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SHORTSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 31st March 2017

Attendance Target: 97.2%

Actual Attendance: 96.7%

### Message from Denise Cottam

We have had a busy, exciting week. Some children in Year 4 classes trained in their Bikeability Level 1. They all listened, followed the instructions and passed. Congratulations.

Some Year 2 children went to a Keystage 1 Multi Sports Festival and received their certificates in assembly.

Some of our children have worked and rehearsed hard over the past few months and performed in a dance showcase at Sandy Upper School. I was unable to attend to show my support, due to a Governor meeting. However, the feedback I have received said the children were fantastic. Well done and thank you to the parents who supported this event.

Today was Superhero Dress Up Day, in aid of the Sustrans Charity, who support the Bikeability, Dr bike and other sustainable school events we operate. Thank you for your support.

Year 6 have had a fab finish to their topic on Japan. Their costumes were magnificently creative.

Thank you to the PTA who have had an Easter Bonnet competition, which has had a brilliant response. The bonnets which came through the door this morning were wonderful.

The end of term assembly was busy, as we gave out Maths badges to the winners of the Maths project. Certificates for children showing aptitudes in many aspects of learning. The Homework Cup went to Miss Martin's Year 2 class. The Attendance Cup went to Miss Machin's Year 3 class, with a staggering 98.5%, for the half term. Silver bands were given to children achieving 100% for the 2 terms. Behaviour stars were awarded to children with 6 behaviour cards.

We have had parents evenings this week. It was the best turn out we have had. The Parent Questionnaires are extremely positive. I will analyse them and send the results to you. I will also respond to any concerns. I would like to thank all of our families, who show support for the work we do in school and who recognise the commitment of staff in supporting every child. Working together, really does make a difference and builds a strong community around the children, helping the children to feel happy safe and able to learn. We have celebrated the dedication of three members of our team today. Mrs Green, for 10 years service. Mrs Whitehouse and Mrs Smith for 20 years service. A huge thank you to these staff, who have supported our children, and in some cases children's children! They have a caring and understanding attitude towards everyone and are valued members of our team. They have stayed with the school, during many changes, and helped to make the school the success it is today. Thank you.

Although many school break up today. Our last day is Tuesday 4th April.

Have a great weekend,  
Onwards and Upwards!!

### Book News

Thank you to all those parents, carers and pupils who supported our Scholastic Book Fair 22-28th March. We made £460.86 and we have £184 commission to spend on books for our library. We really appreciate your support in making this event a great success. Happy reading!

And thanks also goes to all of those children who donated £1 on World Book Dressing Up Day (3rd March). We raised £185.85 for Book Aid International and Bedford Hospital Trust. Well done for being so creative with your fabulous costumes.

### Staff Run After School Clubs

Staff run after school clubs for the Summer Term 1 will be starting on the week of 24th April and will be finishing on the week of 15th May. Children will continue in the same clubs as they have done this half term.

### Diary Dates

**Monday 3rd April**—Easter Celebrations - Parents invited to join their children in Easter crafts in their classroom - 2.00pm - 3.00pm—  
Entry through outside classroom doors

**Tuesday 4th April**—Last day of term

**Wednesday 19th April**—Children back to school

### School Mission Statement

Shortstown is an inclusive school which has a positive impact on children's life long learning and achievement, through high expectations, in a creative and motivating environment.

*Be Happy, Safe and Learn*