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We will also have snack breaks each morning and you are asked to provide your child with a bottle of water each day. The children have worked very hard this year and should be proud of their efforts. These tests will provide them with the perfect opportunity to demonstrate the progress they have made. Thank you for your continued support.

Congratulations to everyone from Mrs Baxter's Year 6 class who have all now competent swimmers. Everyone in the class has now earned a swimming badge. Mr Winter's Year 3 class start lessons on Monday 14th May. Mr McGregor's Year 6 class started their lessons this week. We are sure they will enjoy their lessons and do well.



 Prince Harry and Meghan Markle's wedding day is fast approaching and because it is a Royal Wedding, and therefore a very *public* wedding, people all over the world will be celebrating even if they've never actually met the two...

On **Thursday 17th May 2018** Shanklea will be celebrating in style. Children are invited to dress up with a wedding theme. They may wish to wear wedding attire, maybe a bridesmaid dress or a page boy outfit. They may prefer to wear their school uniform with a tiara or borrow a bow tie from a family member.

**Year 6** children are asked to come to school in uniform but bring clothes they can change into once their SATs are complete.

**Please book on Live Kitchen**

## DAC1/SH1 Class Assembly Wednesday 16th May 2.45pm

Parents of children in Mrs Allen-Coope's and Miss Harris' Year 1 class are invited to come along to see your child's class in action on **Wednesday 16th May** at **2.45pm**.

We always look forward to seeing family in school when their child is involved in a class assembly. You are welcome to bring younger children in to watch these events, which take place at the normal assembly time, 2.45p.m for approximately 20-25 minutes. We look forward to seeing you,

At Shanklea Primary School, we have an act of collective worship each day and the children participate in these assemblies as much as possible. On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2.45p.m. there will be an assembly led by Reverend Wholley, St Nicholas Church. We are sure the children will find this an enjoyable and inspirational experience.

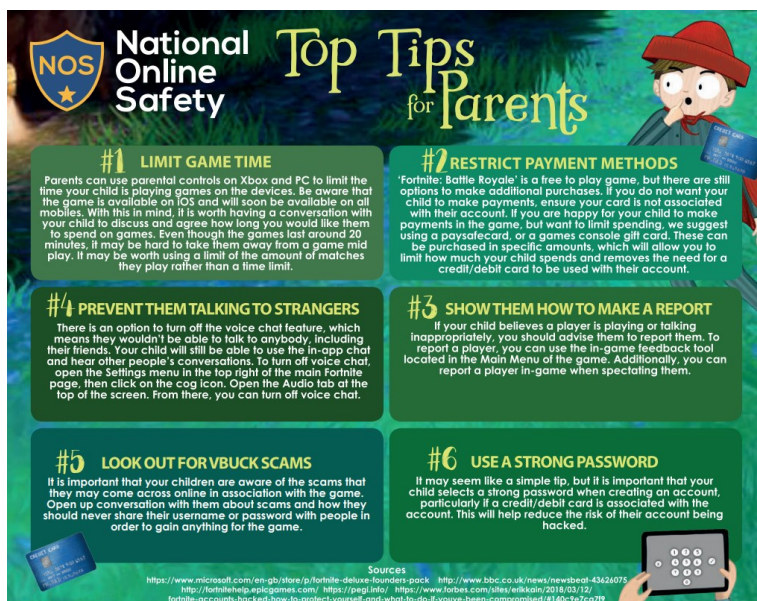
On Fridays we hold 'Celebration' Assemblies which are open to friends of the school. We celebrate the achievements of all the children and specially invite parents and carers of our Stars of the Week. We have a group of children making up the Assembly Team, who enjoy organising and leading some of our assemblies.

Thank you to everyone who has been in touch about how you can help with fundraising, including Employee Matched fundraising schemes.

Please get in touch if you can help.



**Please let us know if you think your child might be eligible for free school meals even if your child has Universal Free School Meals.**



## What Parents Need to Know

**BE SAFE ON THE WEB** AND You may be aware of the many online games available to children, including the latest “craze” **Fortnite: Battle Royale**, a game for ages **12 plus**.

We have put lots of advice on how parents can keep their children safe online in the e-safety section of our website. We hope all parents will take the time to get themselves up-to-date with the some of the risks online.



## Toddler Group Reminder

Please note that our Toddler Group will not take place on **Wednesday 16th May 2018** due to the Year 6 SATs.



## Friends of Shanklea Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at school on **Tuesday 22nd May** at **3.30pm**. We hope you can come along.



## Children's Cancer Run

The Newcastle Children's Cancer Run will take place on **Sunday 20th May**. Lots of organising has been going on behind the scenes and we are looking forward to hearing everyone's stories.



## Last Week's Attendance

**Attendance**  
**Superstars with**  
**99.2% attendance**

**DAC1/  
SH1**

JR1

Year Group	Attendance
Rec	97.4
1	99.2
2	95.3
3	94.0
4	95.9
5	98.3
6	95.9





# Shanklea Primary School

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## Parent Governor Vacancies: Can you help?

### Can you help shape the future of our school?

We need parents of pupils registered at the school to make a difference in our school's community by volunteering to become **parent governors**.

Currently we have **two vacancies** for parent governors on the governing body.

Your voice as a parent is very important to our school and it is vital that the governing body has good representation by our parents among its membership.

### Information about the role

Once elected or appointed for a term of four years, a parent governor takes on the role of a school governor, a public volunteer. All governors are equal, no category of governor is any more important or influential than any other. Parent governors exercise a strategic parental voice on the governing body.

*Please read this information about the role as it is important to understand the role, expectations and commitment before applying.*

*We are seeking parents who have a real willingness to help, who can listen carefully, read important documents, ask questions, attend training and be able to actively contribute at meetings.*

*If you can spare approximately **ten hours or more a month** then please consider nominating yourself for this interesting voluntary role.*

*The governing body is particularly seeking applicants with the following skills ....financial, business and enterprise and health backgrounds*

### What can you offer as a parent governor?

- Enthusiasm, time and commitment.
- Your local knowledge will be valuable: you will have a feel for what is important to people.
- Any professional or other skills you may have will be very helpful.
- An openness to learning and change, and wanting to make a difference.
- Governors also provide objectivity in debate and decision-making and can add further and different perspectives to school matters.

### What are the benefits?

Being a school governor is a privilege – you are a small but very important part in an educational system. The knowledge that you have played a part in improving local children's education and supported the school's staff.

- A chance to develop new skills, to practise and strengthen existing ones, such as chairing a meeting, researching or leading on a key school issue.
- The opportunity to work as part of a team to make a real difference in the community.
- The opportunity to meet new people from all walks of life whom you probably would not have otherwise encountered.
- Knowing that the decisions you collectively make will have a huge impact on children's lives.
- You develop as a person and may even find that your experiences as a governor influence future career and life choices.

### If you are interested in volunteering, here's what you should do ...

Please check that you are eligible to stand as a parent governor.

The definition of "parent" includes: all natural parents, whether they are married or not; and any person who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility for a child or young person; and "Parent" is defined as including "any individual who has or has had parental responsibility for, or cares or has cared for, a child or young person under the age of 18". It includes a person who the child lives with and who looks after the child, irrespective of what their relationship is with the child.

The reference in the definition must be to someone involved in the full-time care of the child on a settled basis.

There are some criteria which can disqualify you from serving as any type of governor. This list is given in the nomination form. If you are applying, then you must confirm that you are not disqualified by those criteria.

Please nominate yourself by completing the nomination form, overleaf. If you wish to have an electronic copy of the form it can be downloaded from our website or our office team can send one to you.

*Continued overleaf*

**Please ensure that your completed nomination form is returned to the school office by noon, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Thank you.**



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## Parent Governor Vacancies: Can you help?

### What happens after the nomination deadline has passed?

Any nominations received after the deadline will not be accepted.

If the school receives more nominations than there are vacancies, then we will hold an election and parents will be asked to take part in a secret ballot to vote for the candidate(s) they feel would be most suitable as a parent governor. The information you supply as part of your nomination will be circulated to parents to help them decide who to vote for. Your personal contact details will not be distributed. This is for governing body purposes only.

If the school receives the same amount of nominations as there are vacancies, then those nominees are deemed to be 'elected unopposed' and become parent governors without the need for an election.

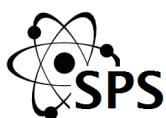
If no parents nominate themselves by the deadline given above, then the governing body become responsible for appointing parent governors to fill the vacancies. If they can't find volunteers at our school then they may seek parent volunteers from other schools.

If an election needs to take place then I will inform all nominees personally, and all parents in writing, providing the details of how to vote and the deadline for doing so.

If there are any questions or you need further information, please let me know as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support

*Mrs Brown, Head Teacher*



## SHANKLEA PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY PARENT GOVERNOR NOMINATION FORM

**Name:**

**Name of Shanklea student:**

**Address:**

**Proposed By:**

**Seconded By:**

**Address:**

**Address :**

**Signature of Candidate:**

**Date:**

The candidate, proposer and seconder must all be parents of children on the school roll.

**Skills, interests and relevant experience:**

Please return this form to the school office by 12pm on Friday 25th May 2018