

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

The children really seem to have taken on board the ideas of:

This has all, I am sure, contributed towards the fact that every single parent who has visited Shanklin CE Primary and seen the school in action during a normal working day, has decided to place their child here at Shanklin. This means we have welcomed 12 newly arrived children since September.

Nuts: Please may I remind you that we have a couple of children in school who have severe nut allergies, and contact can cause anaphylactic shock, so please do not put nuts/peanut butter or products containing nuts in your child's lunch box. Thank you for your co-operation.

The books will be delivered on Tuesday afternoon.



One solution to last week's puzzle (there may be others) : A six letter word that is the longest.....? **Smiles**, because it has **miles** after the first letter!

Paradox for the week:	This sentence contains threee mistakes. Can you work out why the statement above CAN'T be either True OR false?	Do YOU have a puzzle, thought, paradox or joke to share in the Sherpa?
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Positive steps for pupils' independence in conflict resolution.

Conflicts may arise from misunderstandings, and cause unintentional upset. What we do at these times can either escalate the problem into an argument and falling out of friends, or gently resolve the problem and prevent it arising in the future. Clearly, resolving the problem and preventing it happening again is the best choice of actions.



To encourage children to be able to do this for themselves, when something happens or is said that children don't like or upsets them, we encourage them politely to say **"Please don't do that - I don't like it"**. This enables the other person to see their point of view "Sorry, I only meant it as a joke" or "I was only playing" etc... It also empowers the person who feels upset to make a difference themselves; gives the other person a chance to apologise and stop whatever is upsetting. It also makes clear what is the "Right Thing" to do (School Rule - Do the Right Thing!). In the unlikely event that the actions continue, then adults can be told, and that they had been asked to stop!

"Please don't do that - I don't like it" is a gentle, polite request that is well understood across the school as a serious signal that whatever is happening should stop straight away.

"Do whatever you can to live at peace with everyone" Romans 12:18

Some facts and figures behind some of the improvements at Shanklin.

Attendance so far has improved and is now above the National average.

Numbers of pupils with absence of greater than 15% has reduced by 56% and 20% absence has reduced by 71% compared with the same period last year.

Unauthorised absence has reduced from 2.6% down to 1%; Detentions have reduced to zero

Fixed term exclusions are on track to reduce by over 80% this year

Quality of lessons observed 40% have been Good or better (with none inadequate)

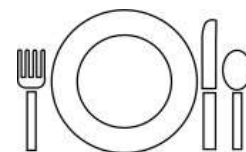
The class with the best attendance for week ending 16 November 2012
was **Poland Class with 99.2% Well done to Poland Class.**

Holland Class 98.6%, Austria Class 95.2%, Greece Class 94.6%, Germany Class 97.8%,
Sweden Class 96.7%, Poland Class 99.2%, Italy Class 95.9% and Portugal Class 87.6%

M-m-m-m-m-menu!

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 neopolitan with garlic and herb bread, green beans, baked



Puzzle of the week -

There is three mistakes in this sentence, can you find them?

Yours sincerely, *David Moorse* Head teacher

Nits

Please may I remind you once again of the importance of checking your child's hair for nits/ headlice. Young children tend to put their heads close together, so the spread of headlice can be rapid. Whilst we do not examine the children's hair for headlice if we notice any we will ask you to deal with them appropriately.



Children in Need

Thank you to all the children and staff who wore eye-patches last Friday in support of Children in Need.

Thanks also for all the cakes that were donated for the cake sale. **In total the school raised £170** which has now been forwarded to this wonderful charity.

Christmas Dinner

The children will be having their Christmas Dinner on Tuesday 18 December, and letters giving further details have been sent home. If your child would like a dinner on this day, please return the reply slip, together with the £2, to the school office before next Thursday, as the cook has to send her order in.



Cooking on a Budget

Chartwells, our school meal provider held a demonstration of 'cooking on a budget' last week, to which parents were invited. Sadly only one parent took advantage of this, so the Year 5 children watched the craft chef prepare a variety of dishes. Some of the comments were:

"It gave me the chance to try some new things";

"I tried the butternut squash soup, mince beef and beans, and pasta";

"I enjoyed the cooking because we got involved";

"I liked the food that we tried because it was different and tasty".

Christmas Bazaar

This will be held on Friday 14 December starting at 2pm and continuing after school. All classes will make items to sell and Year 6 with help man the stalls.

Mrs Fallone has agreed to run a 'smellies' stall, so if you have any unwanted new toiletries, then please bring them into school and they can be made into gift packs to sell. Thank you.



Nativity Play

This year our School Nativity Play will be performed at St. Saviours Church; Wednesday 19 December at 7pm and Thursday 20 December at 2pm. Further details will follow in due course.

Several new dates have been added to the list below, so please make a note of them on your calendars. There are a lot of events during December in the run up to Christmas, and further details will be provided nearer the time.



Dates to Remember 2012 - 2013

Friday 23rd November— Island Free School meeting at 6.30pm

Tuesday 27th November—Bring Phil the Bags into school

Friday 7th December - Mufti Day (Christmas theme) and children to bring items for tombola.

Sunday 9th December - Nativity at St. Blasius — details to follow

Friday 14th December - Christmas Bazaar starting 2pm and continuing after school

Monday 17th December—Christmas parties

Tuesday 18th December—School Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 19th December—Nativity at St. Saviours 7pm

Thursday 20th December—Nativity at St. Saviours 2pm

Friday 21st December—Christingle at 10am

Friday 21st December—Last day of Autumn Term

Monday 7th January—Children return to school

Tuesday 15th January—Parent Teacher consultations 3.30—5.30pm

Wednesday 16th January—Parent Teacher consultations 6—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—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

