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# Shanklin Sherpa



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Welcome to our weekly newsletter, with a new look and a new name.  
How many different reasons can YOU think of for choosing the title "Sherpa"?

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

## WELCOME BACK

We would like to welcome everybody back to school and hope you had a good summer holiday. We would also like to welcome the children in Reception class who have started school for the first time.



## FREE PARKING

Attached to the end of this newsletter is a permit which allows you **free parking in the Orchardleigh Road car park for 30 minutes each morning and afternoon** whilst dropping off or collecting your children from school. The Police have been in touch about illegal and dangerous parking around the school, so please for the safety of all the children take advantage of this facility.

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

The school photographer will be in school on Monday 17 September to take individual photos, so full smart uniform please. If you have younger-older children and would like a family group photo then these will be done first (from 8.30am), so please come into school via the hall entrance.



## RECEPTION CLASS PHOTOS FOR COUNTY PRESS

Each year the County Press produce a 'First Class' supplement with photos of reception class children at all the Island schools. We are expecting the photographer on Tuesday 25 September, so full smart uniform please. This will be a group photo, and although names are given the children are not individually identified.



## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

After school clubs will start again next week. Places are limited and your child has been notified if they have a place in their chosen club(s). We are in the process of arranging an after school Chess club - we will keep you posted with full details as soon as we have them.

## UNIFORM

The children have come back to school looking very smart, but please may I remind you that hoodies / trainers / high heel shoes / nail varnish / jewellery and make up are not part of school uniform, so please save these items for home. Many thanks!



## SCHOOL BAGS

Due to very limited cloakroom space and therefore health & safety issues, please can we ask that children in Reception up to Year 5 bring only their reading bags and drawstring PE bags to school. Year 6 may bring a rucksack, if they wish.

## ATTENDANCE

Children only spend 13% of their time in school (when you account for weekends and holidays etc.) and learning programmes are carefully crafted by teachers to steadily progress children's skills and understanding so it is absolutely crucial that all pupils attend school whenever possible.

The classes with the best attendance for week ending 7 September 2012 were Greece and Italy Classes with 100% Well done to Greece and Italy. Holland Class 98.3%, Austria Class 91.4%, Greece Class 100%, Germany Class 89.6%, Sweden Class 96.3%, Poland Class 99.0%, Italy Class 100% and Portugal Class 97.9%

**School starts at  
08:45**  
Please arrive early  
for a prompt start

## 'PHIL' THE BAG

Thank you to everyone who took part in this scheme last term. We collected 250kg of textiles for which we have been given a cheque for £125, which will go towards school funds.



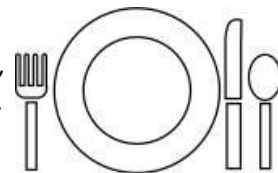
## FORMER 'UGANDA CLASS'

Uganda Class last year wanted to raise money for less fortunate children in a school in Uganda, which they did by holding cake and second-hand sales. A total of £255.43 was raised and a cheque has now been sent to this charity. A BIG "Thank you" to all involved.

## MENU

Week commencing 17 September

- MONDAY:** Cottage pie, Mediterranean tart with new potatoes, carrots, sweetcorn, cucumber and tomato salad, berry chill.
- TUESDAY:** Spanish chicken paella, penne pasta vegetable bake with IW garlic and herb bread, roasted vegetables, garden peas, vegetable sticks, ginger and orange cake with custard.
- WEDNESDAY:** Roast pork, roast quorn with roast or mashed potatoes and gravy, cabbage parsnips, green salad, giant crunchy cookie with fruit slices.
- THURSDAY:** Creamy salmon pasta, cheese and tomato pizza with jacket potato, peas, carrots, apple, cucumber & celery salad, marble cake with chocolate sauce.
- FRIDAY:** Burger in a bun with relish and chipped potatoes, Tuscan bean butternut Risotto, baked beans, broccoli, light crunchy coleslaw, crunchy plum crumble with custard.



## Dates for this term / school year

(Please do check these dates from time to time as there may be some changes)

## ACADEMIC YEAR 2012 - 2013

- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September - School Photographer - Individual photos
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September - Reception class - County Press photo.
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest Festival - details to follow
- Tuesday 23 October - Scholastic Book Fayre arrives - details to follow
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October - Parent Teacher consultations
- Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November - Half Term Holidays
- Saturday 22 December to Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January - Christmas Holidays
- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February to Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Half Term Holidays
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Holidays
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May - May Day Bank Holiday
- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Half Term Holidays
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of term



Our **Ofsted report** is due out by **19<sup>th</sup> Sept**, so we have scheduled a meeting for parents on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>** straight after school, and a second at 6pm to present to you our responses and outline the way ahead.

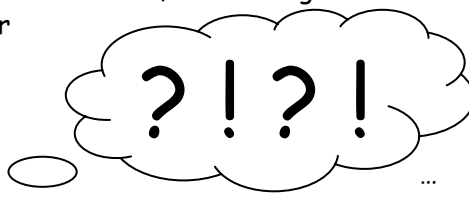
## NEW SCHOOL RULES

We will all help each other to be:  
In the **right place**  
At the **right time**  
With the **right stuff**  
And the **right "head"**  
Doing the **right thing!**

We want every one of our children to learn that they all have a role to play in helping each other to be "doing the right thing".  
These rules are designed to be clear and simple, to provoke thoughtful reflection and independence, and to be consistent across all varieties of situations and lessons, as well as consistent with rules at home.

**THUNKS** are questions that may not have an answer, & are designed to make you think things through thoroughly.

- Step 1: Find a friend or a family member
- Step 2: Ask a "Thunk"
- Step 3: Answer, giving reasons why!
- Step 4: Disagree with their answer!
- Step 5 to .... Take turns to discuss



**Thunk of the week** - Are you a different person by the end of each day?

Yours sincerely, *David Moore* Head teacher