



Shanklea Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter



It has been another busy week at Shanklea. It is so wonderful to see everyone busy and happy and to see a return to a more normal school day. We are delighted that we are able to start scheduling school visits too. Our Year 6 children are attending weekly swimming lessons at Concordia this term and our Year 5 children will be walking to Cramlington Library to view a live performance of **"Twisted Tales"** with story teller Gav Cross on Wednesday 6th October.

Parents of children in Year 5 will be sent information about the Year 5 **Robinwood Residential Visit** scheduled for March 14-16th 2022 soon. We have been unable to go to the Robinwood Activity Centre at Alston more recently due to Covid restrictions but are delighted to be able to offer children this fantastic opportunity once again. We will provide lots more information soon.



Welcome to our New Staff

We are so happy to welcome new superstars to the Shanklea Team.

Mrs Hodgson is a primary teacher with a specialism in French and Spanish, who has taught various year groups in first and primary schools since 2006. Outside of teaching, Mrs Hodgson likes to spend time with her family at the beach, reading, or watching movies and has recently adopted a cat!



Our new Catering Manager, **Mrs Heads**, is excited to join the Shanklea Team and is looking forward to finding out what the pupils' favourite main courses and desserts are as we develop our new menu over the next term. Mrs Heads has worked in school catering for over 16 years and is a keen walker who loves visiting new places.



Jeans for Genes – Thank you



On Friday 15th September school was transformed into a sea of denim as we all took part in **Jeans for Genes** day. A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to this wonderful charity. We will let you know how much we raised as soon as we can.

Thank you to everyone who has already completed their **"Parent View"** questionnaires. We have emailed two short online questionnaires to collect parents' and carers' opinions on how things are going. This invaluable information helps us to review our systems so that we can continue to improve ensuring that everyone at Shanklea "can be the best they can be." We will provide a summary of the responses as soon as we can. If anyone has not received the questionnaires or has had problems completing them please let us know.





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PE Days

To minimise disruption at the start of your child's school day, can parents and carers please ensure that everyone (e.g. grandparents) who looks after your child is aware of their PE days. PE days are listed below:

Reception	Mrs Short – Friday Mrs Laughton - Wednesday
Year 1	Miss Spence – Monday and Friday Mrs Downes – Tuesday and Thursday
Year 2	Mrs Barron – Monday and Friday Mrs Shires – Monday and Tuesday
Year 3	Mr Rutherford –Monday and Thursday Miss Henaghan - Tuesday and Thursday
Year 4	Mrs Hagan –Wednesday and Thursday Mr Brown – Monday and Tuesday
Year 5	Mrs Baxter/Mr Longthorne – Tuesday and Wednesday Miss Rigg – Tuesday and Thursday
Year 6	Both classes - Swimming Wednesday until Christmas; PE on Thursdays

Some Future dates for your diary

Friday 17 th September	Jeans for Genes day – voluntary donations on the School Gateway please
Monday 27 th September	Bike to School Week
Monday 4 th October	Start of World Space Week
Wednesday 6 th October	Walk to School Day
Thursday 7 th October	Special Themed Lunch – more details soon
School closes at 3.15pm on Thursday 21 st October and re-opens on Monday 1 st November 2021	

Please keep checking our newsletters, texts and emails for more updates.

Old Clothes

EYFS need spare clothes for children to change into. If you have any school clothes that would be suitable for our younger children please let us know. Thank you





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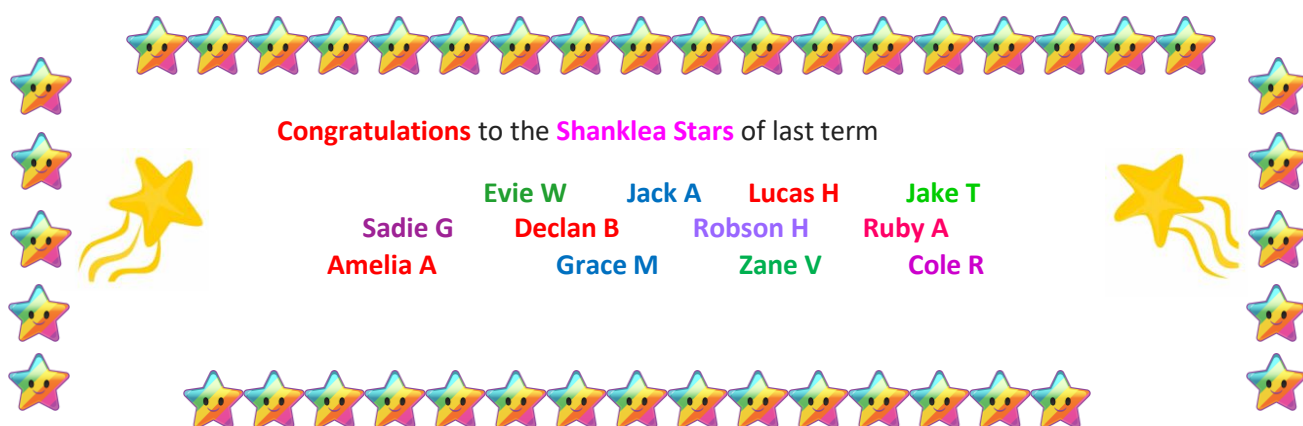
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Cake Tins for Hire



Are you a Bake Off Superstar? Is your child's birthday coming up soon? We have a selection of large cake tins in the shapes of number 0 to 9 which may be hired for a short period by families for a small charge of £1 per tin.

Shanklea Stars of the Week



Free School Meals - Reminder

Children In our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes are entitled to free school meals every day. Some children in Years 3 -6 may also be entitled to free school meals based on family income and circumstances. If you think you may be entitled for Free School meals please follow the link below:
<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Meals.aspx>

Free school meals

Please see below for an explanation of how free school meals work, and for information on how to apply for free school meals.

Universal free school meals

All pupils in reception, year one, and year two are entitled to a free meal, without having to apply for this option.

Eligibility for free school meals

The government has made amendments to the eligibility criteria since April 2018. This is to reflect the introduction of Universal Credit.

PLEASE NOTE: Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit
 - Provided you have an annual net income of no more than £7,400
 - This is assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods
- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit
 - Provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run on
 - Paid four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit