

## Shanklea Stars of the Week

- These children have been recognised by their teachers for exemplary attitude:
- Mariah Smith** has completed some fantastic child initiated work in Writing.
  - Dylan Clark** is an amazing listener. He is trying exceptionally hard to sound out some simple CVC words.
  - Olivia Jackson** worked very hard on her story about Hansel and Gretel. She is working independently and including lots of interesting sentence starters.
  - Callum McGregor** is showing enthusiasm, maturity and lots of curiosity when learning about World War One. He is clearly a historian in the making!
  - Sophie Kirkup** always puts in 100% effort, especially in Maths which she does not always find easy. Well done!
  - Tyler James Gray** has made an amazing improvement in his focus and handwriting in all lessons.
  - Maisha Muhith** consistently produces an excellent standard of work in all subjects. She is always enthusiastic and keen to give 100%.
  - Lucy Wilson** is always a pleasure to have in class. She worked very hard on her newspaper article.
  - Katie Meikle** is putting 100% effort into her writing. She edits her work, including all features taught and takes great pride in her work.
  - Aimee Kitchen** puts 100% effort into Reading and she achieves 100% in quizzes nearly all the time.
  - Christopher Osborne** has an improved attitude and is making positive contributions across the curriculum.
  - Maddie Crawford** makes good contributions and puts in good effort in all lessons, especially English.
  - William Larmouth** demonstrated his amazing knowledge during the OOSC Children in Need Quiz.



### Shanklea Basketball Superstars

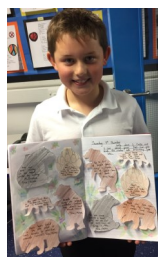
Pupils from Years 5 and 6 at Shanklea Primary School have had a wonderful introduction to the game of basketball through the 'Hoops For Health' Development Scheme. On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017, a team of children and their families ventured to the inter-schools Basketball Tournament semi – finals at the Newcastle Eagles home venue, Northumbria University Sport Central. The children competed against other school teams during the pre-game and half-time sessions of an Eagles home game.

**Aimee Saward** was chosen as the mascot, accompanying the players onto the court. Pupils commented ' *The basketball guys were great and really good role models. The night was a huge success – the rest of the team have never stopped talking about it*'.

The children's team spirit shone through and they represented our school in style. Well done, everyone.



### Shanklea Superstars



**Erik** is really working hard to learn new things and share his knowledge. He is shown here with some of his exemplary homework. Well done, Erik.

**Leo** is becoming a great footballer. He is working hard and practising and, as a result, is achieving great things. Leo was recently awarded a medal for his achievements.



### Last Week's Attendance

Year Group	Average Attendance %
Rec	83.6
1	91.3
2	96.1
3	93.7
4	98.7
5	97.2
6	94.4



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## Preventing Infection

It is that time of year again when there seems to be lots of coughs, colds and viruses going around. In order to prevent infection, can parents please encourage their children to observe rigorous hygiene. We will continue to remind children of the importance of regular handwashing and other measures to prevent the spread of germs. We appreciate your support.



## SEND Consultation

The Northumberland area organisers of the **School Planning Strategy for children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disability (SEND)** are holding an open consultation for parents, pupils and practitioners. The focus of the consultation is upon the Strategy for SEND and the proposed ideas on how to increase school place capacity to meet the demand for children with SEND in specialist and mainstream provision. Northumberland County Council is inviting you to give your views by completing an online questionnaire which can be found at:

[www.northumberland.gov.uk/sendconsultation](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/sendconsultation)

Please follow this link for more information about the Planning Strategy consultation and the Local Offer. You will also find these details on our school website under the SEND tab.



## Shanklea Christmas Dinner Thursday 14th December 2017

Our annual Christmas Dinner will be served on **Thursday 14th December 2017**.

A traditional roast turkey dinner with lots of trimmings will be provided for the children and staff. This is a really fun and festive celebration which the children always enjoy.

Can parents please pre-order as soon as possible on Live Kitchen and let our office team know if your child has any special dietary requirements, including whether a vegetarian option would be preferred.

Please note there will be no alternative meals provided in school on that day. Thank you.



## Reminder; Amsterdam Cycling Trip Meeting Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November

Cycling from Cramlington to Amsterdam – the bike capital of the world – is a classic cycle experience and a wonderful challenge to achieve in three days.

We plan to cross the North Sea and continue across the flat landscape of Dutch Zeeland. The sight of Amsterdam with its network of canals, cobbled streets and wonderful architecture should evoke a real sense of excitement.



We will celebrate our achievement with a night in Amsterdam before heading home by cycle, after full days of activity.

Our planned cycling adventure is designed to be challenging for those Year 5 and 6 pupils with good health and fitness, but should be achievable for most pupils with a commitment to training and a 'can-do' attitude. Please come along to the meeting and find out more....

## Sports Leader Superstars

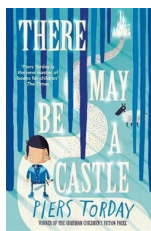
Congratulations to our Year 6 Sports Leaders who assisted at the recent Cramlington Schools year 2 Playground Games Festival.

Miss G. Smith, Cramlington Schools Sports Co-ordinator sent a special e-mail which said: *'Just wanted to drop you a quick line to say how good your Y6 Sports Leaders were at the Y2 Playground Games festival on Friday morning. The way they spoke to and organised the younger children was a joy to see, and they ensured that the festival was a great success!'*

**Well done everyone. We are very proud of your commitment, attitude and Shanklea spirit.**

## Shanklea Superstars

## Year 5 and 6 Pupils Author Visit

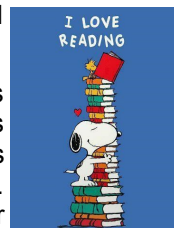


On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017, Shanklea children in years 5 and 6 met best-selling local author Piers Torbay.

Piers Torbay began his career in theatre and then television as a producer and writer. His bestselling first book for children, *The Last Wild*, was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Award and nominated for the CILIP Carnegie Medal as well as numerous other awards. His second book, *The Dark Wild*, won the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize.

The third book in the trilogy, *The Wild Beyond*, was published in 2015 to critical acclaim. His next book for children, *There May Be a Castle*, was published in October 2016.

Research shows that author events in schools help to inspire children and engender a lifelong love of reading. Our children enjoyed the visit, even the walk to the JLV and back. **Well done everyone.**



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## OOSC Movie Night

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

Please book your child's place at the OOSC Movie Night on the School Gateway as soon as you can as it is filling up fast. If you have any problems please contact the office who will be able to help you.

Please note: The cost for the first child is £10 and siblings may be booked at the reduced rate of £5 each.

## What's on at OOSC

**Our theme for the week is "Patterns and Shapes"**

This week children will be taking part in age-appropriate activities based on sorting shapes, sequences, mosaics, tessellation and repeating patterns



## Mrs Claus' Christmas Cake Off

Are you a star baker?

You could win a superb Christmas hamper to celebrate the season in style.

Please bring your cake creations into school on **Friday 1st December** for your chance to win.



## Non-Uniform Day



We are most grateful to those who sent in donations for the tombola stall at the Christmas Fayre. The children enjoyed coming into school out of uniform.

## Meet Santa



Please book online for your child's chance to meet Santa at our Christmas Fayre. Tickets cost **just £2/child**. If you have any problems please get in touch with our office team.

## Parent Helpers Needed



If any parent (or friend of the school) is able to help at all in preparing for, running or cleaning up after, the Christmas Fair, please get in touch. Your help would be most gratefully received.

## Please come along



Our Christmas Fayre is on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017 5-7pm**. Please come along and support our school. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Animal Costumes

Our Nursery would greatly appreciate any donations of animal costumes. Thank you very much.



## Raffle

Thank you to everyone who has bought raffle tickets and returned the stubs and money to school already. Spare tickets are available from the office if anyone feels they can sell more.

Please return any unsold tickets to school so we can sell them during the fair.

- **2 x Theatre Royal tickets for Peter Pan Panto**
- **2 x Beamish Day Tickets**
- **Procter and Gamble hamper**
- **1 x Free hour of Music Tuition voucher**
- **1 x Family Entry ticket to Seven Stories**
- **1 x Family Ticket for Whitley Bay Playhouse - Cinderella Panto**
- **Afternoon tea at The Glass House**
- **Avon hamper.**
- **Jamerry Nail Stickers**

As you can see, we have some fabulous prizes but we would greatly appreciate more so if anyone has any contacts in the business community or similar who would be able to donate a prize, please get in touch with us in the school office. Thank you.

## Come along to our fantastic Christmas Fayre!



We have lots of wonderful stalls for you to browse in our festive marketplace, try your luck at our Tombola and Raffle, and fingers crossed you get a winning ticket for our Grand Prize Draw - there are lots of prizes including £50 cash.

We also have toy, books and home-baking stalls, plus some games to test your skills (for kids big and small)! Children can create their own crafty masterpieces, and of course Santa will be making everyone welcome in his grotto...

Please bring along your family, friends and neighbours, our Christmas Fair is open to everyone in the community and we look forward to seeing you there.





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## Guidance on school Closure due to Adverse Weather Conditions or Other Unforeseen Circumstances

Schools are obliged to open for 190 days per year. Decisions to close school are, therefore, only taken when the safety or welfare of the pupils at school or travelling to school is likely to be adversely affected.

Head teachers are advised to keep schools open wherever possible and must explore other options before deciding to close school. Therefore, school is only likely to close in the event of severe weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstance.

If it was decided necessary to close school, Shanklea parents would be advised as soon as possible using the following methods:

- **Metro Radio**
- **Radio Newcastle**
- **Northumberland County Council website** [www.northumberland.gov.uk](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk)
- **Text message**

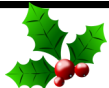
Please note that closing the school is very unlikely and children should come in as normal unless parents have been informed otherwise by the above methods. It is very important that children attend school regularly in order to maximise their learning. Thank you.



### Christmas Cards

Thank you to everyone who bought Christmas cards designed by the children. We hope you were pleased with the children's spectacular work.

Your generosity has raised a fabulous **£334.50** which will be used to benefit all the children in school. Thank you.



### Christmas Schedule At a Glance: December 2017

**Fri 1st: 5pm**

**Christmas Fair**

**Wed 6th: 9.30am and 2pm Y3/4 Christmas Production**

**Thurs 7th: 9.30am EYFS Christmas Production**

**Fri 8th: 9.30am EYFS Christmas Production**

**Mon 11th: EYFS Christmas Crafts Afternoon**

**Wed 13th 9.30am and 2pm: Y1/2 Christmas Production**

**Thurs 14th: Christmas Dinner**

**Fri 15th: Y5/6 Christmas Carols Service**

**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**

Refreshments will be on sale at our Christmas productions. Please bring along some money so you can sample some fabulous Christmas treats.



**Wednesday 20th December  
9.15am - 10.15am**

**Please sign up at the office**

