



SHORTSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 21st April 2017

Attendance Target: 97.2%

Actual Attendance: 96.7%

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### Message from Denise Cottam

Welcome back to Summer 1. As you can see, the building works are coming on well. The two new classrooms will accommodate Dawn til Dusk and our intervention support. Then in Summer 2, the current Y6 will use the rooms as part of their transition process. I appreciate the fencing does cause an inconvenience but would like to thank you all for your understanding and patience. I hope all works will be finished in about 4 weeks time.

An update on the Multi Academy Trust (MAT) situation. We have completed all the legal processes and have been issued with our Academy orders. The transfer is still due to take place on the 1st June 2017. At the moment, the only change is to the letterheads. We continue to work in strong collaboration with Bedford Borough and the Bedford Borough Schools, Universities and Colleges, this will not change. The schools forming the MAT have always had a strong working relationship and one of the aims of working together, is to continue to build on the good education journey for our children. We will keep you informed of any developments.

Throughout the year and within each lesson, teachers assess the children's learning, in order to plan effectively for individual next steps. There are three points in our children's Primary Education, where these assessments are statutory and reported to the Department for Education. There are Teacher Assessments at the end of the Reception year. Then Year 2 and Y6 have more formal 'tests' called SATs. These are tests in Maths, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar, Reading and Reading Comprehension, The Y2 SATs are carried out during May. We do not put pressure on the children and deliver the tests around a normal school day. The tests form part of the Teacher Assessments, which are then reported. The Y6 SATs are marked by external examiners and we receive the results in June, ready for the report writing. All results will be on the children's end of year reports.

We have had our final Y4 meeting for the residential trip to PGL, at half term. The children and staff are extremely excited. This is a fabulous experience for the children. They have the opportunity to participate in exciting activities, such as wall climbing, giant swing, obstacle courses, problem solving and a Saturday night disco. Letters and an information evening have been sent to the Y3 children to book for next year. However, we have only had 3 responses. If we do not have around 20 pupils, the trip will not go ahead. Please come and speak to us if you have any questions. This weekend is the London Marathon. Mr Cordell has been training hard and is ready to run. He has raised close to the £1500 for Bedford Hospital Charity. The race will be televised on Sunday. We all wish him all the best and will be cheering him on.

Have a great weekend,  
Onwards and Upwards!!

### 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.

### 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*