

Shanklea Stars of the Week



★ These children have been recognised by their teachers for exemplary attitude: ★

★ **Oliver Slack** has made excellent progress in his number work. ★

★ **Rosie Smith** always tries hard in everything she does and is making fantastic progress. ★

★ **Harry Mitchell** is a "mega-hard-worker" who comes into school full of smiles every day. He is trying hard with everything he is asked to do and always gives his best. ★

★ **Matthew Beer** had a positive attitude during his reading sessions this week. He is starting to read some very challenging texts. ★

★ **Olivia Gardner** has a super sense of humour and puts 100% effort into all her work. ★

★ **Mya Hussain Hope** is trying really hard with her handwriting and presentation in English. ★

★ **Elliot Weedy** has made an amazing effort in rehearsals for our Christmas performance—both singing and dancing. ★

★ **Ella Davison** has shown great enthusiasm in Science and consistently works hard. ★

★ **Max Smith** always listens well and completes every task to the best of his ability. He is a model pupil. ★

★ **Katie Blackett** achieved a fantastic mark in her end of unit test in Maths and demonstrated her amazing knowledge of Bengal tigers in Topic. ★

★ **Saffron Brown** is working amazingly hard in Maths. She has been learning her number facts and scores highly in our weekly tests. ★

★ **Ellie Reid** and **Lexie Short** have supported other children and have been Mrs Greenwood's experts on time. They were both excellent. ★

★ **Chloe Ritson** is maintaining a very positive attitude in her English lessons. ★

★ **Ben Nicholson** has a consistently excellent attitude in all curriculum areas. ★

★ **Olivia Gardner** created a fantastic WWI tank at Out of School Club. ★



Judo Superstar

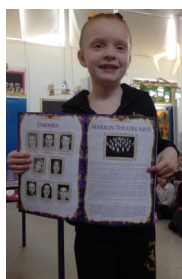
Congratulations to **Charlee Marshall** who has won the Most Improved Student in her Judo class



Sum Dog Superstars

Well done to **Elliot Weedy**, **Ethan Beckford**, **Erik Pettersson**, **Emily Cowburn** and **Paige Field** who are in the Top Ten in school.

Shanklea Superstars



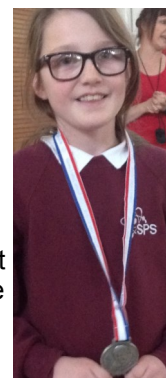
Pantomime Superstar

Ella Earle will be appearing in Cinderella on the stage at the Theatre Royal, Newcastle.



Karate Superstar

Molly Gainford won the best student award in her karate class.





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Our theme for the week is "Victorian Christmas"

Our Tuesday night treats will be peppermint creams.

Our Wednesday midweek breakfast special will be toasted cheese muffins



What's on at OOSC

Parents' Questionnaire

It is that time again where the governors of Shanklea Primary School send out an annual questionnaire that allows parents and carers to express their views. It is also the main mechanism for parents to give their views about their child's school to Ofsted inspectors.

Parents are asked to indicate whether they strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree or don't know in response to 11 short statements. Question 12 asks whether they would recommend the school to other parents. The 12 statements and question are:

1. My child is happy at school	2. My child feels safe at school	3. My child makes good progress at school	4. My child is well looked after at school
5. My child is taught well at school	6. My child receives appropriate homework for their age	7. School makes sure pupils are well behaved	8. School deals effectively with bullying
9. School is well led and managed	10. School responds well to any concerns I raise	11. I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	12. Would you recommend this school to another parent?

The questionnaires will be available at each of Christmas Performances. Thank you for your feedback and continued support of Shanklea Primary School.

We look forward to hearing your views.

Children in Need

Menu Change

On Wednesday 7th December our menu will be:

Mince & Dumplings

Cheese Savoury Wrap

White cake or Cheesecake



Thanks to the unfailing generosity of Shanklea parents, children and staff our cake extravaganza raised **£156.87** for Children in Need.

Thank you again.

First and Primary Schools Application Portal

Don't forget the deadline for registering children who are due to start in Reception in September 2017 is 15th January 2017. Applications should be made on the portal on the Northumberland County Council website.

Reception Children Vision Screening

An orthoptist will be coming to school on Thursday 5th January 2017, to carry out eye tests for the Reception children. These are easy tests that the children enjoy and can be completed in school without parents needing to be present. The children will be bringing home letters soon. Please only return the forms if you **DO NOT** want your child to have the test.



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Christmas Choirs

Members of the school choir will shortly be spending time singing carols and sharing Christmas music with the residents and staff of local Nursing Homes.

The popular choir will finish off with a rousing sing-a-long as the children sit among the audience. Jingle bells will be distributed to everyone and we'll all sing along to old favourites including Rudolph, We Wish You a Merry Christmas and of course Jingle Bells.

OOSC Christmas Stop and Shop

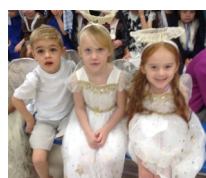
A big **thank you** to everyone who supported the Out of School Club Christmas Shopping Night on Thursday 1st December 2016. The children had a wonderfully successful festive fun evening and parents had the opportunity to do some Christmas preparations or visit the shops and bag themselves a bargain ...

Nativity News

Throughout the first two weeks of December all the children will take part in their own special versions of the much loved modern day Christmas Nativity. On Friday 2nd December 2016, the Nursery and Reception pupils performed beautifully, ensuring lots of tears and laughter. For our youngest Pre-school children it was their very first nativity—a very 'wiggly nativity'! Why not take a look at some of our wonderful photographs on the EYFS gallery?

Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performances

On Thursday 8th December, the Key Stage 1 Christmas performances will have started in spectacular style. We will be uploading more precious photos as each performance takes place



Reception Christmas Crafts

Parents and family members are invited to join the Reception children for an afternoon of festive crafts on **Wednesday 7th December 2016, 2-3pm.**

There will be the chance to decorate baubles, made Christmas book marks, scratchy decorations and even make magic reindeer food to make sure Rudolph and Father Christmas find them easily on Christmas Eve!

At the end of the session, the children will treat their parents to a Christmas sing song ...In advance, many thanks to all the family members for coming along and supporting the workshop. We hope you and your children will thoroughly enjoy the session.

Nursery Christmas Crafts

Can we please remind Nursery parents that there will be two Nursery Craft sessions on Monday 5th December at 9-10am and 2-3pm. We hope parents can come along to join in our fun sessions.

Christmas Dinner Day

Our annual school's Christmas Dinner will take place on **Thursday 8th December 2016.** This is a traditional school activity where we get to celebrate Christmas as a community.

The menu will be:

Roast Turkey, Pork and Ham
Roast and mash potatoes
Seasonal vegetables, Stuffing and gravy

Christmas Pudding
Mince Pies
Assorted Gateaux
Fresh fruit and yoghurt

Please note that due to anticipated numbers on the 8th December, only the Christmas meal will be available on that day. If your son/ daughter does not require a Christmas lunch, they will need to bring a packed lunch on that day

Christmas Carols Years 5 and 6

The Year 5 and 6 pupils will walk with staff to St Nicholas's Church in Old Cramlington village on **Friday 9th December at 10am** to celebrate and sing Christmas carols with parents and the local community. We hope parents will come along and join us.



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Christmas Fair

As you hopefully know already from our previous newsletters, this year's Christmas Fair will be held on **Friday 9th December** from **5pm to 7pm**

There will be lots of fun and games including: Santa's Grotto, Lucky Dip, Reindeer Elf Workshops; not to mention a brilliant raffle with some fantastic prizes. There will also be cakes, hot turkey sandwiches, mince pies and hot chocolate to keep you refreshed and merry and there may even be a special performance by the school choir.



Thank you to those of you who have already offered to help – we can't put on these events without you wonderful volunteers... and we still need more! So please contact Miss Sarah Brown (Business Manager) or Mrs Sara Willoughby (PTFA Chairperson) if you can assist (even if you can only volunteer for half the event, or with setting up beforehand / clearing up afterwards, every bit helps).



If your child / children would like to see Santa in his Grotto, you need to complete the form we have sent to you (or see the office staff) and return it with your payment. There are limited spaces, so we cannot guarantee everyone will get a slot, but we will prioritise those who return their slips soonest.

We would also like to extend a big thank you to all the staff at Shanklea and parents who support us before the event and during the day, as well as the pupils who help with the set up and on the day itself. Without all your help and generous donations, this day would not be possible. We are very grateful.

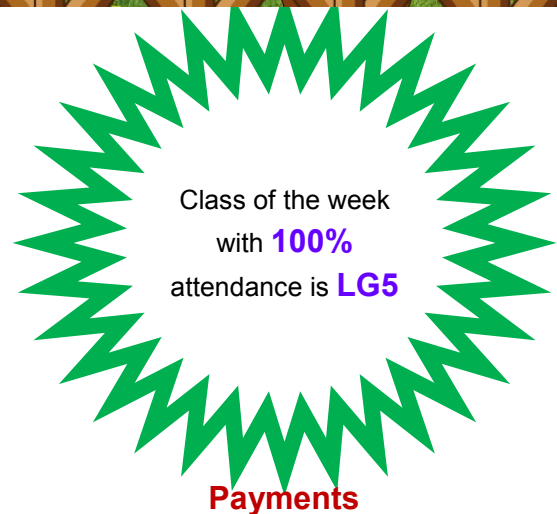
The money raised at the fair supports many good causes. In addition to items to enhance the experiences of pupils at school, this academic year, new staging has been purchased and funded with the help of Friends and Families of Shanklea.

We look forward to seeing you at the fair.



Raffle Tickets

Thank you to everyone who has bought (or sold) raffle tickets. Could you please return raffle ticket counterfoils with your payment by Wednesday please. Please also return any unsold raffle tickets so we can sell them on the night of the fair. Thanks



Can we politely request that all account balances are cleared by Wednesday 14th December please. Please ensure that when you make a payment on Gateway you do so against the correct child and activity. Thank you.

iPads

We regret that there has been another delay to distribution of the iPads. This is due to set up problems which Jigsaw are investigating as a matter of urgency. We are really sorry for the delay which is out of our control—we are doing everything we can to hurry things along. The iPads should be ready early next week.