



Shanklin Sherpa



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

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

Fun with puzzles! Do think about them carefully before peeking at page 2!

Joke 1: When is a Bus... not a bus?

Joke 2: Why didn't the chicken cross the road?

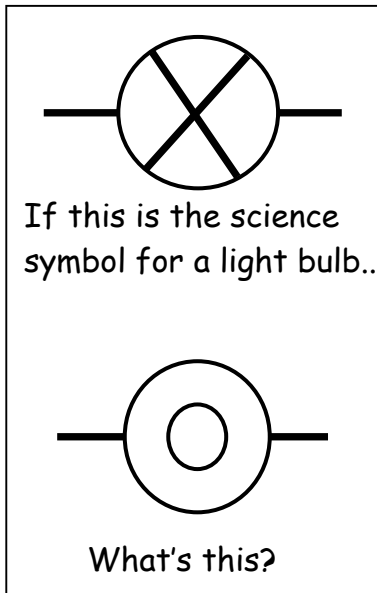
Can you "read" this phrase? Anotheronething

Joke 3: A Polar Bear walked into a shop and said "Please may I have a..... (5 seconds gap) ... pint of milk?" And the shop-keeper said, "Yes certainly, but why the big pause?" (big PAWS... PolarBear... groan!)

It helps to look at things differently to solve problems or puzzles, and jokes can be funny because there are two meanings!

How many jokes do you know where double meanings make it funny?

Can you invent a new joke with a double meaning?

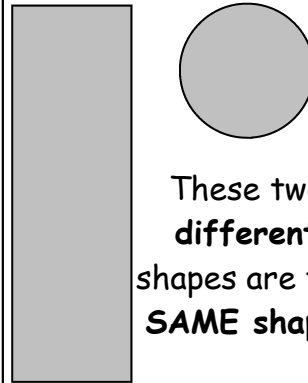


Which 5 digit number on a mobile phone could spell the most different words using predictive texts?



My brain hurts!

Same or different?



These two different shapes are the **SAME** shape!

What shape is it?

Ambiguous

If something is "ambiguous" it means that it has two meanings (or more).
eg.

"I saw her duck" could mean - she dodged out of the way of something or ... she has a pet duck!

Joke 4:

How do you get down from an elephant?

Lateral Thinking: A couple live on the 17th floor of a block of flats, both have difficulty with stairs and hate climbing them, so they use the lift whenever they can. When they are together, they always take the lift down from the 17th to the ground floor, or up from the ground floor to the 17th. The lady, when she's alone always does the same. But if the man is alone he always returns in the lift, but only as far as the 10th floor, where he gets out and walks up the 14 flights of painful, tiring stairs to the 17th floor.

Why does he do this?

Do YOU have a puzzle, thought, paradox or joke to share in the Sherpa?

Paradox for the week: How many different things do you get more of, the more you give them away?


Words that sound the same that mean different things are called **homophones** eg **Brake** (what you do in a car if you need to stop quickly) and **Break** (what happens if you drop something fragile). **Make a list of homophones and see how you can turn them into a joke!**

Punch lines and Puzzle solutions:

When is a bus, not a bus?
 When it turns into a street!

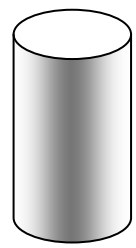
Why didn't the chicken cross the road?
 Because it was a Chicken!

AnotherOneThing = One thing after another

What's this? 
 A Mexican on a bicycle (the bulb symbol was a "red herring" - sorry!

How do you get down from an elephant?
 You don't... you get **down** from ducks ("down" can mean soft feathers!)

Why does he do this? - He is too short!
 He can only reach the button for floor 10



Same or different?
 The circle is the end view, and the rectangle is the side view of the same single shape
 - A cylinder -

Palindromes: What is special about Hannah, Mum?
 Hannah and mum are both words that have the same letter order, **forwards and backwards**.

Which might have been the oldest ever palindrome (if they spoke English in the garden of Eden)
"Madam, I'm Adam"


This explains the joke "Which car goes exactly the same backwards as forwards? **A Toyota**"

The panama canal was dreamt up and built to let ships get from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean without going around the stormy and dangerous Cape Horn, it shortens the journey by nearly 7000 miles as well.
 Hence this clever Palindrome

A man - a plan, a canal ... Panama!
 (read it backwards to prove it works!)

Can you think of a sentence with **as many palindromes as possible?**

Masquerade Ball
only £2:50



Tickets are now available from the school office for the Masquerade Ball to be held on **Monday 17 December, 6 - 8pm .**

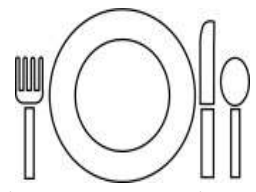
This event **at TC's** (Victoria Avenue) is for **Years 3 to 6** only.
 Masks for the children to decorate will be provided with the tickets.

The class with the best attendance for week ending 23 November 2012 was **Sweden Class with 99.2% Well done to Sweden Class.**
 Holland Class 90.3%, Austria Class 95.9%, Greece Class 91.9%, Germany Class 90.9%, Sweden Class 97.0%, Poland Class 93.8%, Italy Class 96.3% and Portugal Class 85.2%

WEEK 2

Weeks commencing: 8 Oct, 5 Nov, 3 Dec ad 28 Jan

- MONDAY:** Sausages with mashed potato, vegetable balti with rice, baked beans, peas, carrot and sultana salad, fruity yoghurt crunch.
- TUESDAY:** Roast beef, roast or mashed potatoes, gravy, Shepherdess pie, swede and carrots, mixed salad, apple flapjack with vanilla sauce.
- WEDNESDAY:** Mexican Enchilada with cous cous, quorn burger in a bun with jacket wedges, sweetcorn and carrots, apple and celery salad, sticky toffee pudding with custard.
- THURSDAY:** Roast chicken with roast potatoes and gravy, macaroni cheese with garlic bread, roasted vegetables and broccoli, vegetable sticks, banana split with chocolate ice cream.
- FRIDAY:** Fish and chips, jacket potato with baked beans, peas and carrots, cucumber and tomato salad, Eves apple pudding and custard.



Reception Learning Games to Play with your Child

We have just bought packs of games for parents to play with their children to help them learn their letters and sounds. Children will bring them home on rotation, every two weeks or so.

This will help them to make progress in their learning, and will help you to help them learn too!



We hope that families with children in Reception will love the games and your children will love learning and teaching YOU!

For more information see
www.cleverclogsgames.co.uk



New School Gates !!

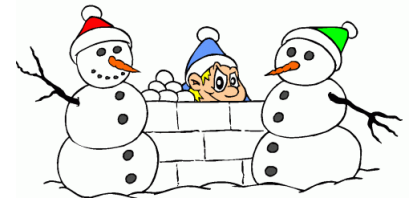
We are delighted to be able to announce that the Governors have commissioned new **Double Gates** for the main entry and exit to the playground. I know that a number of you have been a little inconvenienced by the current narrow one, but **over the Christmas break** (weather permitting) the new double gates will be installed



OK, so they might be a little less elaborate than the clipart, but they **WILL** provide a much wider space for us all to get in and out! ☺

Snow

We will always try our best to keep the school open if it is safe to do so. We need to consider all aspects, from the condition of the school grounds, to staff availability due to unsafe travelling. The **council website** has a page dedicated to the status of schools: whether they are open or closed, and in past years they have updated the page with additional guidance to parents.



You can assume that the school will be open unless the council have declared otherwise.

The council also informs **Isle of Wight Radio** (FM 107)

which always does its best to keep everyone informed, so it is worth tuning in to hear a regular update.

I will do my best to make a decision as early as possible in order to help you make any necessary plans.

Please do not phone the school to find out if the school is open or closed, as it is impossible for us to talk individually to 200 or so families.

We also have a texting system to inform parents, so please do make sure that we have your latest mobile phone number - Thank you!

Sincere apologies for my terrible jokes - unfortunately, they are my **best** !! If you have puzzles, jokes, thinking challenges that you enjoy, do please share them for future editions!

Best wishes,

David Moorse Head teacher



Music Tuition

The IW Music Service provide piano or singing lessons at a cost of approximately £65 per child per term, for children in Years 4 and above.

If you would like further details, please ask at the school office. Thank you.

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, as the cook has to send her order in. If your child is entitled to a free school meal then please let us know whether they want a Christmas dinner.



Mufti-Day- next Friday

Next Friday the children are invited to come to school wearing Christmas colours—ie: red, green, silver, gold, sparkly etc., in exchange for bringing in **an item for the Tombola** : biscuits, chocolates, Christmas goods, etc. (no tins please).

Dates to Remember 2012 - 2013

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 Service 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 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