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SHORTSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 8th June 2018

Attendance Target: 98%

Actual Attendance: 96.6%

Message from Denise Cottam

Welcome back to the busiest half term. The children have started with their new teachers and in their new classrooms. They have all settled so well. All week they have been working on poetry linked to famous artists. A big part of these first few weeks, is relationship building and learning new routines and classroom expectations.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to speak with your new teachers, who will be happy to help. Our Year 6 children competed in a Quad Kids event, they received their certificates and represented the school with a mature and sensible attitude. Well done.

We had the new parents meeting, for the children starting with us, in September 2018. It was lovely to meet new families and welcome existing parents. It is an exciting time and we know the Office and Reception team will work hard to support the process, over the next few weeks.

The Summer 2 Overview is out and shows all the different opportunities and experiences planned for this half term. Please check the Newsletter, weekly, in case of any changes to dates and times. The school works on the Early Years 'Five to Thrive' agenda. This week is Talk. Celebrating communications and engaging with each other, sharing stories and talking about the world around us. The more talk a child engages in, the wider their understanding and use of vocabulary.

Challenge: 1. play Fortunately, Unfortunately. Take it in turns to build a story, one sentence at a time, using the words fortunately, then unfortunately.

2. Choose a word a day and see how many times you can use it in a sentence during your conversations. Word to get you going—**Cattywampus**. This is a term that you will find in the Midland and Southern United States.

It is referring to something that is in disarray, that is askew, or something that isn't directly across from something. For example, a post office might be cattywampus from the library. Check out <https://expresswriters.com/34-craziest-words-english/> for more ideas.

We are striving towards a cashless system, ParentPay, in school. This will enable online payments for all activities, trips, fees and lunches (as the MAT will provide the lunches, from September so the current Caterlink system will no longer be used). You will receive a letter, next week, explaining the process. All children must be registered by the 28th of June—this includes Preschool and current Y6 (as the registration passes to the Academy).

Eid is on the 15th June. If you celebrate this, please speak to the office about completing a Leave of Absence form.

Have a great week
Onwards and upwards

Twitter

Please remember to check our Twitter account which can be easily accessed through our school website where you can find lots of helpful advice regarding online safety and updates about day to day activities at school.

Diary Dates

Friday 15th June—Y6 Tea/Coffee Afternoon outside the Extension Building 3:00pm - 4:00pm - All Parents/Carers welcome

Friday 22nd June—YR Open Day 9:15am - 11:45am and 1:15pm - 3:00pm

Monday 25th June—Last week of Staff Run After School Clubs (except Forest School -last week is Monday 9th July)

Tuesday 3rd July—Y3-Y6 Sports Day 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Wednesday 4th July—Y1-Y2 Sports Day 1:15pm - 2:15pm

Wednesday 4th July—YR Sports Day 2:30pm - 3:00pm

Monday 16th July—End of year reports to parents

Wednesday 18th July—YR-Y2 Achievers Assembly 2:30pm - 3:00pm

Thursday 19th July—Y3-Y5 Achievers Assembly & Y6 Leavers Assembly 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Please see the overview for further dates

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