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SHORTSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 29th March 2018

Attendance Target: 98%

Actual Attendance: 96.5%

Message from Denise Cottam

The Spring term ends with the sun shining. We had a brilliant response to parents evening, it was lovely to see so many of you here. Thank you for completing the Parent Questionnaires. I will analyse them and respond to any concerns you have raised. We do appreciate the feedback, as it helps us to revisit our current systems and policies.

We finished the term with our celebration assembly. The Attendance cup was given to 4S for 97.6% for best attendance in school. The Homework Cup was presented to Y3S for the number of children completing their Learning Logs and being able to share their work with others. Silver bands were awarded to children with 100% attendance, since September. Behaviour Cards, Progress Cards and Behaviour stars were given out, in abundance. Congratulations.

Last week, Y6 children, with the support of Mrs Hibbert, held a bake sale., for Macmillan Cancer Research. They raised an amazing £168. We all know someone who is or has been dealing with Cancer. Thank you to the children, for thinking of others and making a difference.

We have a number of children who help others in our school. We have Peer Readers, who spend their lunchtimes reading with younger children and sharing their learning. There are Play Leaders, who organise activities and games at lunchtime. We have Office Monitors, who collect post and help the office staff. There are Fruit Monitors, who organise the distribution of fruit throughout the school. There are children responsible for the sound system during Collective Worship and events. We also have a group of children called the 'Extreme Cleaners' who support at lunchtime to help tidy the dinner areas and ensure the school is ready for the afternoon session. All these children take their own time to organise and carry out their roles with commitment and show responsibility for the smooth running of the school. Thank you to you all, you really do make a difference.

We are currently recruiting a Year 6 teacher, for September, as the school completes it's transition from a one form Lower to a two form Primary School. Recruitment is a National concern, as applications to join the profession are the lowest they have been in years. This is due to the long hours and increased expectation placed on the staff. Research shows 4 in 10 teachers leave the profession, within their first year of teaching. Although this seems like a negative picture, the profession can be so rewarding as you are part of seeing a child grow and learn. Pilgrim Partnership are trying to encourage graduates to join the profession. If you are interested, please contact Jackie.atkin@pilgrim-partnership.org.uk. A big thank you to all of our staff for their dedication and commitment to our children's learning.

As a school, we now have a cashless system for school dinners. We hope to expand this facility, through 'Parent Pay' in September 2018. This will mean all contributions and payments will be made online. We will provide specifics on the system after Easter.

Have a great Holiday
Onwards and upwards

Diary Dates

Tuesday 17th April-Children back to school

Monday 23rd April-Staff run after school clubs begin

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