

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Community,

Welcome back!

We hope you've enjoyed the summer break and are ready for a new and exciting school year.

New Faces

We have several new faces in school this week, with our Nursery starters and we welcome Miss Boyd to Class 1 as our new apprentice teaching assistant. You may also notice Mrs Vevers in once or twice too as she helps us out at the start of term.

Also, following a very strong field of applicants, we are delighted to have been able to appoint a new School Administrator, Mrs Laithwaite, who will begin work on Monday, 16th September. Mrs Laithwaite's working hours will be 9:00am - 3:15pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please try to contact the office during these working hours, paying lunch and other money on a Monday where possible. The white post box remains in use inside the main entrance where money and letters to the office can be posted. This is emptied daily and actioned by Mrs Laithwaite when she is next in.

School Lunches

School meals remain at £2.00 a day for all Nursery children and pupils from Years 3 to 6. Payments of £66.00 for the half term or £10.00 per week can be made in cash or cheque to the school office on a Monday, or via BACs/online payment to Account Name: Shankhill School - Account Number: 53543593 - Sort Code: 16 52 21

Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM)

We will again continue to provide a free school meal for all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in line with Government funding. (However, please check if you qualify for any of the grants outlined below as it could help your child receive additional funding to help them in school too.)

Free School Meals and Clothing Grants

Do you know how to apply for 'Free School Meals' or a 'Clothing Grant'? If you qualify, these can pay for school meals as well as school uniform. It is very important that you still apply to Cumbria County Council for this grant even if your child receives the UIFSM (detailed above) as this will not only help financially (with a clothing grant) but may help your child receive additional funds to school for educational support. **The process is very quick and easy to do.** See the following link for details: <http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/freeschoolmeals.asp>

PE - GYM & SWIM every Wednesday morning Y1-6 STARTING NEXT WEEK (Wed 11th Sept.)

PE is every Wednesday morning during this first half term. Children in Year 1 through to Year 6 will begin a 6 week course of gymnastics at Carlisle Gymnastics Club followed immediately by an ability matched swimming lesson at Morton Pool. The arrangements for every Wednesday morning is therefore a little different. Please try to help us prepare for the bus journey on time by following these arrangements:

8:45-8:50	Arrive at school wearing your school PE kits and school jumper, with your uniform in your PE bag and with your swimming kit in a separate bag (<i>swimming costume / trunks or above the knee swim-shorts and a towel, hair tied up, no jewellery, goggles are optional</i>).
8:50	Register then travel by bus (Irving's of Carlisle) to the Richard Rose Campus, Morton.
9:20-10:20	Gymnastics lesson (with Carlisle Gymnastics Club coaches)
10:30-11:30	Swimming lesson (with Carlisle Leisure swimming coaches and our teachers)
11:45	Travel back to school for lunch
12:30	Lunch

"This is a good school ... Activities capture pupils' interests and inspire confidence and enjoyment ...

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



Community Lunches

As we are out on Wednesday mornings for 'Gym and Swim PE', we have changed the time to 12:30pm for the first half term. This should allow us plenty of time to return and join you all for lunch. Dates and a menu will be sent home soon and can be found on the school website. The first lunch is on Wednesday 18th September.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is available from 8am Monday to Friday, but **MUST BE BOOKED** in advance by contacting the school office by 3pm the day before at 01228 577264 or head@shankhill.cumbria.sch.uk. Regular bookings can be made for a half term or longer; we welcome these as they help us to plan staffing effectively.

After-School Clubs

Clubs will begin on Monday 9th September, following a similar pattern to last year. A letter with details of what's on, how to register and pay is attached. Please return the reply slip to register by Monday, 9th September.

'Parent and Toddler Group'

Parent and toddler group begins again on Wednesday 11th September, 1:30-3:30pm £1.50 per session.

Cool Milk

A reminder that every child who would like milk in school must register with Cool Milk: please go to www.coolmilk.com or if you don't have internet access ask at the office for a form. Payments are made directly to the company; it costs approximately 21p a day for a carton. School will register all of the children under 5 who receive it free from the Government until their 5th birthday.

Our Classes

As pupil numbers have remained quite strong we are able to maintain the high proportion of staffing in school allowing us to nurture and care for each child as we always have. We function as **three individual classes every morning**:

Class	Age of children	Main Teacher	Teaching Assistants
Class 1	Nursery, Reception and Year 1	Mrs Beattie (Mon, Tues & Wed) Miss Smith (Thur & Fri)	Mrs Elwen Miss Boyd
Class 2	Year 2 and Year 3	Mrs Batey	
Class 3	Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6	Mr Neil	

During afternoon lessons, we will join together as two teaching classes:

Class	Age of children	Main Teacher	Teaching Assistants
Infants Class 1	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Optional Nursery (30 hours free & those paying for additional hours)	Mrs Beattie (Mon, Tues & Wed) Miss Smith (Thur & Fri)	Mrs Elwen (some afternoons) Miss Boyd
Juniors Class 2	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.	Mr Neil Mrs Batey (Thursday)	

Charity Fun Run!

On Sunday, 29th September we are encouraging everyone in our community, young and old, to sign up and support the Children's Cancer Fun Run which is coming to Carlisle for the first time as part of the 'North East Children's Cancer Research' Charity's 40th anniversary celebrations. It should be a wonderful fun-filled family day out with lots of activities and a choice of 1km, 3km or 5km 'run'. Staff are taking part and will be training with our children in school. Further information will follow this week, or you can find out more at <https://www.neccr.org.uk/event/childrens-cancer-run-2019-carlisle/>

Shankhill Fleece Jackets - SALE!

We have a stock of red fleece jackets printed with the school logo for sale at a reduced price, in various sizes. They are cosy and warm (without a hood) and are to be used as an outdoor coat (not as a jumper or cardigan). Please contact the school office to try on and buy. Usual price £12, SALE PRICE £9 and for larger sizes £15 reduced to £12.

I hope we all have a wonderful term of '*Creative Learning, Personal Achievement and Happiness*'.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Batey,
Head Teacher