

Newsletter

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Dear Parent / Carer,

eSchools

eSchools Academy is our new virtual classroom app where teachers, pupils and parents can share learning and communicate with each other. Home learning is set on here so that children can have instant access if they are working from home and can receive feedback and support quickly too. We also provide daily workout books and paper tasks too. The link to eschools is <https://shankhill-primary.eschools.co.uk/login> and this can also be found on our Learning links page of the school website. Once the app is downloaded, enter the name shankhill-primary and your child's user name and password can be saved on the app.

To help you become familiar with eSchools Academy, click the link for 2 minute videos to get you started: [Guide to eSchools](#) or access them via the Learning Links page.

Free School Meals

If your financial circumstances have changed, and you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals and clothing grant please follow the link <https://cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/freeschoolmeals.asp>

The application is online and only takes a few minutes to complete, so why not give it go. Children in receipt of FSM also benefit from additional money in school, to support your child's education.

PTA Great North Air Ambulance Clothes Collection

The PTA have organised a clothes collection at school on **Wednesday 9th December** – a donation bag is being sent home tonight and should be returned by Wednesday morning at the latest.

Reverse Advent Calendar

After the success of our Reverse Advent Calendar last year, we have decided to do it again. Please can you send any donations into school over the next 3 weeks, and all donations will go to the Carlisle Foodbank in time for Christmas. We will keep you up-to-date on our Facebook page.

Christmas Dinner

Due to COVID-19, Christmas Dinner this year will be for our children only, and will include those who have packed lunch if they choose. There will be no extra cost and we plan to enjoy Mrs Hope's fantastic festive lunch on 9 December, served as always by all our staff.



School Photographs

School photographs are being sent home tonight for those parents who ordered them. Remaining orders can still be made on-line direct with Tempest Photography.

Hope – our theme for 2021

Our theme in school for 2021 is hope, and following this we are organising a residential trip to London for our year 5 and 6's. More details of this exciting adventure will follow in the New Year, but we are very hopeful that it will take place.

"This school continues to be good... maintains good quality education... pupils gain a sense of achievement from their lessons... they display excellent attitudes towards their learning... behaviour in lessons and around school is impeccable... Staff are welcoming and inclusive... strong Christian values are promoted well... (results) well above that of other schools nationally" Ofsted 2019

Staff "strive to ensure that pupils are happy, while making education fun and enjoyable." Parent View 2018



Eco Schools

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Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who supported Children In Need this year – we raised an amazing £98.35!



Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children charity

Please come dressed in your Christmas Jumper/t-Shirt/top with your uniform on your lower half. Donations of £1 or more for the privilege go to SAVE THE CHILDREN.

Please DO NOT go out to buy a new Christmas Jumper especially - children can wear:

- 1) A Christmas jumper, top or t-shirt
- 2) A top that you have decorated yourself using tinsel, sequins, glitter, pens, etc. This will make it unique!
- 3) A top that we can add decorations to in school on the day if your parents let us know in advance.

If you have an old Christmas Jumper / top that you would like to swap/donate to another child, please let the office know.



Mile Track

We are very excited to announce that our Mile track is due to be installed at the end of this term (weather permitting!) and should be up and running by the New Year – 9 laps of the track will be one mile in distance, and we hope to announce some new challenges in January!

New Starters

We hope to start on-line “Home Visits” with all our new starters in the New Year. There are still some places in classes across the school, and applications can be made at any time.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Lynnsey Batey
Head Teacher

December activities and events

Our festive activities are still happening, just slightly different this year!

Date	Activity
9 December	10-10:30 PTA Air Ambulance Collection
9 December	Christmas Dinner
11 December	Christmas Jumper Day – Save the children charity
To be confirmed	Christmas Party
To be confirmed	Sharing Class 1 Nativity
To be confirmed	Sharing Class 3 ‘The Egyptian Nativity’
To be confirmed	Christingle (in school)
To be confirmed	On-line Pantomime
18 December	End of Term



5 January 2021

Spring Term starts