

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Community,  
**Summer is here...**

We have been very lucky to lately to have some sun! Please remember to apply sun cream before school and send your child to school with sun lotion and a sun hat. We have plenty of spare Shankhill sun hats should you forget (used ones are separated and washed). We will ensure that pupils drink water regularly throughout the day and keep them as safe as we can.

### PTA

A huge thanks to our hard-working and motivated PTA organised the Great North Air Ambulance Clothing Collection and Easter Raffle.

**Easter Raffle  
raised £80**



### The Great North Air Ambulance Service

would like to thank the children of

Shankhill C of E School  
for raising

£ **81.20**

through the clothing collection partnership

  
Grahame Pickering  
Chief Executive



Date 23/04/2018

**Raised £530**



Also, on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> June our wonderful PTA team arranged a Summer Family BBQ and Bingo Night. This was great fun with stalls, tombola, raffle and of course that amazing spread of food: burgers, sausages, salads... THANK YOU AGAIN PTA! You really are amazing raising £530.

I would also like to thank all of you who have attended events, donated money, sweets and raffle prizes and taken part in our raffles this year. Your support of our school is greatly appreciated. All of the money goes to support our children in extra-curricular activities like the annual Christmas Pantomime visit, Christmas with Santa, Y6 treat day, etc. It really means a lot to our children.

In addition to this, we would like to thank Mr Wisniewska for making and donating the poke board to school and also to the Taylor family for purchasing and donating the tombola to school as your leaving gift.

Finally, I am sure you will all join me in thanking those parents and families (as they and their Year 6 children move on from Shankhill to Y7) who have worked tirelessly over the years to support the PTA and ensure that it is a strong and thriving group, and have also supported Shankhill in many various ways. Your kindness and support throughout your time with us will not be forgotten.

### **Mrs Vevers is moving on too!**

It is with a mixture of emotions that we announce that Mrs Vevers is moving house and will be leaving us soon. She has been a real asset to our school, a great friend, a wonderful colleague and she will be sorely missed. As ever, she doesn't want a fuss and is busy moving at the end of this term so we may not get chance to say a formal 'Goodbye!' before the summer. However, we will ensure that there is an opportunity for this at the beginning of the new school year when she officially leaves.

In the meantime, she has told me to 'get on with recruitment' and so the vacancy for our permanent part-time School Administrator is currently being advertised on our school website and 'Cumbria jobs in Schools'. The closing date is Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> July.

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*Excellent relationships between adults and pupils create a positive climate where pupils want to learn and do well." Ofsted 2015*



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### Road Closures - Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> July

Our local County Councillor, Cllr Val Tarbitt, has worked tirelessly over at least two weekends to support our community when we have been threatened with unannounced road closures. She has been able to liaise with Highways and prevent these from occurring. I am sure you will join me in thanking her for her support. Val has also notified school that Solport Bridge will be temporarily closed for one day to carry out bridge repairs on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> July. I have attached a map with further details on for those who use this route which runs from school towards Longtown via New Palyards and the Hidden River Café. A diversion will be in place.

### TRIPS AND EVENTS

Even though there is less than two weeks left, it is still another busy, fun-filled, learning-packed time! Please check the school website calendar for updates on school trips, events and other interesting dates for your diary.

This week:

**Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> July** – Topic Celebration event for Reception to Year 6 at 1:30pm and 6:30pm.

**Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 Small Schools Transition Outdoor and adventure session at Rock UK, Whittagh, Newcastleton.

Next week:

**Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> July** – Reports for Nursery through to Y5 come home.

- "Life in all its Fullness Day" exploring our Vision and Values as a Church School. (Info. to follow).

**Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> July** – Class 2's Forest School visit to Lynewoods. (Letter to follow with a request for parent helper)

**Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> July** – Department of Transport Road Safety Visit which includes an assembly and a survey in class.

**Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 Leaver's Service 1:30pm at St. Mary's, Stapleton. ALL pupils will be transported to church from school. Parents are strongly encouraged to use the shuttle bus service which leaves Stapleton Parish Hall from 1:20pm or to park outside of the church grounds to enable the small church car park to remain free for the buses to turn and for those who require mobility /access.

**Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September** – School opens for the new academic year.

(The school office will be open between 10-2 on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September for uniform and other information.)

### 30 hours free childcare for 3 and 4 year olds.

We provide 30 hours free childcare in our Teacher led Nursery which is available from 8am until at least 4:30pm. We have highly qualified and very experienced staff who go out of their way to work together with you and your child to make their first experience of school life, the best it can be.

Shankhill CofE Primary Nursery offers these free hours to children following their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday, over three separate sessions:

- 1) Mornings (8:45 – 12pm) – Focusing on playing, teaching and learning from the Early Years Curriculum;
- 2) Lunch (12-1pm) - School cooked meal followed by playtime with friends and family;
- 3) Afternoons (1-3:30pm) - Wrap around care focusing on continuing learning and play related to our topics and curriculum.

Your child can begin at Shankhill CofE Nursery as soon as they turn 3 years old, paying £3.50 an hour, until the term following their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday when you are automatically entitled to 15 hours free childcare, or 30 hours if you apply and qualify. As always, our School aim's to provide a service to help our community. As a school we need to cover staffing costs only and do not aim to make a profit. To ensure appropriate staffing, care and enjoyment is maintained, we would:

- 1) Provide the mornings free using the 15 hours provided from the Government;
- 2) Continue to charge £2.00 per day for lunch and supervision;
- 3) Charge £8.75 per afternoon session from 1-3:30pm (@£3.50 per hour)



There are also additional options to extend daily care from 8am to 4:30pm, by booking into our:

- Breakfast club ~ 8-8:45am ~ £3 (sibling reductions available) or free if using 30 hours entitlement.
- Afterschool Clubs ~ 3:30-4:30pm ~ £3 (full-time school age =£1) or free if using 30 hours entitlement.

Please contact Mrs Batey if you would like any further information or to book sessions.

There are specific guidelines for this which available at...please complete and return the S13 form found on our website. Please read the attached entitlement page and survey for further information to see if you may qualify or <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/thousands-of-parents-benefit-from-30-hours-free-childcare-early>

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Batey, Head Teacher