



Shanklea Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Weekly Newsletter

Even though rates of infection have dropped significantly, we are still working hard to stay Covid-safe, maintaining all previous safety measures in school; including frequent cleaning, handwashing and working in bubbles. All existing staggered times and entrances have remained the same and we are also still asking adults to wear face coverings on school premises. As and when we receive any further guidance from the Local Authority regarding any relaxation of these measures, we will update our risk assessment accordingly and keep you informed.



We continue to promote good hygiene practice throughout the day and everyone washes or sanitises their hands regularly. We are grateful to **Mrs Hagan** who, as PHSE co-coordinator, has managed to arrange delivery of free **Lifebuoy hand sanitisers** for all KS2 children. These are safe for them to use with adult supervision and should help to keep them safer when they are out and about.

It's great to see our children and families being healthy and using bikes and scooters as transport to school. However, we need to ensure that this is done **safely**, especially on roads and on the school site.

- Parents and carers **MUST** supervise children closely when bringing them into, or collecting them from, school.
- **Please do not allow children to run around or play on verges or equipment and please exit the site as soon as possible.**
- **DO NOT** let them drive their bike down grass banks, playground areas, ramped access areas or wheel the bike down steps.
- Please also ensure that you stick to our **one way system** during these Covid times.



It is so important that we all continue to do our bit to keep everyone safe. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Parent Consultations/Pupil Progress Updates

We will be holding pupil progress update meetings with parents/carers from April 26th 2021. These will be conducted with class teachers via video-link. We have sent a letter with more information and links to the website where you can book and log onto appointments. Thank you to the many families who have already booked. The teachers are looking forward to discussing with you about how your children have settled back into school life

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and about the progress they are making.

If anyone is having any problems booking an appointment please contact our Office Team on: 01670 715205, admin@shanklea.northumberland.sch.uk or text us via the School Gateway. Annual Reports will be sent out towards the end of the summer term.



Reports this year will be an evaluation of your child's progress this academic year. This includes: teacher assessments and observations, classroom discussions and activities that your child has taken part in during face to face teaching sessions. They will also reflect observations of learning during school closures and class isolation periods, such as pupil participation during 'on-line live sessions for learning' and participation in other aspects of online and home learning.

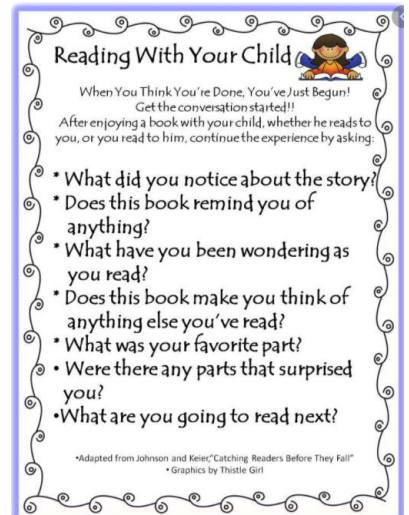
Reminder: Your child's class teacher can also be contacted by emailing them directly. Email addresses are listed on our website at www.shanklea.northumberland.sch.uk

Reading is fun

We would like to say a big thank you to all the families who are supporting us with the home reading systems, allowing us to provide books in a Covid secure manner. It has been great to see the children demonstrating their enthusiasm for reading after this tricky time.

Even as your child grows older and begins to read more independently, reading together can remain a special time for families. Sharing a story with their classes remains many of our teachers and pupils favourite part of the day right up to Year 6. However it can be useful and fun to continue conversations after the books have been closed.

A few tips for doing this are shown on the right.



Operation Rescue Lilly Hoglet

The Nursery children found a young hedgehog in their play area on Tuesday. We watched the hedgehog from a distance first and left it alone, but it soon became clear that the hedgehog was in need of rescuing.

Mrs Blackett safely caught and handled the spiky hedgehog then, wearing thick gloves, gently placed it into a secure cardboard box with ventilation holes, lined with a towel. We handled the animal as little as possible to keep the hedgehog wild. We kept the hedgehog warm and quiet until a lady from the **Northumbrian Hedgehog Rescue Trust** came to collect it. We were told that the hedgehog was female so one of the children, **Darcie**, suggested the name 'Lilly Hoglet'.





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Are you taking part in Captain Tom 100?



Captain Sir Tom Moore's simple message of hope **"tomorrow will be a good day"** has inspired and brought comfort to millions of people during the pandemic. Last year, Captain Tom set out round his garden to thank our NHS heroes and, one hundred laps later, he'd raised an incredible £38.9 million for the NHS Covid-19 appeal.

Friday 30th April would have been Captain Tom's 101st birthday and to celebrate his life, the hope and joy he brought to millions, and his sense of fun, The Captain Tom Foundation is inviting everyone, of all ages and abilities, to take part in the **Captain Tom 100**.

The idea is simple. Take on a challenge based around the number 100. Just decide on your 100 challenge and complete it on Friday 30 April or continue the challenge at home right through to Monday 3 May. It could be to read 100 pages in a book, give 100 compliments, run 100 metres, learn to count to 100 or solve maths problems to do with the number 100.

You can share your 100 challenge on social media using #CaptainTom100.

The Daily Mile



We shall be participating in **The Daily Mile** too. The Daily Mile has been shown to have a transformative impact on children's physical and mental health and wellbeing and has a positive impact on their behaviour and concentration levels. It makes children fitter, healthier and happier and is simple and effective, enabling every child, including those with special needs, to be active every day. It takes just 15 minutes per day, and the children love it.

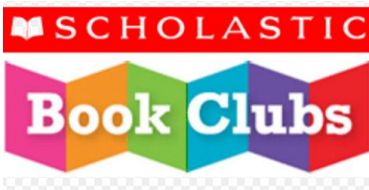
Shanklea Forest

We have been working hard in the forest to revamp our outdoor learning environment. We have added 30 seats to our campfire, made new den building areas, started new woodland trails and are developing a woodland role play cafe. We are continuing to build up our ideas and add new stimulating areas.

If anybody has any pallets we would love to take them off your hands. Thank you.



Scholastic Books



Our new **Scholastic Book Club is up and running!** Your child has brought home a promotional leaflet this week. Please go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/shanklea-county/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online. For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 20p** in Scholastic Rewards.





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Please place your order and pay securely online by **April 30th, 2021**. You can choose to have your books delivered via school, free of charge.

If your child has a **Scholastic voucher** please contact the office so we can process the order for you. Please note Scholastic vouchers awarded to children must be redeemed using the **rewards price** rather than the offer price. Thanks

National survey of children, The Big Ask

The new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched **The Big Ask** – the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England. It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that we can put children at the heart of our country's recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

All schools are encouraged to support their pupils to [complete this survey](https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/).



A range of [teaching resources](#) have also been produced, including lesson plans and activity packs, to help teachers incorporate this into their lessons.

Parents, carers and those working with children are also invited [to complete the adult survey](https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/adults/) to share their views about the future for children and young people today, and what they think is holding young people back.

The results from this survey will help the Children's Commissioner identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve.

Travelling safely

It is likely that the roads and public transport system will now be busier than when students returned in March, given other businesses have reopened so the Department for Education has asked schools to pass on the following information on how pupils can travel to and from school safely:

- if you live a short distance from your school or college, walk, cycle or scoot to and from school wherever it is possible and safe to do so
- avoid sharing a car with anyone outside of your household or support bubble
- if you are using public transport to get to school or college, plan ahead and allow more time for your journey
- when you are travelling by public or dedicated school transport, don't forget to:
 - wear a face covering (unless you are exempt – including if you are aged 11 and under). It is important you wear them for the entirety of your journey, including inside a bus or train station





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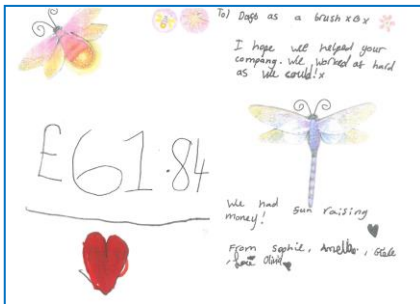
- social distance where possible
- wash or sanitise your hands regularly
- be considerate to fellow passengers and staff.

Shanklea Superstars

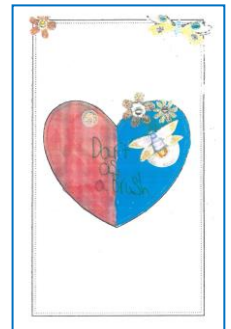


Congratulations to the **Shanklea Stars** of last week

Judy M Billy R Cameron C Evie W Oona S Blake M Mason K
 Devin R Jessica C Jayden M Charlotte J Logan M Zak L Jack C



Well done to **Sophie, Amelia, Grace, Olivia** and **Lexi** who raised **£61.84** for the Daft as a Brush charity and made this wonderful card for them.



Stay safe.

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Mrs H Brown
 Head Teacher

