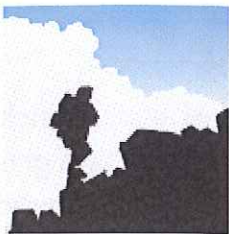


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... where **love** is the motivating force. (2 Corinthians chapter 5 verse 14)

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Shanklin CE Primary School,

Happy New Year - **Szczęśliwy nowy rok** (Polish) - শুভ নববর্ষ (Bengali)
Šťastný Nový Rok (Czech) - **Boldog új évet** (Hungarian) - **Bonne année** (French)
Appy Noo Yurrr (Oile o' Waight!) - **Gutes Neues Jahr** German
Gelukkig Nieuwjaar (Dutch) - **Feliz año Nuevo** (Spanish)
Gott Nytt År (önskas inför det nya året) (Swedish)
Ano Novo Feliz (Portuguese) - **Buon Anno, Felice Anno Nuovo** (Italian)

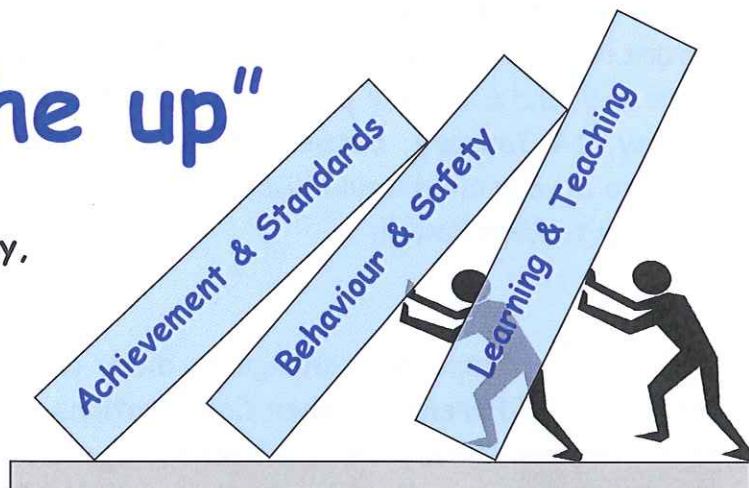
Why do you think I have included **these** languages?
And why **haven't** I included "Austrian"?

If recent months are anything to go by,
I am **really** looking forward to 2013

What a pleasure it was to read the recent County Press article that highlighted so many positives from the recent HMI report (HMI are the people that Ofsted use to inspect their inspectors). This is the first Ofsted report that I have ever seen that has described **teachers' "Exceptional Skill"** and described other teaching as **"very effective in driving pupils' progress."** In his verbal feedback at the end of the inspection Paul Scott (HMI) said **"behaviour throughout the school is very good"**, and you can be sure that words like that are used extremely carefully by inspectors and only when they are confident that they have the evidence to justify it. As I mentioned in the post-Ofsted meeting we had in October, we needed to reverse the domino effect, and I believe the feedback from the HMI clearly shows that, together, we have already significantly improved Learning & Teaching and Behaviour & Safety and are ...

definitely "on the up"

The next assessment week is just a month away,
when we will be able to look at progress
and further improvement in standards.
Do please encourage your children to make the
most of every opportunity, including homework!



Announcing Shanklin CE Primary's New-Look Website!

www.shanklincepri.iow.sch.uk (Book it as a favourite to save typing! All Sherpa editions available)



Nativity

I had lovely letters of thanks from lots of people, including grandparents who were unable to attend their own grandchild's first nativity on the mainland, who came along, enjoyed it so much and were full of praise for your children and our school. It really was a fantastic community celebration.

A retiring collection was taken after both performances, and nearly £300 was generously given. Donations will be made to: St. Saviour on the Cliff Church, as a thank you for allowing us to use their church and to help towards the heating; and to the Children's Society, who supported our Christingle Service,; the rest will go towards putting on future events: see Summer Musical??

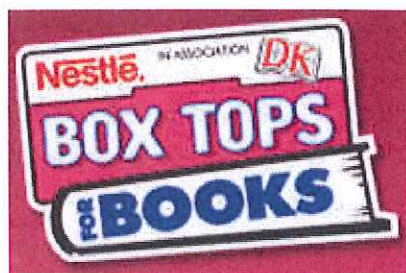
Nativity DVD just £3 per copy

We are delighted to be able to offer you a DVD of The Stable Story for just £3. Please ask at the school office, payment with orders please. Thank you.

Summer Musical???

Already there is some planning going on for what we might be able to do as a performance in the summer - there is even the possibility that we might be able to negotiate use of the professional stage at Shanklin Theatre -

THAT really would be a REAL experience for the children!



Tokens and stamps

We collect "Box Tops for Books", which are found on packs of Nestlé cereals. Each token is worth 10p to us so please remember to cut the tokens and bring them into school. Thank you.

Karate Taster Session

We are really pleased to be able to offer the opportunity to pupils in Years 4, 5, and 6 to take part in a karate taster session next Monday, 14 January, between 3—4 pm. Letters have been sent home, so if your child would like to try karate, please return the reply slip to Miss Powell.



2013

Important change to diary dates:

Parent Teacher Consultations

These have now been rescheduled—so instead of being next week they will now be on Tuesday 26 February (6—8 pm) and Wednesday 27 February (3.30-5.30pm).

January	February	March	April
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Ten Free children's tickets for Portsmouth V Hartlepool - Sat 26th January. Children will need to pay for their own travel (ferry and train the other side), but the match ticket is free. Requests for a ticket to Miss Powell Year 5. If there are more than 10 requests for tickets, there will be a random draw. Two adults from the school will accompany the children.

The class with the best attendance for week ending 20 December 2012 was **Holland Class with 93.1% Well done to Holland Class.**
Holland Class 93.1%, Austria Class 92.5%, Greece Class 78.8%, Germany Class 90.9%, Sweden Class 84.3%, Poland Class 88.5%, Italy Class 91.9% and Portugal Class 80.8%

WEEK 4

Weeks commencing: 24 Sept, 22 Oct, 19 Nov, 17 Dec, 14 Jan and 11 Feb

MONDAY:

Beef bolognaise with pasta, frittata with new potatoes, peas, carrots, carrot and sultana salad, chocolate crunch with fruit slices.

TUESDAY:

Roast turkey, roast potatoes, gravy, cheesy hotpot, cabbage and swede, salad, fruit flapjack with custard.

WEDNESDAY:

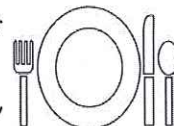
Sausage meat plait with mashed potato, spicy quorn pitta pocket with baked Cajun wedges, broccoli, sweetcorn, salad, golden syrup pudding with custard.

THURSDAY:

Roast beef, roast potatoes, gravy, quorn sausages, mashed potato, salad, ice-cream with toppings.

FRIDAY:

Fish fingers with chips, Goan vegetable curry with rice, baked beans, peas, salad, carrot cake with citrus frosting.



Synergy Research (from last Sherpa):

"Synergy" happens when two or more people or things **work together to be better** or more effective than either part could be on their own.

eg A pair of scissors is made from two blades.

Neither would be much use at all without the other.

But **TOGETHER** they are really effective!



Thank you to the PTA for **ANOTHER £120** raised through textile recycling and for all of your kind donations of old clothes for "Phil the bag" that made it possible!

WANTED — volunteers to make a difference !



The staff who have kept **PTA** running have done an amazing job, but we would welcome parents with ideas and time to offer, joining in and adding your "piece to the jigsaw" of the dynamic and engaging **PTA** we would all love to see.

I want to help the school - I can offer some time - Sometimes I have good ideas - I can get stuck in and help practically - I have contacts who might be useful for the school - I'm not sure what I can do to help, but I'm willing to do something to help ... If any of these describe you - Please complete the form

below to let us know.

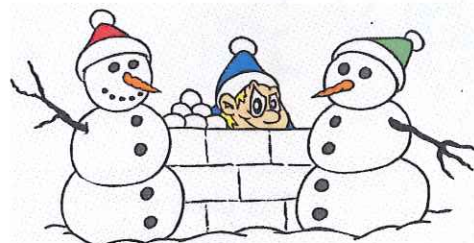
I would like to help in some way to make the PTA the biggest possible support to the school.

.....(name) Parent / carer for(child) Class

MANY thanks,

David Moorse Head teacher

In the light of recent forecasts of possible snow in the UK, I thought it might be helpful to have a reminder of the bad weather information from November's Sherpa



SNOW ?

We will always try our best to keep the school open if it is safe to do so.

We need to consider all aspects, from the condition of the school grounds, to staff availability due to unsafe travelling.



The **council website** has a page dedicated to the status of schools: whether they are open or closed, and in past years they have updated the page with additional guidance to parents.

You can assume that the school will be open unless the council have declared otherwise

The council also informs **Isle of Wight Radio (FM 107)** which always does its best to keep everyone informed, so it is worth tuning in to hear a regular update.

I will do my best to make a decision as early as possible in order to help you make any necessary plans.

Please do not phone the school to find out if the school is open or closed, as it is impossible for us to talk individually to 200 or so families.

We also have a texting system to inform parents,
so please do make sure that we have your latest mobile phone number - Thank you!