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Shanklin Sherpa



Some suggestions given for why "Sherpa" is an apt title for our newsletter:

Sherpas are known for being very hard-working; Sherpas help people go higher than they could otherwise;

Sherpas carry huge loads and our newsletter carries lots of important information;

Sherpa means "People from the East" and Shanklin is in the East of the Island;



Thank you to everyone who shared their ideas - Some great research and good thinking!!

Important Date Change:

You should by now have received your copy of our Ofsted report. Unfortunately, the Diocesan Director of Education has had to change the date that he is able to visit Shanklin, so we have had to reschedule **"The Ofsted Report & The Way Forward"** meeting for Parents and Carers. **The new date is Thursday 27th September.**



The times of the meetings remain unchanged **3:15 - 4pm** for those parents who collect their children, and / or **6pm - 6:45** for those who are unable to make the earlier meeting.

Together, we will address issues raised by the Ofsted report; outline the steps that have already been taken to improve the school, and share with you the plans we have to ensure that the school continues to improve rapidly, significantly and sustainably into the future.

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

In a week that the school's Ofsted report is published (which is, frankly... damning), it may come as a surprise to some people, that I should feel so completely positive and confident about the future for Shanklin CE Primary School. My confidence comes from what I have seen in these first two weeks of term - a calm, purposeful and work-focussed atmosphere is the norm throughout the school with effective learning at the forefront.

There were some significant changes introduced by Ms Hodgson, Miss Downer and the team throughout last year, some of which had insufficient time to bear their full fruit before the inspection. I have been fortunate to inherit a team of teachers and support staff who unquestionably have the best interests of the children at heart, and who are not only willing, but keen to take on new ideas in order to move the school forward.

The positive way in which the children have embraced the new school rules and the kindness of the older children going out of their way to show care to the younger ones is really impressive! We have welcomed a number of school inspectors and advisors over the last week, every one of whom has given us very encouraging and positive feedback, and we are working closely with the Local Authority and the Diocese to ensure an effective action plan is in place to improve every aspect of the school. Some of these we can (and have) put in place quickly, others - such as "progress in learning over time" - will take a while to show their full effects.

The contribution that families make to children's learning is absolutely crucial too, and I am looking to foster open, approachable and strongly supportive relationships with you all, and welcome any views you may have regarding all aspects of your child's school life.

Yours sincerely, *David Moorse* Head teacher

ADDITIONAL DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: 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 25th September**, so full smart uniform please. This will be a group photo, and although names are given, the children are not individually identified.



COFFEE MORNING

Year 6, Italy Class would like to invite parents, grandparents and friends of the school to our coffee morning which is being held next **Friday, 28 September**. We will be charging £1 per head entry and **all monies will go to the MacMillian Trust**. We do hope you can come! If you would like to donate cakes, please bring them into school on Thursday. We will also hold a cake sale after school on Friday if any cakes are left over.

THANK YOU to Year 6 for your support of this very worthy good cause!

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Proof envelopes are being sent home today, so if you would like to order any photos, please return the envelope together with the correct payment to the school office by **Thursday 4 October at the very latest**. Thank you.



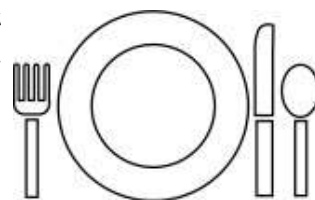
On **Wednesday 14 November** the school nurses will be in school for a routine **vision sweep for all Year 4 children**.



MENU: 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.



ATTENDANCE: The class with the best attendance for week ending 14 September 2012 was **Portugal Class with 99.2%** Well done to Portugal Class!

Holland Class 97.6%, Austria Class 98.6%, Greece Class 91.7%, Germany Class 97.4%, Sweden Class 97.4%, Poland Class 94.0%, Italy Class 98.3% and Portugal Class 99.2%

THUNKS are questions that may not have an answer and 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 - Can you weigh a cloud? If so... How?