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SHORTSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 16th March 2018

Attendance Target: 98%

Actual Attendance: 96.6%

### Message from Denise Cottam

This week the school really did reach for the stars. We were treated to a day with a planetarium, in the KS2 heart space. All the children had a chance to visit and see the constellations. This was organised by the Y5 teachers as part of their space topic.

Then we plunged the Oceans, as six Y5 and Y6 pupils attended a Science Enrichment Day titled 'Ocean Depth', exploring the creatures of the deep.

The Science did not stop there, as a group of fourteen, Y5 and Y6 children attended Bedford Academy for a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) afternoon. The children had the opportunity to participate in several different activities. The staff involved were wowed by the children's knowledge and use of scientific thinking. The children were enthusiastic and enjoyed their experiences immensely.

Thursday was another chance to raise money for a good cause. Children did not need to get changed, that morning, as pyjamas were the uniform of the day. All the children were excited, but still managed to focus on their learning. You raised an amazing £270 for CHUMS charity.

CHUMS is a Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing Service for Children and Young People. We regularly contact their service for support and advice, when supporting children and their families. I know this money will make a big difference to children in our community.

The previous week we collected for Book Aid—which has been on the news this week highlighting their work to rebuild libraries, in areas of war and destruction. You raised a fantastic £117.67. Thank you for your generosity with both of these causes.

A gentle reminder to all families. Please contact school on every day of the child's absence, this includes children in Preschool. If we cannot contact we will become concerned. After a couple of days we will begin procedures around safeguarding and missing children.

Children are still arriving early in the morning and incidents are occurring. Please do not bring footballs into school for the children to play with, before school starts, this has led to injury and arguments which have to be dealt with by staff, causing disruption to the school day. Thank you for your understanding and support.

**Have a great weekend  
Onwards and upwards**

### Diary Dates

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

Tuesday 20th March—Last day Scholastic Book Fair is in school—KS2 Heartspace-3.15pm—3.45pm

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

### 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.