

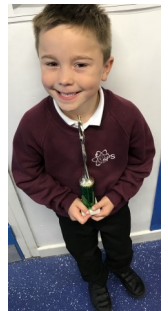


Congratulations to **Lily** who achieved a Merit in a recent ballet exam. What an amazing achievement!

**Amelia** loves music and is a guitarist in the making. Keep up the good work, Amelia.



Thanks to his hard work and determination, **Louis** is becoming a tremendous footballer. He has just been awarded a trophy to mark his success.



## Shanklea Superstars



### Shanklea Superstars Junior Great North Run



The 2018 Great North Run weekend was officially the biggest yet, with more people crossing the finish line than ever before. That included Shanklea Primary School as usual with the cutest of competitors in the Junior and Mini Great North Runs 2018.

Children had the chance to experience their own finish line moment and wear their medals with pride. Congratulations to everyone who took on the challenge.



A special mention should go to Shanklea staff (past and present) who successfully completed the Great North Run the next day – **Mr Allan, Mrs Earle, Mrs Greenwood, Mrs Laughton, Ms Rigg, Mr McGregor and Mr Winter.**



### Shanklea and the Wider Community

We are very proud of our school and we encourage our children and our community to be proud too. We are all committed to ensuring the best possible school experience for each and every child.

We endeavour to work closely with parents and carers to ensure that every child has a happy and fulfilling time at Shanklea. Sometimes, however, there may be occasions when parents have concerns about something that has happened in (or out of) school or feel we could improve something. If this happens, **PLEASE** contact us straightaway and we will arrange for the appropriate member of staff to discuss your concerns with you so we can work together to implement the best solution possible. In the unlikely event that you feel that the situation has not been satisfactorily addressed **please let us know** so the situation may be resolved to everyone's satisfaction. Mrs Brown makes sure she is always available to discuss parental concerns.

It is important that any negative comments are not shared in public particularly on social media as such comments can be seen by the wider community and, taken out of context, could cause serious harm to our reputation. Such criticisms are also likely to upset the children who need to see the adults who care for them at home and at school work together in partnership, in a mutually respectful manner so they feel safe, happy and confident.

We are confident that school, children and families can continue to communicate and work together effectively so all our children feel secure and happy on their school journey. We appreciate your continued co-operation.





# Shanklea Primary School

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## Attendance Matters



Your child's daily, on-time attendance is critical to their success in school. And, while some challenges to your child's school attendance are unavoidable, it's important to understand the impact of each absence and ensure they attend school (and arrive on time) as much as possible.

A pupil is considered persistently absent if they miss only **two days of school per month** (18 days in a year), irrespective of the reason for absence. This is true for children as early as Nursery, when they are at a higher risk of falling behind in their emerging early basic skills. Even one year of chronic absence can cause a child to fall behind academically and decrease their chances of success at high school, which can have long-term consequences on their financial independence, physical well-being and mental health.

### The good news?

Attending school every day increases a child's chances of success in school and in life. There are many reasons why students miss school when they don't have to — struggling in the classroom, having trouble with friendships, or dealing with challenges at home. But when your child misses school for any reason, it becomes harder for them to succeed in school.

As a parent or carer, you can identify the reasons why your child is absent from school and help them to overcome these challenges. Please help set your child up for long-term success by making sure they are in school every day.

## Keep your child safe online

**Thinkuknow** is the education programme from CEOP, a UK organisation which protects children both online and offline.

Children can explore the **Thinkuknow** website for advice about staying safe when on a phone, tablet or computer. Indeed, the children in Years 4,5 and 6 have been playing a new E safety game this week which has been produced on the CEOP website.

We strongly recommend parents to have a look at the website to learn more about e-safety and how to stay safe online. We also recommend parents try out some of the games with their children—not only is it a great opportunity to spend some fun time with your child but it helps understand how they experience the internet.

The following link has useful tips for parents on exploring the website with their child.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/band-runner/>



## Last week's attendance

Classes of the week with **100%** attendance are:

**MSR DAC1 ER3**  
**AK4 CC5 SB6**



Year Group	Average Attendance %
Reception	97.8
1	99.5
2	92.9
3	99.5
4	99.5
5	99.1
6	99.5

## Reception Parents: Read, Write Inc Workshop

Children who read at home do well at school. Just a reminder that there is a Phonics parents' workshop on **Thursday 20th September 2018 2pm** where you will have the opportunity to learn more about Read Write Inc and how the parent partnerships will support your child in their learning.

The workshop will be run by members of the Early Years Team and will introduce fun homework activities from the start of the school year. We hope you can come along.

## Data Collection Sheets

Children have brought home Data Collection Sheets this week. It is really important that parents/carers check these carefully and return them (with any corrections) to school as soon as possible. We must have at least **two contacts for each child** so that we are able to get in touch promptly should the need arise.

## Year 4 Alnwick Residential

The final price for the Year 4 residential trip to Alnwick Youth Hostel is **£140**. Can parents/carers please clear balances by **Friday 5th October 2018**. Balances may be checked with our Office Team. Thank you.

## Scholastic Books

The final data for ordering books from the Scholastic catalogue is **Friday 21st September 2018**.





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## Flu Immunisation: Reception, Years 1 to 5

Children in Reception and Years 1 to 5 have brought home letters and leaflets this week with details about this year's national Influenza Immunisation Programme.

**Please read these carefully and return the form to school by 10am on Wednesday 19th September 2018.**

It is important to return forms promptly as they are collected by NHS staff and your child may not receive the immunisation if the form is not collected. There is only one opportunity to have the vaccine in school and GPs won't be able to give it separately unless your child is in a clinical risk group. Please read the letter carefully to check your child should have the vaccination.

The vaccination is needle-free and is given as a nasal spray up each nostril. It is totally painless, very quick and nothing at all for your child to worry about.

The vaccination will be given in school during the morning of **Tuesday 11th December 2018**

## If your child has been ill

Please note that if your child experiences vomiting or diarrhoea they should not return to school until 48 hours has passed from when they last experienced symptoms. This is to prevent the spread of illness within the school. Thank you for your co-operation.

## Coming Up Next Week

**Wednesday 19th September, 9.15am**

Little Monkeys Toddler Session

**Thursday 20th September, 2.00pm**

Reception Parents Read Write Inc Meeting



## SHANKLEA SMILEY DAY LUNCH THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018

To celebrate the Autumn term we would like to invite you to stay and enjoy a Smiley lunch.

Chicken or Quorn Nuggets with Chips

Iced Donuts or Smiley Biscuits  
Served with Juice



## Shanklea Smiley Day Lunch



In It Together Parent Carer Forum and Northumberland County Council warmly invite you to our.....



## SEND Information Roadshows

For the families of children and young people with SEND (special educational needs and disabilities) in Northumberland and the professionals who work with them.

Venue	Date	Time
West Northumberland: Hexham Mart, Tyne Green, Hexham, NE46 3SG	Thursday 20th September	10.00am - 4.00pm
South/East Northumberland: Hirst Welfare Centre, Alexandra Road, Ashington, NE63 9HN	Monday 1st October	10.00am - 4.00pm
North Northumberland: Alnwick Rugby Club, Willowburn Avenue, Alnwick, NE66 1BE	Thursday 25th October	10.00am - 4.00pm

### Each event will include:

- Information stalls representing a wide range of services and organisations
- Workshops on the Graduated Approach for children and young people with SEND

Booking is not required. Just come along when you can (between 10.00am - 4.00pm) to the event most convenient to you.

For further information please contact In It Together Parent Carer Forum, at [info@in-it-together.org.uk](mailto:info@in-it-together.org.uk) or on 07729192909.

Please pre-book your child's Smiley Day Lunch on Live Kitchen.