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SHORTSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th March 2018

Attendance Target: 98%

Actual Attendance: 96.7%

Message from Denise Cottam

We had a celebration for World Book Day, this week. It was lovely to see so many parents being able to come and share a story with their children. Thank you for all the donations, for 'Book Aid International'. Your generosity will help children, across the globe, access stories and books. Thank you.

Next week the Scholastic Book Fair visits the school. It will open on Wednesday 14th March, until Tuesday 20th March at 3.15—3.45pm. The books will be located in the KS2 Heart Space—entrance via the top doors. The children can use their World Book Day vouchers to help pay for the books.

There were some children who participated in the Y4 Multi Sports Festival, this week. Fortunately the weather was better. They all participated well and represented the school beautifully. There are two members of staff, currently training in Forest Schools Teaching. We are hoping to extend our wildlife garden, to provide a Forest School area to encourage more outdoor learning. This is in line with the Sports Premium Funding, trying to get children active and encourage healthy life styles. All of the funding spend and impact is on our website. Part of the initiative is the 30 minute agenda. The Sports Council want children to be physically active for at least 30 minutes during school time and 30 minutes a day, after school. This could include your journey to school, playing outside in the park, or more formal activities and clubs. With the weather, hopefully, improving, now is the chance to get outside and enjoy being active.

There is a recruitment shortage for teachers, across the country. We are looking to appoint another Y6 practitioner, for September 2018, as our year 5 cohort transitions. We have advertised once, but did not find a suitable candidate. The advert is being released again, this week. We will keep you informed of the progress.

**Have a great weekend—Keep warm
Onwards and upwards**

Diary Dates

Wednesday 14th March—Tuesday 20th March—Scholastic Book Fair in the KS2 Heartspace 3.15pm—3.45pm

Thursday 15th March—YR - Y6 CHUMS Fundraiser - come to school dressed in your pyjamas - £1 donation

Monday 19th March—Last Week for Staff Run After School Clubs (except Wellbeing Club which finishes on Thursday 29th March)

Monday 26th March—Interim Reports to Parents

Tuesday 27th March—YR—Y5 Parents Evening 3.30pm—6.00pm

Wednesday 28th March—YR—Y5 Parents Evening 3.30pm—6.30pm

Please see the overview for further dates and information

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