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Matilda has worked really hard with her dancing. Her efforts have been so successful she has been presented with the Most Improved Dancer Award. Well done, Matilda. What an achievement!

Josh is a real footballing protégé. He is doing so well he has won lots of trophies this season. Well done, Josh. Keep up the good work.



Shanklea Superstars



Ryan's swimming is going from strength-to-strength. Thanks to his hard work and perseverance he has now achieved his 15 and 20m certificates. Well done, Ryan.

Hollie has donated her ponytail to The Little Princess Trust who make wigs for children having treatment. This is Hollie's 2nd very generous donation. Well done Hollie, we are so proud of your kindness.



OOSC Important Charging Information

We are delighted that the launch of our Shanklea Breakfast Club has gone so well. It is wonderful to see so many parents taking advantage of the opportunity to bring their children into school earlier and to see so many children being able to start their school day eating a nourishing breakfast and enjoying activities in the company of friends.

As more and more children attend the club, staffing ratios must be maintained and additional resources provided. As a result, it has become apparent that in order to keep the club viable in the long term we need to make a small increase in our charges.

We must now increase our charge from the introductory special offer of £1.25 per child to a new price of **£1.75 per child**.

We believe this represents excellent value for money, providing parents with the reassurance that their child is happy and safe, ready to start their school day.

The new price for Breakfast Club will be effective from the start of the term beginning **January 2018**. Bookings may be made on School gateway or by form from next week.



Thank you again to our magnificent OOSC staff and to all the parents who continue to support our fabulous Breakfast and Out of School Clubs.

Shanklea Success

Performance tables just released by the Department of Education show that there is statistically no better performing school in Cramlington than Shanklea Primary School.



Well done everyone!!!



And they haven't even seen our wonderful Christmas performances.

Y5 Robinwood Residential

Please note the final instalment of £80 is due on **Friday 22nd December**.

Can all parents please ensure they have paid in full by this date.

If you need to check your balance of payments please contact our office by phone, text or email.

Thank you.



Our theme for the week is "Christmas Fun"



This week children will be having lots of Christmas Fun. Activities will include, crafts, art, games, singalongs, code breakers and even some movies.

What's on at OOSC





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Year 1 and 2 Christmas Productions



Congratulations to our Year 1 and 2 pupils for their astonishing Christmas Production, "Ned's Christmas Discovery." You were brilliant!

The children entertained us with joyful songs, actions, great acting and humorous moments!

Special mention to our main characters who had many words to learn and to our solo singers: **Ruby** and **Logan**. Many thanks to all the parents and grandparents for assisting with such colourful, striking costumes and supporting the children in learning their words.



EYFS Performances

Our younger children were absolutely amazing during our Christmas performances. They have worked hard and really got into the spirit of Christmas. Well done everyone.



Christmas Carols

A huge well done to all of the children in Upper Key Stage 2 who sang at St Nicholas' Church this week.

As ever the children were able to convey the true sense of Christmas, in all its guises, with a great sense of both polish and poignancy. It will never cease to amaze us how much they are able to accomplish in such a short space of time.

Thank you to everyone who supported us at St. Nicholas' Church and donated to their Christmas appeal I know your collective donations will be very warmly received and put to good use to support local families across a broad spectrum of experiences.



Joy to the World!

Christmas Choirs

Our School Choir are set to sing at a number of events locally this Christmas. Firstly, they will perform carols at Sainsbury's Cramlington store and then to the older generation at Hartford Court.

At each of these events lovely comments are always received about how well the children sang and played. Thank you to all the children who are taking part, bringing some festive cheer to others in our community.

Parents and families can go along to support the children on **Tuesday 19th December at 2pm at Sainsburys**, Manor Walks Cramlington. We hope to see you there.

Thank you to **Mrs Gaultier** and **Mrs Baxter** for all their hard work in preparing for these wonderful events.

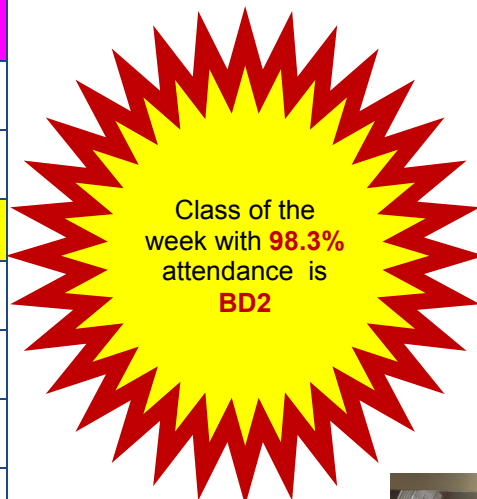


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Last Week's Attendance

Year Group	Average Attendance %
Rec	88.2
1	95.5
2	97.1
3	95.0
4	94.8
5	94.7
6	85.9



St Oswald's Hospice Festive Friends

Our School Council are selling soft toys on behalf of St Oswald's Hospice this week. Toys are **£2** each and are selling well. Toys will be available for the children to buy during the school day next week.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this worthy charity, through buying and selling these festive friends.



Christmas Dinner Day



Shanklea School Christmas Dinner was a tremendous success and the festive fayre was enjoyed by all.

A big thank you to Mrs Hume and her catering team for providing a delicious Christmas dinner, and to all our lunchtime staff for ensuring the celebrations went smoothly (as they do each day.)

Everyone shared in the celebrations and had a wonderful time, complete with Christmas crackers and festive tunes.

We will show you some of our photos in our next newsletter.



The last week of term—At a Glance:

Christmas Parties

A reminder that our Christmas Parties will be taking place next week. Children may wear their party clothes on their party day and there may be a special visitor arriving in school.....no prizes for guessing who it may be!

Mon 18th: Y5/6 party
Tues 19th: EYFS Party
Wed 20th: Y1/2 party and Little Monkeys party
Thurs 21st: Y3/4 party
Fri 22nd: Christmas Jumper Day

On the last day of term it will be Christmas Jumper Day - that time of the year when we are allowed to wear loud, seasonal attire to be part of the festive fun. Simply stick on a silly sweater or a crazy Chrimbo cardigan....and celebrate another successful term at Shanklea. No donations are needed.

REMINDER

**School closes on:
 Friday 22nd December 2017
 and
 re-opens on
 Tuesday 9th January 2018.**



Nursery and Reception Christmas Crafts Events

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Nursery and Reception Christmas Craft Events. The children really enjoyed sharing the time with you. Everyone had a wonderful time and we appreciate your support.