Design a Festive Card Competition. The challenge is to design a festive card using the paint software on Purple Mash. It is open to all ages and pupils submit their entries straight to the website - there is an accompanying video to show them how.

Your child has already been given their Purple Mash login. If they don't know their login, then please contact their class teacher. The winning design will become the official 2Simple (Purple Mash) festive card and the winners will be receiving 10 printed copies of their card, a £10 Amazon voucher and a 2Simple Goody Bag. Their card will also be made into an e-card through Purple Mash.

You can find out more about the competition by visiting <https://2simple.com/blog/festive-card-competition-2020-now-open/>





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Thank you to everyone who generously donated to this year's Children in Need appeal. We would also like to say a special thank you to Ruby's grandma who very kindly knitted and donated a fantastic selection of Pudseys and NHS Hero toys.

Congratulations to the **Shanklea Stars** of last week:

Aimee T

Scarlett G

Emily M

Alfie O'B

Jack T

Dylan C

Charlie B

Lewis G

Maddie S

Amelia A

Ewan M

Matthew B

Josh S

Ryan M

Thank you all for your continued support.

Take care and stay safe!

Kind regards,

Mrs H Brown
Head Teacher



Wednesday 11th November
Remembrance Day

A Remembrance Day
Is a special day for us
We should respect it

We wear red poppies
To remember the soldiers
Who risked their lives

At eleven o'clock
We pay respects to soldiers
For the people who died
Lest we forget

Never forget the soldiers
Who all fought us
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By Leon

Lest We Forget

Lest we forget all the soldiers,
That all died for us
Lest we forget
All the animals that were killed
Lest we forget
When all the peace was back together

Lands of people died for us
Fought and tried for us
So lest we forget
Everyone that tried
Lest we forget
Everyone that died
Let's be happy we still exist
Let's all put up our fists

Lest we forget everyone
Lest we forget
Lest we forget.

By Isla R