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Weekly Newsletter



It is lovely to see everyone back this week and settling quickly into class again after the half term break.

The Portal for requesting a Reception place in September 2022 is now OPEN



Parents/carers of children who are due to start their Reception year in September 2022 are now able to apply for their preferred schools.

Reception admissions to school are coordinated by Northumberland County Council, (NCC). They open a portal on their website at the start of November in the academic year preceding children's start in September. Parents indicate their school preferences on the portal which closes on 15th January 2022. NCC contact parents with the results of their application on National Offer Day (15th April 2022.) The full timetable is shown below.

Timetable for first and primary schools

1 November 2021	<p>Online applications Online Admissions Portal for First and Primary school admissions will open on the 1st of November 2021. <i>You need to register as a new user if you haven't used the Portal before. If you've forgotten your password, click on forgotten password link) - (for late applications see below). You must complete an application for a place in a Reception class even if your child attends the school nursery or pre-school setting.</i></p> <p>Please be aware there are two school in Ponteland with similar names and addresses. Ponteland Primary (Pele Trust) and Ponteland Community Primary (previously Ponteland Middle School). Make sure you are careful about which school you select.</p> <p>leaflet on how to apply and portal user guidance to help you with your application</p>
15 January 2022	Closing date for all applications to be received by the Local Authority
15 April 2022	National Offer Day. E-mails sent to those parents who applied online and who requested to be informed by email. Parents who applied on a paper form will have a letter sent out to them today
2 May 2022	Deadline for parents to refuse the school place.
8 May 2022	Any places that become available are allocated in criteria order (on time applicants)
29 May 2022	All remaining places allocated on a first come first serve basis.
31 December 2022	No waiting lists held by the Local Authority after this date.

There is a lot more information on the Northumberland County Council website admissions section at <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1/Reception-entry-applications.aspx>

For queries, you can contact them at schooladmissions@northumberland.gov.uk or by phone at 0345 600 6400





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Positive Covid Tests

We are aware that covid-19 is still present within the wider community. We continue to do everything to reduce the risk of infection whilst keeping school a positive, welcoming environment for children, staff and parents.

If a member of the family has a positive PCR test we request that children take a PCR test before coming into school to minimise the risk of any possible transmission. Thank you.



School Photographer

A photographer from Tempest Photography will visit Shanklea on the morning of **Wednesday 17th November** to take individual photographs of children in school. Parents who would like their children to be photographed together should request this in the relevant section on the School Gateway. We regret that due to continuing covid risk reduction measures we cannot include children who attend other settings or are not due to attend our EYFS provision on that day.

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Poppies and a selection of other remembrance items will be available for children to buy in school next week. Children should bring in cash in small denominations – no notes please. The Royal British Legion has suggested the following donation amounts for each item:

Zip pull – 50p

Silicon wristband - £1.00

Reflector – 50p

Snap band - £1.50

Bikeability



Year 5 have done extremely well with their Cycle Training – despite some very challenging weather. Well done everyone.

The Year 6 Bikeability course will take place **between 8th and 10th November 2021** so it is important that they arrive at school on time, wearing appropriate clothing and with their bikes and helmets.

Home Learning

Parents and carers were sent a copy of our Home Learning Policy on Friday 5th November. This outlines the learning that can be undertaken at home with children (Years 1 to 6) and has been compiled taking account of educational research and the views of parents and staff.

Parents of children in KS1 and KS2 will also have received a copy of an enrichment grid with optional activities for you and your children to undertake. Spellings and number facts will also have been shared with you:





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- On Tapestry for EYFS;
- On paper For KS1 and
- Via Google Classroom for KS2.



We hope that these will provide those parents who wish to do so with appropriate and purposeful activities without putting unnecessary pressure on other families.

We would encourage all parents to continue to focus on reading regularly with their children throughout their primary education.

School Priorities

We have always recognised the importance of reading to our pupils. Therefore, one of the priorities we have set for ourselves at Shanklea this year is to further develop the reading curriculum to enable all pupils to enjoy reading at an appropriate level for their age. This allows them to access all their other learning successfully.

One way in which we aim to do this will be working alongside families to provide reading opportunities at home and in school. Over the next few weeks we will be letting you know about ways you can get involved with this. Over the year, you may also see challenges and activities designed to promote reading.

New Menus

We are delighted to be able to extend the range of sandwiches available to children to include **tuna**. In addition to the main meals shown below, children may also order:

- Jacket potato with choice of filling: Cheese, cheese and beans, tuna**
- Sandwich with choice of filling: Cheese, ham, tuna, chicken**

The menu for next week is shown below.

W/c Monday, 08 November 2021				
Monday 08	Tuesday 09	Wednesday 10	Thursday 11	Friday 12
Breaded Cod Fillet French Bread Pizza Jacket Potato Choice Sandwich Choice ----- Jacket Potato wedges Baked Beans ----- Pudding of the Day	Pasta Bolognese Jacket Potato Choice Sandwich Choice ----- Garlic Bread Garden Peas ----- Pudding of the Day	Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding Jacket Potato Choice Sandwich Choice Quorn Fillet And Gravy ----- Roast Potatoes Broccoli ----- Pudding of the Day	Chicken Korma with Naan Bread Jacket Potato Choice Sandwich Choice Chicken Fajita Wrap ----- Creamed Potatoes Carrots ----- Pudding of the Day	Pizza Margherita Jacket Potato Choice Sandwich Choice Pepperoni Pizza ----- Chips Baked Beans ----- Pudding of the Day



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Children and staff will be able to enjoy a special **Shanklea Christmas dinner** on **Tuesday 7th December**.

Please pre-order on the School Grid.



Halloween Competitions

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Halloween competitions. We had some spectacular entries and we will let you know who our winners are in next week's newsletter.



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

Reception	Isaac H	Priya K	Kiyoshi K	Summer R
Year 1	Libby C	Jake O	Jacob S	Hallie L
Year 2	Imogen M	Harry K	Layla R	Ronnie C
Year 3	Sean J	Gabriella H	Declan B	Holly R
Year 4	Sam S	Chloe M	Bailey W	Emilia O
Year 5	Oliver S	Matilda C	Martha D	Daniel J
Year 6	Oliver S	Beth W	Amy B	Tyler C

