



Shanklin Sherpa



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

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

A Huge thank-you to the PTA (Parents teachers Association) - and everyone who planned, contributed items, offered their time and skills to make the Christmas Bazaar last Friday such a success.

Together, we raised over £520!

A number of you have already come up with ideas that could make it even better in future! We really value your suggestions and want to make the most of all the available energy and creativity of our parents.



PTA Effective Home-School links are crucial to forging an effective partnership to support your children's development and learning.

In the past, Parent-Link has organised regular events throughout the year, some of them to raise money, some of them just to build community spirit and have fun!

Past events have included: Discos; Bazaars; Family Quiz Nights; Parties; Penalty shoot-out with Bournemouth FC, Welly throwing competition, Cake sales.... the list goes on..!

Together, we can be more effective than the sum of our parts.



PTA planned the Summer Fayre, the Christmas Bazaar and the Masquerade Ball, and funded the Home-School Planners, the Christmas Parties, Christingles and presents for children, and there is still a balance of funds that have been raised in the past, which are available to be invested in the life of the school.

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. We will be sending **PTA** Volunteer forms home in the new year - do please look out for it and offer whatever you can.

Masquerade Ball: Wow! What a night! Miss Powell did Gangnam style and Mr Moose did the time-warp! The organisers had amazing ideas that we play traditional party games but with a Christmas twist as well as prizes for dancing! We played snowflake, snowflake, snowman - then stations with Mrs Claus at West, Santa at East, North and South Pole and many more. At the end we had a competition for the best masks. Georgina in yr6, Georgia in yr5, Albert in yr4 and Bethany in yr3 won chocolate prizes! Well done to all the people who went and tried so hard on their masks, they were all brilliant. Don't miss the next one, it'll be brilliant too! **Reporters: Millie Scott and Georgina Squires.**



This Half-Term's Achievement Awards go to:

Holland Class: **Jayden Barry**

Austria Class: **Jessica Wenman**

Greece Class: **Mabel Hayward**

Germany Class : **Jamie Trowbridge**

Sweden Class: **Millie Gladman**

Poland Class : **Antonio Hernandez**

Italy Class : **Kofi Richards**

Portugal Class: **Keiran Turner**

Teacher : **Mrs Wells**

Bradley Grace Award

For consistent good behaviour and consistent effort

Daniel Clark

Georgina Squires

Well done to all of you - and a BIG "thank you" for working so hard

Welcome to Mrs Jackson and Ms S Powell

We are delighted to welcome Ms Sarah Powell, who will be teaching Germany class as from January. Ms Powell has a wealth of experience teaching across the full Primary age range both in this country and abroad, and I am sure her energy and ideas will bring wide-ranging benefits to the whole school. Mrs Nicky Jackson is joining us from an outstanding infant school in London where she was their leader of literacy. Mrs Jackson, who also has experience from Reception to year 6, being a Science specialist, will be teaching science across the school, and I am sure will bring a wealth of experience and expertise that can only strengthen Shanklin into the future. Combining these new staff with the "exceptional skill" that the recent HMI recognised in our current teaching staff, can only bode well for your children at Shanklin!

Trainee Teachers

Dan Stirrup has very successfully completed his first placement with us, and has made a big contribution to the school throughout the term. Many thanks to Mrs Cooley, who as his mentor has shared her wealth of experience and helped Dan establish a really good launch-pad for what I am sure will be a highly successful career. He is now leaving us for his next placement at Lane's End Primary School, but we are looking forward to his return to Shanklin for the Summer term. In the mean time, for the Spring term, we welcome a new Student Teacher, Michelle Cooke, whom we are pleased to have working with Sweden Class.

Christingle Oranges

We would like to thank Tesco for donating the oranges to be made into the Christingles
As they say... "every little helps."

What you think really **does** make a difference !

What I think... shapes what I decide.

What I decide... shapes what I do.

What I do... shapes who I am.

Who I am shapes what I can achieve !

When the going
gets tough...
The tough get
going!

So what I think... ultimately shapes what I can become and achieve! So be careful what **you** think!
Henry Ford once said "Whether you believe you **can**, or believe you **can't**... you're probably right!"

Sports Personality of the year!

2012 - What a truly incredible year of sport!

In many ways, an inspiration to us all, I'm sure.

I take huge inspiration from Dave Brailsford (Coach of the Year). His focus is on building cohesive teams combining all the necessary skills and expertise, teams in which everyone focuses on the small differences that they (individually) can make ("aggregation of marginal gains"), and are motivated to perform to their personal best time and again and achieve beyond their wildest dreams.

The Poem "**It couldn't be done**" by Edgar Guest, read as part of the BBC programme (see ➔) cleverly gave clues to the Olympic Spirit and the mindset we need, to do the things that sometimes appear "cannot be done".

We have already seen children taking great strides forwards with our "Champion Learning" approach, and we are all determined to see yet more successes in the weeks and months and years to come.

What might be your,
"**thing that cannot be done**",
that perhaps you can achieve in 2013?

Hope & Endurance

Two of our Christian values
that really go together!

What's their connection with
the thoughts on this page?

It Couldn't be done:

Somebody said that it **couldn't** be done,

But **he** with a chuckle replied,

That "**maybe** it couldn't," but **he** would be one

Who **wouldn't** say so, till he'd **tried**!

So he **buckled** right in with the **trace** of a grin

On his **face**. If he worried he **hid** it.

He **started** to sing as he **tackled** "the thing

That **couldn't** be done", and he **did** it!

Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll *never* do that;

At least no one ever has done it;"

But he took off his coat and he took off his hat

And the first thing we knew - he'd begun it.

With a lift of his chin and a bit of a grin,

Without any doubting or **quiddit**, *

He started to sing as he tackled "the thing

That couldn't be done", and he did it.

There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,

There are thousands to prophesy failure,

There are thousands to point out to you one by one

The dangers that wait to assail you.

But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,

Just take off your coat and go to it;

And just start to sing as you tackle "the thing

That cannot be done," and then do it.

by Edgar Guest

It's a bit tricky, but can you read this poem and get the rhythm right, (eg. emphasise bold in 1st verse and no commas at the end of lines 3, 5 and 7) ... or even memorise it?

* "**quiddit**" - an ancient word that means
"lack of clear focus"

Research Puzzle: Find out what "synergy" means and what a "synergist" is.

Think of some examples, then work out what the connection is with this edition of the Sherpa!

A look back at 2012 and a peek forward to 2013



Janus (the Roman god after whom January was named) had two faces, one looked forwards, the other looked back - like the reflections we sometimes enjoy around new year time.

2012: Some weird and whacky inventions were dreamt up in 2012 - some more useful than others:



A "mute" button for noisy people. Ever dreamed of having a remote control to shut someone up? Have you ever been in a phone conversation and some glitch in the system has meant you hear your own voice echoed back to you, its annoying and almost impossible to carry on talking - This problem became the inspiration for a novel idea by the Japanese inventors Kazutaka Kurihara and Koji Tsukada. They have developed a device that stops people speaking - it echoes

back a person's speech after a slight delay and apparently works over distances of up to 30metres!

An off button for children? Ideal for the classroom of the future maybe!

Gloves that can talk? Sign language is used by many people who can't speak. What if their hands could talk back? Ukrainian students have developed gloves with electronic sensors that convert sign language into speech via a smartphone. The device, called EnableTalk, only costs £50 to make and has the potential to cheaply transform the lives of 40million deaf and mute people around the world.



Indoor clouds. Cloud gazing is a fine way to pass time. But the only problem was that, until recently, it could only be done outdoors. Luckily, Dutchman Berndnaut Smilde, has found a way to control the weather. Using a fog machine at the right temperature and with the correct amount of light, he can isolate fluffy white clouds in our living rooms. A solution to a problem we've all been having? Perhaps not!

So... what about NEXT year?

What new inventions might be unveiled to solve every-day problems?

What new and imaginative solutions might YOU come up with?

Inventions almost always arise from problems, and people looking for new ways to overcome difficulties. Looking for possible new solutions, kind of connects with the ideas from the "It couldn't be done" poem. I wonder what we will come up with over the next 12 months?

Have a great break and holiday time, I hope you all enjoy a time to reflect on this year, and set out into all that 2013 has to offer, with a spring in our step and determination in our heart that together we'll make the best of it.



The next assessment week is only just a month after we come back, so any family logic or thinking games, and thank-you letter writing or maths puzzles, games or challenges to help keep little brains ticking over will really help!



Nativity

Thank you to everyone who came along to St.Saviours Church to watch our nativity play. It was a really enjoyable evening and afternoon, and thank you parents for providing the costumes and ensuring your children were able to attend. Special thanks must also go to Mrs Wells who master-minded the whole event, and whose energy, enthusiasm and experience with dramatic productions shone through.

The time and effort that all the children have put in to rehearsing really paid off, and the final production was one to remember - a tremendous experience for every child involved, and the fact that EVERY child from Reception to Year 6 was involved is an example of our commitment to engaging and giving opportunities for everyone.

We are hoping to produce a DVD of "The Stable Story" for parents to buy in the New year. Further details will follow in January.

Dates to Remember 2013

Monday 7th January - Children return to school

Tuesday 15th January - Parent Teacher consultations 3.30 to 5.30pm

Wednesday 16th January - Parent Teacher consultations 6 to 8pm

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

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

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Sorry to say "Good-bye Mrs Cooley"

It is with mixed emotions that we say good-bye to Julia Cooley. We are sad for ourselves as we are losing a treasured and highly skilled member of staff, a consummate professional and a dear friend. However, we are thrilled for her. Mrs Cooley who has been teaching at this school for over 11 years, and currently teaches Germany class, has decided to call it a day and retire!

I am sure you will want to join me in wishing her every happiness in a long and full retirement, and hope that she will come back and visit us to share her stories of the corners of the world that she has long dreamt of visiting.

Thank you Julia for the incredible investment you have made personally to the lives of the children you have cared for and taught, in Shanklin over the years. It will simply not be possible to measure the difference you have made in terms of learning, happiness and love that you have shared with the children over the years.

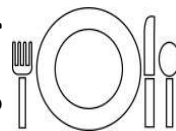
**We will miss you, but we wish you all the very best for the years ahead.
Our love goes with you.**

Shanklin Steamer Stories - The perfect Christmas Gift for lovers of Shanklin?

Pupils from the School took the modern photographs of Shanklin and helped produce "Shanklin Steamer Stories", a "then and now" look at landmarks in the town that are situated on the route of the Steamer bus. The **professionally published book** coincides with the 140th anniversary of the school and **costs just £5**, with **all proceeds going to the school**. A sample copy is available to view in the school office.

The class with the best attendance for week ending 14 December 2012
was **Italy Class with 94.4% Well done to Italy Class.**
Holland Class 78.6%, Austria Class 85.7%, Greece Class 86.9%, Germany Class 89.6%,
Sweden Class 68.7%, Poland Class 87.4%, Italy Class 94.4% and Portugal Class 93.3%

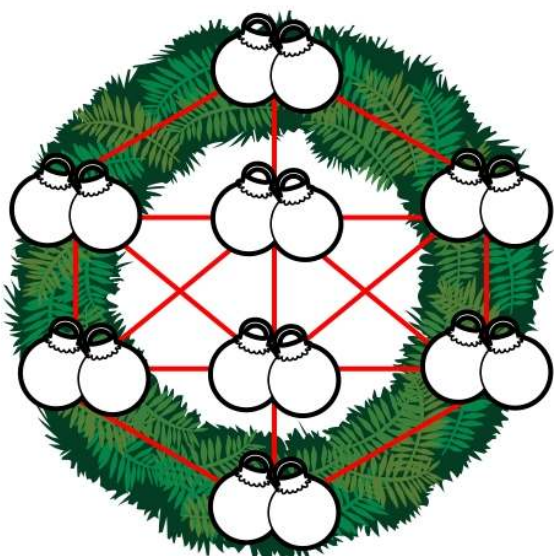
- MONDAY:** Cottage pie, Mediterranean tart with new potatoes, carrots, sweetcorn, cucumber and tomato salad, berry chill.
- TUESDAY:** Spanish chicken paella, penne pasta vegetable bake with IW garlic and herb bread, roasted vegetables, garden peas, vegetable sticks, ginger and orange cake with custard.
- 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



Christmas Maths Puzzle

Place the decorations onto the Christmas Garland so that each decoration is **NOT** joined by a line to another that contains one of the same colours (or numbers)

Can you find an **efficient system** to solve this problem?



Hobbit Logic Puzzle!

Solution from Last week:

Ask either troll which way **the other one** would tell you to go to get to Paradise! That way the liar will point to Oblivion (because his brother would point to Paradise), but the Truth-teller would also point to Oblivion. So it doesn't matter that you don't know who is the liar and who tells the truth, you will go the opposite way to the way they say and you can travel confidently on the road to Paradise!

Fridge Magnets

We have been asked by a number of families if it is possible to have a copy of the school rules to use at home. So we hope that you all enjoy the 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!

Fridge magnets - Do please use them to keep school notes, menus and dates safe at home!

Very best wishes to you all for 2013

David Moore Head teacher