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Shanklin Sherpa



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

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

Young Entrepreneurs:

Year 5 are starting their DVD lending library (U and PG only). If you fancy borrowing one, just see any year 5 pupil for details. **Year 5 say** "If there's a film you'd really like to watch that we don't have, let us know and we'll put out a request to try to get it for you!" (Thank you Year 5! - Mr Moorese)

Spring-Watch at Shanklin!

It seems strange to be thinking of spring with all this snow around, but we are setting up two bird nest-boxes with **TV cameras** in so the birds can get used to them in time to nest this year. We will be able to view and record any nest-building, egg-laying, incubating, brooding, hatching, feeding of young and fledging. Fingers crossed that they like their new purpose-built homes!



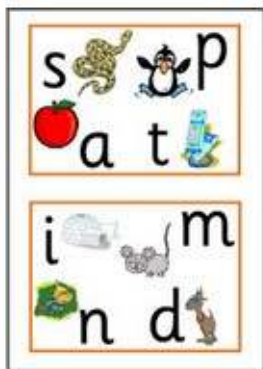
Good News for Shanklin behind the headline figures & Academy News...

Last year, Shanklin's Year 6's average points score (a measure of the performance of all pupils) was almost identical to a local school recently graded "Good", and the percentage of pupils at Shanklin who exceeded the national expected level for year 6, and achieved a **level 5 in both English AND Maths**, was 1½ times the "Good" School's. But that was LAST year's results - we are looking forward to year-on-year improvements that will bring even greater successes for your children.

There is a meeting on Monday between the Diocese and the Government Department for Education to look at proposals for investment and improving the school as part of becoming an academy. The prospects are really exciting.

To hear the latest update from the Diocesan Director of Education, the Chair of Governors and myself, come to the **information evening for parents at 6pm this Thursday 24th January.**

See Richard Priest's letter on the back page of this newsletter



Reception Phonics games to play at home!

We have recently bought a whole range of games designed specifically for children to play with their parents, which will not only be great for family fun times, but will also help boost your child's confidence and fluency in recognising letters and sounds and help them on their way to reading, and these will be coming home regularly from now on.

Phonics Competition for all year groups:

Key stage 1: Find as many words as you can that END with the letters **___ch**

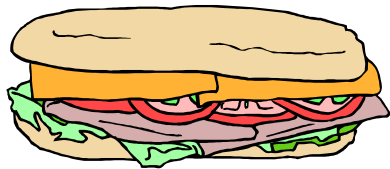
Key stage 2: Find as many words as you can that END with the letters **___tch**

The catch! You MUST find out the meaning of all the words you find!

Give your list of words to your teacher on Monday 26th January

Reading Help: Improving confidence and fluency in reading is absolutely key to enable children to progress in all aspects of their learning.

We would like to invite parents/grandparents into school to listen to individual children read, so if you are able to help in this way please come and talk to a member of staff. You would not necessarily be in the same class as your own child/children, but any parent who has an hour or so to spare would be most welcome.



As from Monday, **baguettes** will be available daily. These are to be pre-ordered, like the jacket potatoes, and the fillings are cheese, ham, or tuna mayo. The children can choose to have the baguette with a little salad, or the veg of the day (to be chosen at the counter), as well as the pudding of the day. The cost remains £2 per day.

WEEK 1

Weeks commencing: 1 Oct, 26 Nov and 21 Jan

MONDAY: Coconut chicken and rice, cheese and tomato pizza with jacket wedges, peas, carrots, mixed salad, toffee apple crumble with custard.

TUESDAY: Beef cobbler with mashed potatoes, cheese and onion quiche with new potatoes, broccoli, sweetcorn, cucumber and tomato salad, bread and butter pudding with custard.

WEDNESDAY: Pot roast gammon, or quorn roast, gravy, roast or mashed potatoes, cabbage, carrots, beetroot and spring onion salad, apricot fool with shortbread finger.

THURSDAY: Lasagne, chimichanga with sweet chilli sauce and spicy cous cous, peas, coleslaw, vegetable sticks, fruit in jelly.

FRIDAY: Salmon fish fingers, chips, pasta Neapolitan with garlic and herb bread, green beans, baked beans, tomato and cucumber salsa, chocolate and banana muffin.



The class with the best attendance for week ending 11 January 2013 was

Holland Class with 98.0% Well done to Holland Class.

Holland Class 98.0%, Austria Class 94.6%, Greece Class 92.7%, Germany Class 87.3%, Sweden Class 95.7%, Poland Class 94.5%, Italy Class 95.9% and Portugal Class 93.5%

Parents Teacher Association - P T A

We are not looking for a few people to do a lot. We are looking for a lot of people who are willing to do a little. We have staff who are willing to take the lead, and they have shown what is possible if just two people have an idea and run with it - the Christmas Fayre that raised over £520 was down to them. Every little helps as they say, and if another couple of people can have another idea, and another couple..... Suddenly it all becomes do-able and there's always someone to chip in and help when needed

I know we all lead busy lives, and committing to something on a regular basis is not easy, but if enough people volunteer to help with the PTA, then we can organise fun events and raise money for your children and each person may only be actively involved in one event per year or so.

We may all only be able to make a small contribution and make a small difference, but together..... It was Margaret Mead who said **"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has"**.



Please consider offering a willing helping-hand, and drop me a note, or pop in for a coffee and a chat to find out more on Wednesday 30 January between 9—10 am.

School Uniform

We are proud of belonging to Shanklin CE Primary School.
How smartly we dress and present ourselves reflects this.
Our smart, but simple uniform portrays the school's ethos and shared positive values.

A navy blue v-neck jumper or cardigan with the school logo.
A white shirt or blouse with a school tie.
Black trousers, Navy skirts or pinafores.
Socks or tights should be grey, black or navy



Jewellery & Make-up

Again for safety reasons, rings, necklaces and bracelets should not be worn. If your child has pierced ears, then small ear-studs only may be worn which must be removed for PE for safety reasons. **If your child is too young to remove ear-rings themselves, please could you remove them before they come to school on the days they have PE - Thank you.**

Nail varnish and make-up are also not part of school uniform and should be saved for home.



We have several children in school who have severe nut allergies, so this is just a reminder please not to put nuts in your children's lunchboxes (no peanut butter, chocolate or cereal bars with nuts, etc.) Most foods have a list of ingredients on the packaging, so if in doubt, please check the labels. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Measuring height/weight of children in Reception and Year 6

As part of the National Child Measurement Programme, the school nurses will be measuring/weighing all children in Reception Class and Year 6, on Friday 21 February. This will be done privately and information will not be disclosed to others. Letters giving further details have been sent home, with the option to withdraw your child from this programme.



Dates to Keep 2013

(Do please use your school rules **fridge magnet** to keep these safe for future reference!)

Wednesday 30th January— PTA Coffee morning 9—10am

Friday 1st February - Height/Weight survey for Reception and Year 6 - details to follow

Saturday 16th to Sunday 24th February - Half term holiday

Tuesday 26th February - Parent Teacher Consultations 6 to 8pm

Wednesday 27th February - Parent Teacher Consultations 3.30 to 5.30pm

Friday 29th March to Sunday 14th April - Easter holiday.

Monday 6th May - May Day Bank holiday

Monday 13th to Wednesday 15th May - Year 5 trip to Little Canada

Saturday 25th May to Sunday 2nd June - Half term holiday

Monday 8th July to Friday 12th July - Year 6 trip to Thorness Bay

Friday 19th July - last day of Summer term

David Moorse Head teacher

Shanklin Primary Academy - Latest News & OFSTED Monitoring Inspection Feedback

- Information for Parents and Carers -

at **6pm this Thursday 24th** in the School Hall

Dear Parents and Carers,

You are warmly invited to our presentation for parents on the Ofsted Monitoring Inspection feedback from last month, and we will outline the further actions we are taking to bring **further rapid and continuing improvement**.

We will also take this opportunity to share with you the exciting prospects for next year and beyond, arising from the ongoing progress towards **Academy status**, which is now very likely to be completed by the start of **September this year**.

As you will appreciate from earlier newsletters, the School has made significant progress in many areas, but also recognises the need to make progress in other areas, and to do so we need the continued support of parents and carers, as well as other partners.

The Headteacher and I will be updating parents on developments since the report, outlining plans going forward (including the latest public information regarding plans for the Diocese Sponsored Academy), and responding to any questions or concerns that you may have.

If you are unable to attend, please do not hesitate to forward any questions so that we can answer them directly and (without breaking any confidentiality) share answers with other parents.

We look forward to seeing you this Thursday at 6pm, and can I take this opportunity to thank you again for your continued support of the School, and our collective efforts to provide the best learning environment for current and future pupils.

If you happen to know any friends who's children may be joining us in Reception in September, do please invite them too, it is a meeting for everyone who is interested both in the current state of play and the bright prospects for the future. Unfortunately we are not allowed to have their contact details at this stage so we are unable to invite them directly.

Yours,

Richard Priest

Chair of Governors