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We hope all our families had a safe and very enjoyable festive break. We are looking forward to maintaining our hardworking and creative ethos throughout this spring term. Our exciting enrichment topic this term is **'Space – To Infinity and Beyond.'**

All classes will be learning facts and enhancing their knowledge about our solar system and new technologies from a wide range of fun academic learning opportunities based around our theme.

It is very important that we all work together to ensure good attendance in school. Regular and prompt attendance is an integral part of your child's progress here at Shanklea. Please note that, unless under exceptional circumstances, holidays in term time cannot be and will not be authorised.

Please help us by ensuring your child gets to school on time and is in line with their class in the playground at 8:45am. By doing this we can ensure our attendance figures continue to be above Northumberland and National averages and our children enjoy a settled start to their school day and make the best progress possible.

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to school today.
I'm so glad that you are here!
We will start the New Year off,
With a little cheer.

I love school! I'll try so hard!
This New Year will be great!
We'll learn so much and work so
hard,
I can hardly wait!



Important
Message

Polling Day– School Closure

We have been advised that our premises will be used for local elections to be held on **Thursday 8th February**. For safeguarding and legal reasons, school will be closed on this day.

Mr McGregor's Class Assembly

Parents and carers of children in Mr McGregor's Year 6 class are invited to attend an assembly on **Tuesday 16th January at 2.45pm**. The theme is "Vikings."



Free School Meals Eligibility Checker

Help obtain government funding for our school! Did you know the government gives additional funding to schools for those children entitled to free school meals?

You can check online your eligibility for:

- free school meals
- funded early learning for two year olds
- Early Years Pupil Premium
- 30 Hours Free Childcare

School can then use this money to provide additional staffing and resources that help improve the quality of education.

You can apply for free school meals if you or your child receive any of the following: Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income of £16,190 or less.

To find out whether your child qualifies for free school meals go to Northumberland County Council's website at <http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Meals.aspx>

If you are eligible can you please let our office team know by Thursday 18th January 2018. Thank you.

Last Term Stars

Reception

Flynn Spedding

Sophie Jamieson

Phoebe Stephenson

Dylan Clark

Year 1

Louis Waugh

Grace Massam

Joshua Wall

Maisie Stafford

Year 2

Katie Elliott

Zane Vercueil

Liam Moore

Lois Earle

Year 3

Niamh Weatherburn

Alfie Harrison

Thomas Richardson

Eryn Robertson

Year 4

Alex Coxon

Maisha Muhith

Jacob Hillary

Lily Gibson

Year 5

William Maddison

Emily Clark

Ben Wright

Nell Todd

Year 6

Katie Jo Wilkinson

Arron Birch

Maddison Taylor

Charlie Doyle





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EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS: INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Extra-curricular activities are one of the outstanding features of our school. This year we have offered 50 clubs to the children covering a range of diverse interests. The majority of club leaders are school staff who give up their free time to run the activities. We strive to ensure that there are opportunities for all year groups within school and there are no barriers that could prevent children from getting involved.

Cancellations



Establishing club timetables is a logistical challenge and on-going organisation and management is required to ensure they run smoothly. This has to be managed by staff on top of their regular commitments. We endeavour to ensure the efficient running of the activities but do ask for your understanding, especially in the colder months if clubs need to be cancelled.

If an after school club is cancelled, we will contact parents/carers by text message or phone call if appropriate. We will also endeavour to leave a message on the school website whenever possible. Please do check with our Office Team if you are in any doubt.

Oversubscription



Many of our clubs are extremely popular and may be over subscribed. We do try and accommodate as many children as possible which can mean clubs being targeted at different year groups at different points throughout the year. Unfortunately due to the numbers involved, it might mean that a space is not available for a particular club. We would therefore suggest that parents/carers carefully look through the activities with their child and select a number of clubs to avoid disappointment.

Responsibility for attending the clubs

All children must take responsibility for turning up on time for their clubs and attending every session. Early Years and Key Stage 1 children in particular might require reminders and support preparing and turning up at the right time/place. This will be provided by school staff during the day but for after school clubs, it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to carry out this role.



It is the responsibility of KS2 children to attend the clubs they have signed up for. With the number of children and activities available, staff cannot take responsibility for ensuring the children turn up at the activities.

It is important that children learn commitment and we actively encourage them to complete all sessions. If children do not complete all sessions they are wasting a space that another child could have taken. In the special circumstances that a child decides they can no longer continue to participate in a club, they should inform the club leader personally and immediately.

Behaviour

SPS staff run clubs in their own time. They are not paid for the activities and do it for 'love'. It is a 'privilege' for the children to attend and if their behaviour inside or outside the club is unsatisfactory, this privilege will be withdrawn.

Walking Home

Early years and Key Stage 1 children must be collected at the end of after school clubs. It is the parents'/carers' responsibility to decide if their Upper Key Stage 2 child – Y5 and Y6 is mature or sensible enough to walk home. School **MUST** be informed in writing if a child is permitted to walk home after an extra-curricular activity.

Reception Applications Portal Closes on Monday

Parents of younger children who were born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 are reminded that they **MUST** have applied for September school reception places online by **15th January 2018**. Applications should be made online at the Northumberland County Council website.



What's on at OOSC

Our theme for the week is "Upcycling and Odd Socks"

Next week, children will complete a series of age-directed activities and making sock puppets.

Shanklea's Little Monkeys Play Group

arts and crafts
snacks
music

Wednesdays
9.15am-10.15am
In the main school hall.

building blocks sensory play

Come and join us for our Toddler Group for children under 3 years.

£1.50 entry, includes a drink and a biscuit

stories songs

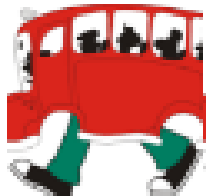
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Limited spaces available. Please book in advance.



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Shanklea Walking Bus



This week has seen the launch of the Shanklea Walking Bus. Our new pick-up and drop-off parking facility at the Masonic Lodge, Cramlington Village is now available to parents. The car park will open at 8.30 every morning and at 3pm every afternoon.

School staff will be at the car park from 8.30am to 8.40am to collect children to walk to school.

It is encouraging to see a steady build up of families starting to take advantage of this extra provision. If you have any questions please get in touch.



Italian Lunch

Thursday 18th January

Our kitchen staff will be preparing a special Italian themed lunch on Thursday 18th January.

The menu (for that day only) will include:

- ◆ Spaghetti and meatballs in tomato sauce
- ◆ Lasagne
- ◆ Vegetarian lasagne
- ◆ Jacket potatoes
- ◆ Garlic bread
- ◆ Salad
- ◆ Assorted Italian Sweets



Please pre-order on Live Kitchen to prevent disappointment. If you have any problems please contact our Office Team.

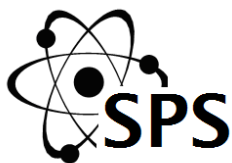
Important Notice

Out of School Club Bookings

For safeguarding and staff planning, it is **VERY IMPORTANT** that children are pre-booked into our Breakfast and Out of School Clubs. Bookings and payments may be made online on the School Gateway. Alternatively, paper forms are available from outside the school office.

Bookings made after the monthly closing date will attract a late booking fee. Please note that whilst we do try to accommodate late bookings these should really only be for emergencies rather than as a regular occurrence. Thank you.

Shanklea Dress Code and P.E. Kit



Trainers are needed for outdoor field work. A tracksuit or warm sweater/fleece will also be required for outdoor work during the winter months.

Hooded sports sweatshirt with SPS on the back, and plain black tracksuits may be worn during outside sports sessions. Please note: These are not part of our normal daily uniform and can only be worn for PE.

All PE kit should be kept in a drawstring bag and be ready for use in school at all times. The children are encouraged to take kit home at weekends for washing and bring it back into school on Monday mornings.

The wearing of jewellery, including earrings, is not allowed in school. Children with pierced ears are allowed to wear plastic insert studs but these must be removed for physical activity. If you intending to allow your child to have their ears pierced, we would advise that this is carried out at the beginning of the longer Summer holiday.

Children with long hair are asked to have it tied back during the school day.

Fashion boots and high heeled footwear are not suitable for school. The wearing of training shoes during the normal school day is discouraged except in exceptional circumstances.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD HAS THE CORRECT P.E. KIT IN SCHOOL AS VALUABLE TIME IS LOST IF THE KIT IS NOT AVAILABLE.

In order to return lost items to their rightful owner it is **ESSENTIAL** that all school clothing is clearly marked with the child's name.





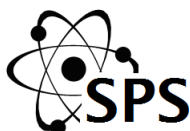
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Spring 1 Timetable

Week 1	
Monday 8 th January 2018	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 9 th January 2018	Launch of the new Walking Bus 8.30a.m Y3/4 Gymnastics Club 8.00-8.45a.m Y5/6 Hockey Club 3.30-4.30p.m
Wednesday 10 th January 2018	9.15-10.15 am Little Monkeys Toddler Group KS1 Computer Club 12.00 – 12.30p.m Y5/6 Recorder Club 12.30-1.00p.m Y5/6 Netball Club 3.30-4.30p.m
Thursday 11 th January 2018	KS2 Dance Club 8– 8.45am KS2 Go Noodle Dance Club 12.15-12.45pm Y1/2/3 Rugby Rockets Club 3.30-4.30pm Y6 Homework Club 3.30-4.30p.m
Friday 12 th January 2018	
Week 2	
Monday 15 th January 2018	Y4/5/6 Football Club 3.30—4.30pm Y5 Skipping Club 3.30-4.30pm
Tuesday 16 th January 2018	Y3/4 Gymnastics Club 8.00-8.45a.m Y5/6 Hockey Club 3.30-4.30p.m Y6 Mr McGregor Class assembly 2.45p.m
Wednesday 17 th January 2018	9.15-10.15 am Little Monkeys Toddler Group KS1 Computer Club 12.00 – 12.30p.m Y5/6 Recorder Club 12.30-1.00p.m Y5/6 Netball Club 3.30-4.30p.m
Thursday 18 th January 2018	Italian Lunch Extravaganza KS2 Dance Club 8– 8.45am KS2 Go Noodle Dance Club 12.15-12.45pm Y1/2/3 Rugby Rockets Club 3.30-4.30pm Y6 Homework Club 3.30-4.30p.m
Friday 19 th January 2018	
Week 3	
Monday 22 nd January 2018	Y4/5/6 Football Club 3.30—4.30pm Y5 Skipping Club 3.30-4.30pm
Tuesday 23 rd January 2018	Firefighter Bag Collection Y3/4 Gymnastics Club 8.00-8.45a.m Y5/6 Hockey Club 3.30-4.30p.m
Wednesday 24 th January 2018	9.15-10.15 am Little Monkeys Toddler Group Computer Club 12.00 – 12.30p.m Recorder Club 12.30-1.00p.m Netball Club 3.30-4.30p.m Y6 Mrs Baxter Class assembly 2.45p.m
Thursday 25 th January 2018	KS2 Dance Club 8– 8.45am KS2 Go Noodle Dance Club 12.15-12.45pm Y6 Hate Crime Workshop Y1/2/3 Rugby Rockets Club 3.30-4.30pm Y6 Homework Club 3.30-4.30p.m
Friday 26 th January 2018	Amsterdam Bike Crew Training Session 1: 12.30-3.15p.m

Timetable



Extra-curricular clubs and our PE timetable are shown in a separate table. Please ensure your child has their P.E. kit **EVERY** day so we can take advantage of good weather and be flexible with our timetabling. Thank you.

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Week 4	
Monday 29 th January 2018	Y4/5/6 Football Club 3.30—4.30pm Y5 Skipping Club 3.30-4.30pm
Tuesday 30 th January 2018	Y3/4 Gifted Writers' Workshop Y3/4 Gymnastics Club 8.00-8.45a.m Y5/6 Hockey Club 3.30-4.30p.m
Wednesday 31 st January 2018	9.15-10.15 am Little Monkeys Toddler Group KS1 Computer Club 12.00 – 12.30p.m Y5/6 Recorder Club 12.30-1.00p.m Y5/6 Netball Club 3.30-4.30p.m
Thursday 1 st February 2018	KS2 Dance Club 8– 8.45am KS2 Go Noodle Dance Club 12.15-12.45pm Y5 LG Class assembly 2.45p.m Y1/2/3 Rugby Rockets Club 3.30-4.30pm Y6 Homework Club 3.30-4.30p.m
Friday 2 nd February 2018	Publication of mid-term progress reports
Week 5	
Monday 5 th February 2018	Y4/5/6 Football Club 3.30—4.30pm Y5 Skipping Club 3.30-4.30pm Y5DC Class assembly 2.45p.m Year 6 parent consultation meeting 3.30-6.00p.m
Tuesday 6 th February 2018	Gymnastics Club 8.00-8.45a.m Hockey Club 3.30-4.30p.m Year 6 parent consultation meeting 3.30-6.00p.m
Wednesday 7 th February 2018	9.15-10.15 am Little Monkeys Toddler Group Computer Club 12.00 – 12.30p.m Recorder Club 12.30-1.00p.m Netball Club 3.30-4.30p.m Y1 Parents Phonics Workshop
Thursday 8 th February 2018	Y3 / Y4 Gymnastics competition/festival Local Election – school closed
Friday 9 th February 2018	PTFA Shanklea Valentine's Disco School closes tonight for Spring Term holiday

Monday 19 th February 2018	School re-opens
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Extra-curricular Clubs

	Breakfast Session	Lunch	After school session 3.30-4.30p.m
Monday			Football Y4/5/6 Skipping Y5
Tuesday	Gymnastics Y3/4		Hockey Y5/6
Wednesday		KS1 Computer Y5/6 Recorders	
Thursday	KS2 Dance	KS2 Go Noodle Dance	Y6 Homework Rugby Y1/2/3

P.E. Days

	Class
Monday	JR1; BD2; CC2; LG5; DC5; SB6; SM6
Tuesday	KLR; DAC1/SH1; DW3; LG5; DC5
Wednesday	ER3; DW3; SH4; AK4; SB6; SM6
Thursday	MSR; BD2; CC2; ER3; AK4
Friday	DAC1/SH1; JR1; SH4

Children should have their P.E. kit with them EVERY DAY to allow flexibility with timetables.